

Gift of the Heart

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In keeping with this expression of Jewish values and in order to bring financial stability to our community, Congregation Sons of Zion is moving from our old dues model to a Gift of the Heart structure.

Our new system provides income/gift brackets to guide you in determining your Gift of the Heart commitment. These are guidelines, not required amounts, and you do not need to submit documentation for your income bracket. It is, however, essential that you complete the attached form and return it to the synagogue office with your payment by 1 June.* All financial information will be kept strictly confidential. Each year you will be asked to complete a Gift of the Heart form indicated your commitment for that year.

We hope that you will be as generous as possible and, if you are able to give more, you will want to do so to help sustain our community for all members. A conservative estimate indicates that it costs about \$2,400 per year per member unit (This does not include any amounts needed for unanticipated repairs) to keep SOZ solvent.

Please determine your gift based on household **gross income** from all sources (including gifts, dividends, minimum required distributions, social security or other government moneys, etc.) **and** before taxes, deductions or expenses.

Active Member **

<u>Household Income</u>	<u>Suggested Gift</u>
Less than \$20,000	\$150 - \$300
\$20,000 - \$39,999	\$300 - \$600
\$40,000 - \$59,000	\$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

Sustaining Member: A minimum contribution of an additional \$ 1,000 above your generous annual gift. Sustaining Member will be recognized and will not be expected to contribute to any additional solicitations throughout the year. You will also automatically be recognized in the bulletin for family yahrzeit for the year.

Associate Member: Individuals living **more than 75 miles away** or in a nursing home, and **unable to participate** in synagogue activities.

With cemetery privileges:

Previously active member for five (5) years or more: Minimum of \$300 per year

Previously active member for less than five (5) years or never active member: \$400 per year and amount paid in associate member dues will be deducted from cemetery costs and balance will be due at time of burial.

Without cemetery privileges:

Associate membership \$100 per year

Dual membership, without cemetery privileges, for full members of area synagogues: \$180 minimum per year.

Please note: Associate and Dual-Membership Members may also be Sustaining Members with a minimum additional gift of \$1,000

**If you would like to arrange a payment plan for the year, please contact Joanne Saltman, Financial Secretary (413 575 0526 or js24saltman@gmail.com). If you have not paid or made payment arrangement by 1 September, you will be removed from the membership roster and will lose cemetery privileges.*

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Commitment Form

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Please indicate membership level:

___ Active Member

___ Sustaining Member (Additional gift minimum \$ 1,000)

___ Associate Member with cemetery privileges:

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Total Commitment: \$ _____

Amount Enclosed*: \$ _____

Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____

Email _____

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