



NEW MEMBER FAIR SHARE Pledge Sheet

What is our Fair Share Pledge System?

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Dear Prospective Member,

Our Fair Share Pledge system is designed to ensure that all families or individuals wishing to become members of Congregation Shomrei Torah will be able to do so, regardless of their income. At the same time, this system must ensure that we have sufficient revenue to meet our ongoing expenses, including salaries, routine operating expenses, and the many programs and services we offer our community.

At present, our average annual cost per household is \$3,126, which we are able to meet only if all our members pay their personal Fair Share, based on their own household's current annual income. Since half of our revenue comes from our members' Fair Share Pledges, each member's commitment is extremely important. The synagogue is here for you every day, in good times and bad, and we ask that you do your part to ensure that we can continue to offer our families a strong, supportive and inspiring "Jewish home."

Fair Share is defined as 2% of the household's annual gross income for those households with annual incomes of \$60,000 or more. For incomes between \$25,000 and \$59,999, Fair Share is 1.5% of gross household income, and for incomes below \$25,000 Fair Share is 1%, although we request that you consider making a minimum pledge of \$250.

The chart below will help you find your Fair Share level, and shows the annual and monthly amounts consistent with your income. The pledge sheet on the reverse side of this page allows you to select your payment options.

INCOME RANGE*	FAIR SHARE PERCENTAGE	REQUESTED ANNUAL PLEDGE	EQUIVALENT MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION	EQUIVALENT DAILY CONTRIBUTION
Up to \$25,000	1%	\$250	\$21	\$0.68
\$25,000-\$39,999	1.5%	\$375-\$600	\$31-\$50	\$1.03-\$1.64
\$40,000-\$59,999	1.5%	\$600-\$900	\$50-\$75	\$1.64-\$2.47
\$60,000-\$79,999	2%	\$1,200-\$1,600	\$100-\$133	\$3.29-\$4.38
\$80,000-\$99,999	2%	\$1,600-\$2,000	\$133-\$167	\$4.38-\$5.48
\$100,000-\$124,999	2%	\$2,000-\$2,500	\$167-\$208	\$5.48-\$6.85
\$125,000-\$149,999	2%	\$2,500-\$3,000	\$208-\$250	\$6.85-\$8.22
\$150,000-\$199,999	2%	\$3,000-\$4,000	\$250-\$333	\$8.22-\$10.96
\$200,000+	2%	\$4000+	\$333+	\$10.96+

"Household Annual Gross Income" is defined as the income, from all sources, of all adult members of the household, excluding children under age 26 living at home. Gross income for the most recent year can be found on line 22, page 1, of your Federal Tax return.

NO ONE WILL BE DENIED MEMBERSHIP AT CONGREGATION SHOMREI TORAH DUE TO LIMITED FINANCIAL RESOURCES.



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Fair Share Pledge

Please return this form to the office with your completed Membership Application, along with your first pledge payment and credit card information if applicable.

Name(s): _____

Please check one of the **CONFIDENTIAL** options below:

- My/Our pledge Exceeds my/our Fair Share pledge level.
- My/Our pledge meets the Fair Share guidelines listed on the reverse side.
- My/Our pledge falls below the Fair Share guidelines due to special circumstances at this time.

My/Our Fiscal Year Pledge (July 1 – June 30) \$ _____

Pro-rated pledge amount (if joining between 11/1 and 6/30) \$ _____
Please discuss with Rabbinic Assistant)

TOTAL Amount Enclosed \$ _____

All financial information is treated as highly confidential.

Payment Method

PLEDGES MAY BE PAID IN INSTALLMENTS either by personal check or automatically charged to your credit card. Please indicate your preference for paying the balance of your pledge.

I will pay by: Credit Card Personal Check

Payments will be paid: Monthly Quarterly Semi-annually Annually
(4x per year) (2x per year)

If paying by credit card:

Name on Card: _____

Type of Card: Visa Master Card Discover American Express

Card Number: _____ Exp. Date (MM/YY): _____

Security Code: _____ Keep this card on file? Yes No

Unless other arrangements are made, all monthly, quarterly or semi-annual payments on my initial balance will be billed in equal installments. Credit card payments will be processed on the first day of each period.

- **I understand the CST automatic pledge renewal system:** Until I specify otherwise, my annual pledge will be renewed in future years at the same amount and frequency, using the same payment method I have authorized on this form.
- I realize that I have the right at any time to increase or decrease the amount of my pledge and to change the method or schedule of my membership payments.

Signature

Signature: _____ Date: _____

I have spoken with _____ of the Membership Committee about membership.

THANK YOU!

We look forward to welcoming you to Congregation Shomrei Torah!