



Generation to Generation

The Commitment of Membership in Temple Emanu-El

Thank you for inquiring about membership in Temple Emanu-El.

Temple Emanu-El exists because of the commitment members have demonstrated for over 150 years. Our members make Temple Emanu-El a vital and significant presence in the South Bay, providing a physical and spiritual sanctuary of Jewish values, traditions, and culture in our community.

Holiday celebrations, religious education, life cycle events, social action, outreach to interfaith and non-traditional families, and cultural events are among the ways in which Temple Emanu-El enriches us personally and the community in which we reside. This vitality is made possible through our members' commitment of time and financial generosity.

The congregational leadership and professional staff work closely to provide meaningful spiritual, religious, intellectual services and programming. Through annual financial commitments, supplemented by additional sources of income such as program fees, tuitions, "tribute" donations, sponsorships, and proceeds from fund raising projects, Temple Emanu-El is able to provide a broad range of programs to meet the needs of our diverse membership.

In accordance with Jewish tradition, every family unit contributes to the maintenance of our collective Jewish home. Our mission and how it will affect *you* as a new member deserve your utmost consideration when you consider your annual membership commitment to *your* synagogue.

We have established giving levels that allow members to choose their annual commitment based on their personal ability. Contributing is the essence of *tzedakah* (justice and righteousness), as our tradition teaches. Please reflect upon the full range of your resources when you declare your pledge. Guidelines outlined on the following page are consistent with the policies of other Reform congregations.

Members contribute separately toward the extraordinary costs of facility maintenance. New members are assessed a sum (payable over five years) for our Building Fund, which is applied to our capital improvements costs. After this obligation is satisfied, members are assessed an Annual Maintenance Fund. Currently, that assessment is \$180 per family unit.

If you would like to contribute unappreciated stock or for other Annual Commitment questions contact Stephanie Pollock, our Executive Director, at (408) 292-0939.

If you have questions about the temple or its programs, please do not hesitate to contact the synagogue's administrative team, (408-292-0939) or admin@templesanjose.org. We look forward to speaking with you.

Rooted in Tradition  Growing our Future



Temple Emanu-El
2020-2021 Annual Membership Commitment Levels

כמתנת איש ידו כברכת יהוה אלהיך אשר נתן לך
“Every person shall give as they are able according to the blessings that Adonai, your God has bestowed upon you.” D’varim 16:17

Please identify the level at which you are able to support the Temple in 2020-2021. We request that you increase your commitment as your household income increases.

Membership Level:	Family*	Individual
Sustaining	\$2,400 (\$200.00 / mo)	\$1,200 (\$100.00 / mo)
Gold זהב	\$2,800 (\$233.33 / mo)	\$1,400 (\$116.67 / mo)
Platinum פלטינה	\$3,400 (\$283.33 / mo)	\$1,700 (\$141.67 / mo)
Guardian שומר	\$4,200 (\$350.00 / mo)	\$2,100 (\$175.00 / mo)
Benefactor גומל-חסד	\$5,000 and above **	\$2,500 and above

* **Family: Couple or individual and all dependent children.**

** *Members at the \$5,000 dues level become members of Temple Emanu-El’s Lev Zahav Circle (Heart of Gold)*

Please Note:

- Annual contributions of \$500 to the Building Fund are required during the first 5 years of membership.
- After the first 5 years of membership, an annual contribution of \$180 to the Annual Maintenance Fund (AMF) is required.

FOR YOUNGER MEMBERS: We understand that younger members who are beginning their careers may not be able to afford the Sustaining level at this time. If that is the case for you, please make your pledge using the following amounts (or greater if that is within your means):

Ages 37 - 38	\$1,440 (\$120.00 / mo.)	\$ 720 (60.00 / mo.)
Ages 35 - 36	\$1,080 (\$ 90.00 / mo.)	\$ 540 (45.00 / mo.)
Ages 33 - 34	\$ 720 (\$ 60.00 / mo.)	\$ 360 (30.00 / mo.)
Ages 32 and younger	\$ 360 (\$ 30.00 / mo.)	\$ 180 (15.00 / mo.)

Additionally, a Building Fund commitment is required during the first 5 years of membership. Stephanie Pollock, Executive Director, will contact you with detailed information regarding this obligation.

ALL ARE WELCOME: Temple Emanu-El is a community that welcomes everyone regardless of whether or not they can afford the aforementioned commitment levels. Should you need special accommodation, we request that you complete the *Membership Special Request Form* to help us understand your situation and establish a personal commitment level. To request this form, please send an email to dues@templesanjose.org.

Please Note: The actual cost per household to sustain Temple Emanu-El for fiscal year 2020-2021 is approximately \$2,400.

PROSPECTIVE MEMBER	Temple Emanu-El	OFFICE USE
Date form completed ____/____/____	1010 University Avenue ~ San Jose, CA 95126 408.292.0939	Rec'd ____/____/____ Re-evaluate Sent ____/____/____ Rec'd ____/____/____
	Membership Application	Date Membership Commences ____/____/____

APPLICANT #1

Title Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr. other M F Birth date _____

NAME

 Family (Surname) First Name Middle Name

HOME

 Street Address Apt City ZIP + 4

_____ Home Phone Home Fax Cell/Pager

BUSINESS

 Employer Name Title # Years w/Employer

_____ Street Address Suite City ZIP + 4

_____ Business Phone Ext. Business Fax

Raised in a Jewish home?
 YES NO

_____ Home Email Address Business Email

Name, city, comments about your previous synagogue affiliation(s)

APPLICANT #2

Title Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr. other M F Birth date _____

NAME

 Family (Surname) First Name Middle Name

HOME

 Street Address Apt City ZIP + 4

_____ Home Phone Home Fax Cell/Pager

BUSINESS

 Employer Name Title # Years w/Employer

_____ Street Address Suite City ZIP + 4

_____ Business Phone Ext. Business Fax

Raised in a Jewish home?
 YES NO

_____ Home Email Address Business Email

Name, city, comments about your previous synagogue affiliation(s)

Wedding Anniversary _____

CHILDREN (If none, continue to next page)

	NAME			M/F	GRADE	BIRTH DATE
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
	First Name	Middle	Last Name			
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
	First Name	Middle	Last Name			
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
	First Name	Middle	Last Name			
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
	First Name	Middle	Last Name			

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL QUESTIONNAIRE

	1		2		3		4	
	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
Has your child attended religious school before?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Would you like to enroll your child in religious school?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Would you like your child to prepare bar/bat mitzvah?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Has your child studied Hebrew before?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you want a registration packet sent to you?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

PRESCHOOL QUESTIONNAIRE

	1		2		3		4	
	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
Has your child attended preschool before?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Would you like to enroll your child in Temple Emanu-El Preschool?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you want a registration packet sent to you?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

AREAS OF INTEREST

Temple Emanu-El encourages your participation in religious, ritual, adult and youth education programming and social programming. We are always interested in learning of additional interests you might have and, if possible, develop activities/groups around those interests. Please share your areas of interest with us:

<u>Education</u>	Adult 1: _____	Adult 2: _____
Adult Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Torah Study	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Judaic Studies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hebrew Language Studies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pre-School	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Religious</u>		
Ritual and Liturgy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Music/Choir	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
High Holidays (volunteer)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tot Shabbat	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Oneg (preparation and/or set-up)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Community</u>		
Social Action/Tikkun Olam	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Caring Committee (Bickur Cholim)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mitzvah Day	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Help Platter Oneg foods	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Social</u>		
Havurah Group	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Interfaith Family	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
WOTE (Sisterhood)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brotherhood	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Youth Programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Young Adults	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Administration</u>		
Buildings and Grounds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cemetery Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public Relations – Marketing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mailing – stuffing/sealing/metering	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Newsletter – write articles/proofread	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Library	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Website – design/maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Phone coverage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Volunteer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Membership</u>		
Greeter at services and events	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Membership Committee - recruit and retain	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Membership Events Volunteer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Finance</u>		
Budget Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Financial (Future) Planning Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Endowment Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fund Raising	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Capital Campaign	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Membership Dues Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

OTHER (describe any other interests or special skills you would like to share)

YOUR HEBREW NAME

Temple Emanu-El will use your Hebrew name, if you have one, when calling you up for honors. Please fill out the following, if you'd like to be called by your Hebrew name for this purpose:

Adult #1

First name (English) First name (Hebrew) Hebrew name parent 1 Hebrew name parent 2

Adult #2

First name (English) First name (Hebrew) Hebrew name parent 1 Hebrew name parent 2

YAHREZITS

Temple Emanu-El will read the names of any member's loved ones on the anniversary of their death – based on the Gregorian or Hebrew calendars. The temple reads the name of anyone whose name is on a memorial plaque in perpetuity.

Name of Loved One

Relationship

Date of Death

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Mark your reminder preferences according to the Gregorian or Hebrew calendar date.

RELEASE FOR TEMPLE'S USE OF PHOTOGRAPHS

I/We hereby grant permission for Temple Emanu-El to publish and/or otherwise distribute photos containing the likeness of members of my/our family.

Signed: _____

Print Name: _____
 Adult 1 Adult 2

TEMPLE EMANU-EL
New Member Annual Membership Commitment Form

Name(s) _____

Phone #s / Email addresses _____

Our/My Annual Membership Commitment is: \$ _____

Level : _____

Plus

Our Building Fund commitment for this year is: \$ _____
(applies for the first 5 years of membership)
(\$500 per year if commitment is \$2,400 per year or less)

Total Annual Commitment: \$ _____

Please bill me: annually semi-annually quarterly monthly

Please charge my credit or debit card as noted above (annually, semi-annually, quarterly, or monthly).

- ◆ VISA/Master Card/Debit Card number _____
- ◆ Expiration date _____ (mm/yy)
- ◆ Security code (last 3 digits in signature line) _____

Please Note: Temple Emanu-El pays a 3% processing fee for all credit card transactions. I agree to add 3% to my commitment to cover the Temple's credit card fees _____

Billing Preference electronic statement mailed statement

(New members will see their year's Building Fund commitment and their first quarter's dues on their first statement.)

I/we understand that the Union for Reform Judaism requires that all applicants for membership be in good standing with their previous congregation. Accordingly, by signing and submitting this application to Temple Emanu-El, I/we state that I/we do not have any outstanding financial commitments to any other congregation, having formally resigned in good standing.

Signature *Date*

Signature *Date*

HAVURAH APPLICATION

TEMPLE EMANU-EL
1010 UNIVERSITY AVENUE
SAN JOSE CA 95126-1842
(408)292-0939 fax (408)292-7625

Office Use Only:
Date Received _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Sent to Havurah Coordinator
Date: _____

*Havurah comes from the Hebrew word for friend.
A havurah is a small social group that offers friendship and an extended family with the Temple Emanu-El community. Please complete and return the form below and we will help find the group that's right for you.*

Date: _____

Adult #1 Name _____ Age ____ Telephone # _____

Adult #2 Name _____ Age ____ Telephone # _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Email Address(es) _____

Children's Names	Age	Gender	Children's Names	Age	Gender
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

<input type="checkbox"/> I am interested in joining a havurah	<input type="checkbox"/> I am not interested in joining a havurah at this time.
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Would you prefer a Havurah consisting of:

_____ Adult group similar to your age _____ Singles _____ Single Parents

_____ Children the same age as your children _____ Mixed Ages _____ No Preference

Are you primarily interested in:

_____ Activities for Adults _____ Activities for Adults & Children

From the following list of suggested programs please rank your level of interest from 1-10

(1 = strongest interest):

_____ Attend local cultural events _____ Temple involvement _____ Expand Jewish knowledge

_____ Create an "Extended Family" _____ Nature _____ Celebrate Jewish Holidays

_____ Social action and discussion _____ Attend sporting events _____ Day trips to Bay Area points of interest

Please describe your special interests, talents, hobbies, etc.

Is there anything else about you that would help us place you in a Havurah which will meet your needs and interests? Please describe and be specific (use other side as needed):

For more information, contact Bobi Levine, Havurah Chair, (408) 446-1128 or bobilou5@gmail.com