

Guide to “Gift of the Heart”

“Every Person Shall Give As They Are Able According To The Blessings That Adonai, Your God, Has Bestowed Upon You” -- Deuteronomy 16:17

In keeping with this expression of Jewish values and in order to bring financial stability to our community, Congregation Sons of Zion asks you to consider your *Gift of the Heart*.

Our system provides income/gift brackets to guide you in determining your *Gift of the Heart* commitment. These are guidelines, not required amounts. It is, however, important that you complete the attached Form and return it to the synagogue office by August 31, 2026. * All financial information will be kept strictly confidential.

Cemetery Plot: A Full Member for at least 5 consecutive years up to the date of passing is entitled to a free plot in our cemetery (value \$4,500, \$2,250 for a spouse).

Please determine your gift based on gross income from all sources.

Member **

<u>Household Income</u>	<u>Suggested Gift</u>
Less than \$20,000	\$150 - \$300
\$20,000 - \$39,999	\$300 - \$600
\$40,000 - \$59,999	\$600 - \$1,200
\$60,000 - \$89,999	\$1,200 - \$1,350
\$90,000 - \$119,999	\$1,350 - \$1,800
\$120,000 - \$159,999	\$1,800 - \$2,400
\$160,000 - \$179,999	\$2,400 - \$2,700
More than \$180,000	\$3,000 or more

Full Member: Minimum of \$500 per year for each member. Full Members have voting rights.

Non-Voting Member: For people who are not interested in voting (*no minimum*)

Sustaining Member: A minimum contribution of an additional \$1,000 or more above your generous annual gift. Sustaining members will be recognized and will not be expected to contribute to any additional solicitations throughout the year.

Please note: Any membership level may also be a Sustaining Member with a minimum additional gift of \$1,000.

*Please contact Cindy Vieu, our Financial Secretary, (413-335-1377) or (cindyvieu@charter.net) if you would like to arrange a payment plan for the year.

**Children are considered a member of the household until they are no longer a full-time student, or are living independently.