



## 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](mailto:admin@templesanjose.org). We look forward to speaking with you.

**Rooted in Tradition  Growing our Future**



Temple Emanu-El  
2018-2019 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 2017-2018. 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 \$300 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](mailto:dues@templesanjose.org).**

**Please Note:** The actual cost per household to sustain Temple Emanu-El for fiscal year 2018-2019 is approximately \$2,400.

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

**Education**

Adult 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Adult 2: \_\_\_\_\_

- Adult Education
- Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah
- Torah Study
- Judaic Studies
- Hebrew Language Studies
- Pre-School

**Religious**

- Ritual and Liturgy
- Music/Choir
- High Holidays (volunteer)
- Tot Shabbat
- Oneg (preparation and/or set-up)

**Community**

- Social Action/Tikkun Olam
- Caring Committee (Bickur Cholim)
- Mitzvah Day

**Social**

- Havurah Group
- Interfaith Family
- WOTE (Sisterhood)
- Brotherhood
- Youth Programs
- Young Adults

**Administration**

- Buildings and Grounds
- Cemetery Committee
- Public Relations – Marketing
- Mailing – stuffing/sealing/metering
- Newsletter – write articles/proofread
- Library
- Website – design/maintenance
- Phone coverage
- Volunteer

**Membership**

- Greeter at services and events
- Membership Committee - recruit and retain
- Membership Events Volunteer

**Finance**

- Budget Committee
- Financial (Future) Planning Committee
- Endowment Committee
- Fund Raising
- Capital Campaign
- Membership Dues Committee

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

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**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.

<i>Name of Loved One</i>	<i>Relationship</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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



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 \_\_\_\_\_  
 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
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

I am interested in joining a havurah  I am not interested in joining a havurah at this time.

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](mailto:bobilou5@gmail.com)