



# Membership Commitment

## The Mission of Adas Israel Congregation is:

- To create a vibrant religious community through enriching Jewish study, joyous celebration, and binding connection to God and Torah;
- To strengthen the sense of Jewish Peoplehood through active support of Jewish life in the United States, pluralistic Judaism in Israel, and engaged concern for Jews around the world;
- To help assure the Jewish future by actively reaching out to families and individuals in our own community and by connecting the generations of our congregation in an atmosphere of living Jewish values through the practice of *zedakah* and *tikkun olam*.

**To help us fulfill our mission, serve our members, educate our children, and involve ourselves in the community, we appreciate and rely upon the financial commitment of our members.**

## Proposed Membership Commitments 2016/17

2 ADULT HOUSEHOLDS (36+)	\$3,045	1 ADULT HOUSEHOLD (36+)	\$2,015
2 ADULT HOUSEHOLDS (30 – 35)	\$2,010	1 ADULT HOUSEHOLD (30 – 35)	\$1,005
2 ADULT HOUSEHOLDS (<30)	\$230	1 ADULT HOUSEHOLD (<30)	\$99

Membership Dues include High Holy Day seats for the adults and children living in your household. Additional holiday seats\* may be purchased for other relatives (as available). Rates beginning July 1, 2015.

## Building Fund Commitment

**“Let them make Me a sanctuary so that I may dwell among them”**

In the Torah portion *Terumah*, found in the Book of Exodus, God tells Moses to speak to the Children of Israel to bring gifts “from every person as his/her heart so moves them” to build a spiritual and sacred space. As a new member of our sacred community, members who reach the age of 46 are required to begin contributing to the Building Fund for seven years of membership. All existing members are encouraged to contribute to the building fund annually to support and maintain our beautiful synagogue.

2 ADULT HOUSEHOLD	\$295/year	1 ADULT HOUSEHOLD	\$225/year
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## Friends of the Congregation

Adas Israel is committed to supporting our sibling organizations, including Friends of the Seminary, Masorti, and the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. Feel free to contact us if you have any questions about these items.

- **USCJ (United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism):** \$37.50 for one-adult household; \$75.50 for two-adult household
- **FRIENDS OF THE SEMINARY (voluntary):** \$18 (educating a new generation of Rabbis for the Conservative Movement out of the Jewish Theological Seminary of New York)
- **MASORTI (voluntary):** \$25 for one-adult household; \$50 for two-adult household (the Zionist arm of the Conservative Movement, linking Conservative Jews in America with the State of Israel, the Jewish People and Conservative/Masorti congregations in Israel and throughout the world)

## Personal financial hardship is never a barrier to synagogue membership

Dues variances and school scholarships are available for those with financial need. Please contact our Executive Director, **David Polonsky** (202-362-4433) for a confidential discussion.

*Prorated Membership Dues Policy:* January 1 through March 31 = 50% dues; April 1 through June 30 = 25% dues

\*Additional High Holy Day Seat Contributions - Young Adults not living in household (up to age 30): \$70; Relatives (\$245) & Guests (if available): \$295

Feel free to contact **Marcy Spiro**, Director of Membership Engagement at 202-362-4433 or [marcy.spiro@adasisrael.org](mailto:marcy.spiro@adasisrael.org) if you have any questions about Membership at Adas Israel.