



# Membership Commitment



## Message from the Rabbis

Adas Israel Congregation is a place for us all to come home and to celebrate the joys of Jewish life together. We draw from the wisdom of the Torah for insight and strength in all that we do. Every service, every class, every program, and every meeting at Adas Israel is filled with potential for connection—to Torah, God, each other, and the world. We look forward to seeing you here!

**Senior Rabbis Lauren Holtzblatt & Aaron Alexander**

## Proposed Membership Commitments 2019/20

|                                     |         |                                    |         |
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| <b>2 ADULT HOUSEHOLDS (36+)</b>     | \$3,180 | <b>1 ADULT HOUSEHOLD (36+)</b>     | \$2,110 |
| <b>2 ADULT HOUSEHOLDS (30 – 35)</b> | \$2,090 | <b>1 ADULT HOUSEHOLD (30 – 35)</b> | \$1,050 |
| <b>2 ADULT HOUSEHOLDS (&lt;30)</b>  | \$230   | <b>1 ADULT HOUSEHOLD (&lt;30)</b>  | \$99    |

Membership commitments include High Holy Day seats for the adults and children living in your household. Additional holiday seats\* may be purchased for other relatives (as available). Rates beginning July 1, 2019.

## Building Fund Commitment

This is the only resource the synagogue has to keep our building functional and to avoid catastrophic depreciation and building failures. As an example: Did you know our cooling tower had to be replaced this year to keep all our classrooms, service spaces, and offices cool and inhabitable? It was a \$150,000 surprise job. Ouch!

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| <b>2 ADULT HOUSEHOLD</b> | \$295/year | <b>1 ADULT HOUSEHOLD</b> | \$225/year |
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## Security Commitment

As you know, security is a top priority at Adas. Per expert advice, a significantly enhanced security infrastructure was put in place this past year. To support this obligation, we are seeking the involvement of the congregation through this security commitment. We ask that you contribute the minimum amount found on your account statement this year. You will also be able to contribute more than the minimum, for those able to help Adas meet this critical need. All revenue from this commitment will be earmarked for security, through a separately maintained fund.

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| <b>2 ADULT HOUSEHOLD (over 30)</b> | \$108/year | <b>1 ADULT HOUSEHOLD (over 30)</b> | \$72/year |
| <b>UNDER 30</b>                    | \$18/year  |                                    |           |

## USCJ (United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism)

USCJ is the international umbrella organization for the Conservative movement. In order to stay affiliated and derive the benefits therein, the Congregation owes a significant membership fee to the association each year. These costs directly support our ability to remain a member of the broader Jewish network under the Conservative movement.

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| <b>2 ADULT HOUSEHOLD</b> | \$75.50/year | <b>1 ADULT HOUSEHOLD</b> | \$37.50/year |
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## Personal financial hardship is never a barrier to synagogue membership

Commitment variances and school scholarships are available for those with financial need. Please contact our Executive Director, **David Polonsky** (202-362-4433) for a confidential discussion. Feel free to contact **Marcy Spiro**, Senior Director; Engagement & Programming Operations at 202-362-4433 or [marcy.spiro@adasisrael.org](mailto:marcy.spiro@adasisrael.org) if you have any questions about Membership at Adas Israel.