



Generation to Generation

The Commitment of Membership in Temple Emanu-El

Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of Temple Emanu-El.

Temple Emanu-El exists because of the commitment members have demonstrated for over 160 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.

A portion of each membership contribution is restricted and used toward the extraordinary costs of facility maintenance (AMF) and Safety and Security.

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
2023-2024 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

**Annual Commitments at every level keep our community strong and vibrant.
Please identify the level at which you are able to support the Temple in 2023-2024.**

ALL ARE WELCOME: Temple Emanu-El is a community that welcomes everyone regardless of their financial means or ability to pay. The generosity of our Gold, Platinum, and Benefactor level members, allow us the ability to welcome all who wish to join our community. Should you need to choose a membership level below that of Sustaining Member, please send an email to Stephanie Pollock, Executive Director, at stephanie@templesanjose.org for a confidential discussion.

Please Note: The actual cost per household to sustain Temple Emanu-El for fiscal year 2023-2024 is approximately \$3150. This includes Annual Maintenance, building fund, and security assessments.

Membership Level:	Family*	Individual
Benefactor גומל-חסד	\$5775 and above **	\$3,150 and above
Platinum פלטינה	\$5040 (\$420.00 / mo)	\$2,625 (\$218.75 / mo)
Gold זהב	\$4095 (\$341.25/ mo)	\$2121 (\$176.75/ mo)
Sustaining	\$3,150 (\$262.50/ mo)	\$1,680 (\$140.00/ mo)

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

** **At the \$5,775 commitment level members become part of our Lev Zahav Circle (Heart of Gold)**

What Does My Annual Commitment Pay For?:

Your annual commitment allows us to have a vibrant community led by amazing clergy, innovative services and programs, a well maintained facility, security services, safety improvements, and more!

CHILDREN (If none, continue to next page)

CHILD #1

NAME _____
Family (Surname) First Name Middle Name

BIRTH DATE _____ EMAIL _____

GENDER (Check all that apply) ☐ F ☐ M ☐ Nonbinary ☐ Transgender ☐ _____

PREFERRED PRONOUNS ☐ She/Her/Hers ☐ He/Him/His ☐ They/Them/Theirs ☐ _____

CHILD #2

NAME _____
Family (Surname) First Name Middle Name

BIRTH DATE _____ EMAIL _____

GENDER (Check all that apply) ☐ F ☐ M ☐ Nonbinary ☐ Transgender ☐ _____

PREFERRED PRONOUNS ☐ She/Her/Hers ☐ He/Him/His ☐ They/Them/Theirs ☐ _____

CHILD #3

NAME _____
Family (Surname) First Name Middle Name

BIRTH DATE _____ EMAIL _____

GENDER (Check all that apply) ☐ F ☐ M ☐ Nonbinary ☐ Transgender ☐ _____

PREFERRED PRONOUNS ☐ She/Her/Hers ☐ He/Him/His ☐ They/Them/Theirs ☐ _____

CHILD #4

NAME _____
Family (Surname) First Name Middle Name

BIRTH DATE _____ EMAIL _____

GENDER (Check all that apply) ☐ F ☐ M ☐ Nonbinary ☐ Transgender ☐ _____

PREFERRED PRONOUNS ☐ She/Her/Hers ☐ He/Him/His ☐ They/Them/Theirs ☐ _____

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:

Adult 1: _____ Adult 2: _____

Education

Adult Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Youth Group	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Religious

Ritual and Liturgy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Music/Choir	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Community

Social Action/Tikkun Olam	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Caring Committee (Bickur Cholim)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Green Team	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Social

Havurah Group	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sisterhood	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brotherhood	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Membership

Membership Committee - recruit and retain	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Membership Events Volunteer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Finance

Finance Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Endowment Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fund Raising	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Membership Dues Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Volunteer

Greeter at services and events	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Platter and serve oneg food	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Office phone coverage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Buildings and Grounds Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Safety and Security	<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

Yahrzeits

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 OF PHOTOGRAPHIC LIKENESS

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

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

RELEASE OF CONTACT INFORMATION

☐ I/we **agree** to allow my contact information to be included in the membership directory (available online only to Temple members)

☐ I/we **decline** to allow my contact information to be included in the membership directory (available online only to Temple members)

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 : _____

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

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*