



# Congregation Ahavath Chesed

## Temple Annual Giving Commitments 2024-2025 Fiscal Year

*Daber el-B'nai Yisrael v'yikchu li terumah me'et kol-ish Asher yidvanu libo tikchu et trumati*

"Speak to the children of Israel and say to them: Bring a gift for me, from everyone whose heart is so moved..." (Exodus 25)

This is a quote from the Torah portion Terumah, which occurs shortly after our people have fled Egypt and made the transition from slavery to freedom. As free people, it becomes their task to discern how to best create a meaningful, long-lasting community. They decide to build a mishkan, a sanctuary, so that God's presence can dwell among them, and God tells Moses to ask each person whose heart is so moved to bring a gift, a terumah, in order to create this holy space. God understands that every individual has something valuable to contribute, and that this can only be a sacred space if the entire community is moved to participate. As carriers of that legacy, we ask you to bring your own terumah so that we can continue building and maintaining our own sacred community. It is only with your commitment to give that our Temple, our precious sanctuary, can continue to grow, thrive, and be a holy place for all.

That is why effective July 1, 2024, we will now refer to our dues as our Annual Member Giving Commitment, in order to reflect the philanthropic commitment needed to sustain Temple. Our support for Temple may take the form of a traditional annual commitment of minimum dues, or it may take the form of a Patron annual giving commitment offering tiers of higher giving, with Patron benefits.

In addition, we ask that you consider adding an Impact Gift to your annual commitment. These gifts target specific needs of our Temple, ensuring that we continue to bring our mission to life.

## Benefits of Temple Membership

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You already know that you want to be part of the Temple community for many reasons. You desire the chance to fully participate in all that Temple offers—worship, learning, and social action, to name a few. You want to be fully embraced by your Temple community as you mark lifecycle milestones, rejoice in celebration, and yes, comfort you in times of trouble and sorrow. And you want to share in the pride that comes with supporting this vital institution for the continuity of Jewish life, culture and values. We want that for you as well.

Here are some more of the benefits you receive when you make an annual giving commitment:

- Voting rights for Congregational decisions in accordance with Temple bylaws
- Eligibility to serve on Temple committees or in Temple leadership
- All worship services, including the Days of Awe (Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur)
- Lifecycle and pastoral services from clergy
- Member Rates and priority access for Temple programming and learning opportunities, Torah Study, Sisterhood, Brotherhood, and Facility Rental
- Eligibility for Temple Religious School, B'nai Mitzvah Program and Confirmation
- Access to Temple Youth Groups
- Online Member Directory and annual publication (*Kehillah*)
- Eligibility for burial in Temple cemetery plots

## Patron Annual Giving Commitment Levels

Temple members who generously commit to a Patron Annual Giving Commitment receive full benefits for a single household (as outlined on page 2) including the security fee. Additional benefits are listed below:

<b>Ahavath Chesed</b>	\$25,000+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Religious School tuition for six children, grandchildren or student scholarships</li> <li>• Sixteen tickets (total) per year for membership unit to community Shabbat dinners (reservations required)</li> <li>• Invitation for up to six persons for the annual Chai Donor Appreciation Event</li> <li>• Four additional guest tickets for the Days of Awe</li> <li>• Gold level recognition in annual publication (<i>Kehillah</i>) including full page ad (B&amp;W)</li> <li>• Top tier sponsorship for either annual fundraising event or a significant programming event of Donor's choosing with any associated benefits including program recognition</li> </ul>
<b>Ahavath Tzedakah</b>	\$18,000+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Religious School tuition for four children, grandchildren or student scholarships</li> <li>• Fourteen tickets (total) per year for membership unit to community Shabbat dinners (reservations required)</li> <li>• Invitation for up to four persons to an annual Chai Donor Appreciation Event</li> <li>• Four additional guest tickets for the Days of Awe</li> <li>• Silver level recognition in annual publication (<i>Kehillah</i>) including ½ page ad (B&amp;W)</li> <li>• Top tier sponsorship for either the annual fundraising event or a significant programming event of Donor's choosing with any associated benefits including program recognition</li> </ul>
<b>Ahavath Shalom</b>	\$10,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Religious School tuition for three children, grandchildren or student scholarships</li> <li>• Twelve tickets (total) per year for membership unit to community Shabbat dinners (reservations required)</li> <li>• Invitation for two persons to an annual Chai Donor Appreciation Event</li> <li>• Two additional guest tickets for the Days of Awe</li> <li>• Bronze level recognition in annual publication (<i>Kehillah</i>) including ¼ page ad (B&amp;W)</li> </ul>
<b>Ahavath Torah</b>	\$5,400	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Religious School tuition for two children, grandchildren or student scholarships</li> <li>• Ten tickets (total) per year for membership unit to community Shabbat dinners (reservations required)</li> <li>• Invitation for two persons to an annual Chai Donor Appreciation event</li> <li>• Two additional guest tickets for the Days of Awe</li> </ul>
<b>Ahavath Yisrael</b>	\$3,600	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eight tickets (total) per year for membership unit to community Shabbat dinners (reservations required)</li> <li>• Invitation for two persons to an annual Chai Donor Appreciation event</li> <li>• Two additional guest tickets for the Days of Awe</li> </ul>

## Traditional Annual Giving Commitment Levels

<b>Annual Giving Commitment</b>	\$2,400 (\$2,150 for single people 65 years of age and over)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Includes full benefits for a single household</li> <li>• Security fee and Religious School tuition additional</li> </ul>
<b>Religious School Package</b>	\$3,150	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Includes full benefits for a single household</li> <li>• Religious School tuition for one child</li> <li>• Discounted tuition for each additional child</li> <li>• Security fee included</li> </ul>
<b>Below Minimum Annual Giving Commitment</b>	Less than \$2,400	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Based on request for dues relief to be reevaluated periodically</li> <li>• Includes full benefits for a single household</li> <li>• Security fee and Religious School tuition additional</li> <li>• Life cycle events may be subject to additional fees if giving below \$1,200 annually</li> <li>• \$100 automatic annual increases</li> </ul>
<b>Temple Members age 35 and Under</b>	Donations pledged to the best of your ability; suggested minimum annual commitment of \$1,200	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Includes full benefits for a single household</li> <li>• Security fee and Religious School tuition additional</li> <li>• Life cycle events may be subject to additional fees if giving below \$1,200 annually</li> </ul>
<b>Military</b>	Donations pledged to the best of your ability; suggested minimum annual commitment of \$1,200	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Includes full benefits for a single household</li> <li>• Security fee and Religious School tuition additional</li> </ul>
<b>Associate Membership (based on evidence of full membership at another synagogue)</b>	\$750	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Includes attendance at all services except Days of Awe</li> <li>• Total of 2 tickets per year for membership unit to community Shabbat dinners (reservations required)</li> <li>• Life cycle events, Religious School, pastoral care, cemetery, and voting rights excluded</li> <li>• Receipt of Temple communications</li> <li>• Security fee additional</li> </ul>

# Impact Giving Opportunities

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Impact Giving targets specific needs of our Temple, ensuring that we continue to bring our mission to life. Please consider an additional gift in an area that is meaningful to you!

## Worship

- Days of Awe Music (\$16,500/year)
- Accompanist for Shabbat Services or Special Events (\$16,500/year)
- Shabbat Service Music (\$320/week)
- Scholar/artist in residence weekend (\$5,000/weekend)
- Passover Seder (\$10,000/year)
- Shabbat wine & challah (\$1,000/year)
- Shabbat Shireinu dinner (\$900/dinner)
- Full year of Shireinu dinners for someone in need (\$150/year)

## Religious School

- Chanukah Festival named sponsor (\$3,000/year)
- Purim Carnival named sponsor (\$3,000/year)
- Breakfast (\$4,200/year)
- Teacher's salary (\$3,150/year)
- Youth Programming (\$1,000/year)
- Tuition scholarship (\$750/child)
- Child's school supplies (\$100/year)
- Hebrew curriculum (\$650/child)
- Experiential field trip (\$550/trip)
- Camp Coleman or other URJ Camp scholarship (\$5,500/4 week)

## General

- Rabbi Glasser's Discretionary Fund to support creative programs and help congregants in need (\$TBD by donor)
- Temple's Endowment Fund (\$TBD by donor)
- Legacy Gift to Temple (\$TBD by donor)

Donations of any amount help support our mission. Contact Temple's Executive Director or President for additional opportunities. If you are ready to make your impact gift to Temple, [please click here](#) if viewing online or scan the QR code below if viewing in print



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