



## **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 more than 148 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 gift 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 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 office, (408-292-0939) or [admin@templesanjose.org](mailto:admin@templesanjose.org). We look forward to speaking with you.

## Temple Emanu-El 2009-2010 Annual Membership Commitment Levels

איש כמתנת לך נתן אשר אלהיך יהוה כברכת ידו  
*“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 2009-2010;  
 Complete the New Member Commitment Form on the last page of the application packet.***  
 (An additional Building Fund Commitment is required in the first 5 years of membership.)

<b>Membership Level:</b>	<b>Family*</b>	<b>Individual</b>
<b>Basic</b>	\$1,800 (\$150/mo)	\$900 (\$75/mo)
<b>Sustaining</b>	\$2,100 (\$175/mo)	\$1,050 (\$87.50/mo)
<b>Silver כסף</b>	\$2,400 (\$200/mo)	\$1,200 (\$100/mo)
<b>Gold זהב</b>	\$2,700 (\$225/mo)	\$1,350 (\$112.50/mo)
<b>Platinum פלטינה</b>	\$3,000 – \$3,900	\$1,500 - \$1,950
<b>Guardian שומר</b>	\$4,000 - \$4,900	\$2,000 - \$2,450
<b>Benefactor גומל-חסד</b>	\$5,000 and above	\$2,500 and above

### **Special Annual Membership Categories:**

### **Annual Commitment:**

**Young Single** (under age 30)

\$600 (\$50/mo)

**“First Steps” Family\***

\$840 (\$70/mo)

This introductory membership is for families who enroll their child(ren) in Religious School for the first time (preschool -2<sup>nd</sup> grade only). It allows them to “try” the Religious School for one year without having to pay full Membership. Families must complete the *First Steps Agreement* to qualify.

**Young Family\*** (all children under age 5)

\$1,200 (\$100/mo)

All families are encouraged to join at one of the levels shown above if their financial circumstances permit. However we recognize that young families sometimes need help. Unlike “First Steps” (which is valid for just the first year of membership) this level applies as long as all children in the family are under age 5.

### **Special**

Temple Emanu-El is a community that supports all its congregants. If you are unable to afford the Basic membership amount, please complete the *Membership Special Request Form* annually to determine your commitment. Qualifying seniors (70 and over) need complete this form only once.

\* Family: Couple or individual and all dependent children.  
 Please Note: 2009-2010 cost per member unit is \$2,420

<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  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Email Address Business Email  
 Raised in a Jewish home?  
 YES  NO

*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  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Email Address Business Email  
 Raised in a Jewish home?  
 YES  NO

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

**Wedding Anniversary** \_\_\_\_\_

**CHILDREN** (If none, continue to next section)

	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, social programming. We are always interested in learning of additional interests you might have and, if possible, will develop activities/groups around those interests. Please share with us:

<b><u>Education</u></b>	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"/>
<b><u>Religious</u></b>		
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"/>
<b><u>Community</u></b>		
Social Action/Tikkun Olam	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Caring Committee (Bickur Cholim)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b><u>Social</u></b>		
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"/>
XYZ (Seniors)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Youth Programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mommy and Me	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b><u>Administration</u></b>		
Buildings and Grounds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Facility Use (Building Scheduling)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cemetery Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public Relations – Marketing	<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"/>
Volunteer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b><u>Membership</u></b>		
Greeter at services and events	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Membership Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Membership recruitment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Membership retention	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b><u>Finance</u></b>		
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"/>

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

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**YAHRTZEITS**

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 2009-2010 Annual Membership Commitment Form**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #s / Email addresses \_\_\_\_\_

**Our/My Annual Membership Commitment is:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Level** (from green sheet): \_\_\_\_\_

*All pledges above the Basic level will be recognized in Connections.*

*Please check here if you do not wish to be so honored:*

***Plus***

**Our Building Fund commitment for this year is:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*(applies for the first 5 years of membership)*

*(\$300 per year if commitment is \$2,100 per year or less;*

*\$500 per year if commitment is more than \$2,100 per year)*

Additional pledge to help pay the Capital Campaign project: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

(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*