



# TEMPLE ISRAEL OF ALAMEDA

## First Hebrew Congregation of Alameda

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May 21, 2018

**Rabbi**  
Rabbi Steven Chester

Dear Temple Israel Family,

**Director of Education**  
Cantor Brian Reich

**Subject:** Annual Membership Renewal 2018 - 2019

**Rabbi Emeritus**  
Allen B. Bennett

Once again, another year of Temple Israel of Alameda's annual cycle is coming to a close, plans for the coming year have begun, and we ask ourselves and our congregation important questions. As Jews, this is a valuable process to help us grow and live the best lives we can.

**Office Administrator**  
Kimberlee MacVicar

The 2017-2018 year was our transition year with Rabbi Steven Chester as our interim part-time rabbi and Cantor Brian Reich as our education director. Also, our lay leaders stepped up to serve as Shabbat service leaders and cantorial soloists. I have heard from many that they have grown to like services led by lay leaders as it is *hamish* and engages our community in a warm and welcoming service. As of this writing, we are in negotiations with our successful candidate for our permanent part-time rabbi. Our Rabbi Search Committee has contributed countless hours to find the best rabbi who can lead our community spiritually and religiously through our journey. The Rabbi Search Committee is comprised of eleven members from all sectors of our Temple family.

**Board of Directors**

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Genevieve Pastor-Cohen

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Our Temple leadership aims to create a caring community that is committed to worship, learning, and pursuing social justice. For everyone, we have inclusive worship services; Beit Bina Religious School and Tot Shabbat, loved by our children for its creativeness and enthusiastic engagement while, at the same time, building long-lasting friendships. Parents and all adults can experience our adult learning programs featuring distinguished scholars, religious leaders, and educators. We reach out to Alameda's community needs through volunteerism and advocacy. These are just naming a few of our ongoing, enriching programs for our community.

**Past President**  
Jaclyn Marks

To sustain and grow our community, **all of us must commit of our talents, time, and money.** When renewing your annual membership, please think not just about yourself, but about how important it is to support and grow our community here in Alameda. Remember that generosity of heart and purse is a Jewish value of *Tzedakah*. **Please review the enclosed Annual Renewal 2018-2019, make a membership level selection, and return your completed forms by June 15, 2018 to Temple Israel.** Membership follows our fiscal year of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. **A Religious School Planning form is also included; Parents, please return this form by July 15, 2018.** Thank you for renewing your membership and supporting our beloved Temple Israel community.



L'Shalom,

*Genevieve Pastor-Cohen*  
President



## Enhanced Dues

We know that those members who choose Enhanced Membership Dues do so with the highest ideals of “thank you,” a special benefit program has been designed for the different levels of Enhanced giving. In addition to the benefits listed below, all tzedakah in mind. However, as our way of saying “Thank You”:

Enhanced Dues Category		“Thank You” Benefits
Chesed – Kindness	\$10,800 and up	Tree of Life leaf, Yahrzeit Plaque, and Pew Naming Plaque
Shalom – Peace	\$7,200 and up	Tree of Life leaf, Yahrzeit Plaque
Tzedakah – Righteousness	\$3,600 and up	Tree of Life Leaf

# Annual Membership Renewal 2018-2019

It costs approximately **\$285 per month per family** (a family is defined as up to 2 adults and their children) to provide all the wonderful services that we have available. ***Do note that in addition to yearly membership, families with children attending Beit Bina also register and are required to be members and pay tuition for Religious School through an additional registration and tuition plan. If a tuition grant is needed, please call the Temple office.***

We are continuing our membership plan called ***Enhanced Dues*** to provide the much-needed support our Jewish community requires to operate on an annual basis. Our community has a dedicated staff to lead us in worship, celebration and education and an aging building to support. ***Temple Israel takes pride in turning no adult away from membership or child away from a Jewish education due to an inability to provide minimum financial support.*** Only through Enhanced Dues, generous donations and the support of the Temple Israel Foundation will we be able to come close to generate the funds necessary to operate. Please see the following page for our additional ways of saying thank you.

## Enhanced Dues

Chesed – Kindness \$10,800 and above \_\_\_\_\_

Shalom – Peace \$7,200 and above \_\_\_\_\_

Tzedakah – Righteousness \$3,600 and above \_\_\_\_\_

## Membership Dues

Sustaining \$248 per month or \$2976 and above \_\_\_\_\_

Minimum \$129 per month or \$1540 and above \_\_\_\_\_

*A core belief of our community is that financial limitations should never be a barrier to membership. If you are unable to meet the minimum, please contact the office for a Confidential Dues Relief form.*

## Capital Campaign / Building Fund Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Each family is expected to contribute a minimum of \$1000 towards our building fund. This contribution is generally paid over a 4-year period (\$250 per year) and goes towards the upkeep and improvements to our building and facilities.

## About Donations:

With a donation, you can honor and remember friends and loved ones, or celebrate important life cycle events. You can either designate your gift to the General Fund, to use where most needed, or designate your gift as restricted to benefit one of our ongoing funds. Either way, your generosity helps us deepen and expand our kehillah kedosha, our sacred community.

Remember, contributions are tax deductible!

# Annual Membership Renewal Pledge 2018 - 2019

Upon selecting your Annual Renewal Pledge, please return this completed form by **June 15, 2018** to Temple Israel either via mail: Temple Israel, 3183 Mecartney Road, Alameda, CA 94502 or email a copy to [office@templeisraelalameda.org](mailto:office@templeisraelalameda.org).

## THANK YOU.

My pledge for 2018-2019 Annual Renewal is \$\_\_\_\_\_.

I will pay my dues: (Circle One)

- Monthly Automatic Payments\* (**RECOMMENDED:** Suggest setting up automatic monthly payments from your own checking account to Temple Israel. )
- Monthly Remittance by Check or Credit Card
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_ \*\*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*When paying your membership dues on-line**, please visit Temple Israel's website link by July 1, 2018 and begin fulfilling your pledge: <https://templeisraelalameda.org/membership/>

**Membership dues pays for our Religious School Director's, Rabbi's and our Office Administrator's salary, programs you love, and Temple operations.**

**PLEASE RETURN THIS PAGE BY JUNE 15, 2018 TO**

**TEMPLE ISRAEL, 3183 MECARTNEY ROAD, ALAMEDA, CA 94502**

# Religious School Pledge 2018-2019

## Enrollment Planning

**PARENTS:** We need your help in completing this form for planning purposes. **This is not a Religious School Registration form.** Please send your completed form to our Temple office by **July 15, 2018**. Mailing Address: 3183 Temple Israel, 3183 Mecartney Rd., Alameda, CA 94502 or email it to [office@templeisraelalameda.org](mailto:office@templeisraelalameda.org). **Temple Israel takes pride in turning no child away from a Jewish education due to an inability to provide minimum financial support. If your child needs a tuition grant, please call the Temple office.**

- If you intend to enroll your child in Religious School, **Temple Israel membership is required.**
- Enroll your child in Religious School by July 15, 2018 and qualify for a 10% early enrollment incentive. There will be a 10% added fee if tuition is paid after July 15, 2018.
- **Please enroll your child(ren) in Religious School by August 15, 2018.**

**Calculating your membership dues and Religious School tuition:**

Temple Membership*	Religious School Tuition**			
		Cost Per Child		
<i>If dues relief is needed, contact TI Office for a Confidential Dues Relief Form.</i>	Dates to Remember	Pre K to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	3 <sup>rd</sup> to 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Bar/Bat Mitzvah Training
		<i>Sunday Class</i>	<i>Thursday &amp; Sunday Classes</i>	<i>Individual Training (This is in addition to Religious School Tuition)</i>
\$1,549 Minimum Dues	Tuition payment made <b>before</b> July 15, 2018	\$690	\$999	\$1,000
\$1,549 Minimum Dues	Tuition payment made <b>after</b> July 15, 2018	\$759	\$1,099	\$1,000

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\*\* When registering for Religious School on-line, please visit: <https://templeisraelalameda.org/pages/giving/> and select "Religious School".

**50% of Religious School tuition must be paid upon enrollment; remaining 50% must be paid by December 31, 2018 with monthly installments between August and December 2018. If you need a tuition grant, please notify the Temple office. Tuition pays for teachers' salaries, curriculum, and classroom supplies.**

**Please check all that apply:**

I will be enrolling my child in Religious School. Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list your child(ren)'s name(s) and "which grade level your child(ren) will attend:

	Pre K to 2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> to 7 <sup>th</sup>	Bar/Bat Training
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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