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The Heights Synagogue

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# Membership and Dues

## FIRST THINGS FIRST, and yes, they're a bit self-contradictory . . .

- (1) **We mean it when we say we don't believe you should have to pay to pray.** That's why our high holyday tickets are free, and everyone is always welcome at our services, kiddushes, and lunch-and-learn events. That's also why you get to set your own dues. The figure you write at the lower right of this form is your dues, whether it's a full tithe or a token amount.
- (2) **Reality check: it costs a lot to run a synagogue.** Our budget is about \$150,000 a year; with 75 member-units, that's over \$2000 per "unit" (family or individual). So we've set "basic membership dues" that cover about half of that, and try to fund-raise to make up the rest. We hope you'll take that into account as you fill out this form.

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

## BASIC MEMBERSHIP DUES

Family \$1300     Individual \$650

*If you belong to another congregation, you are eligible for associate membership:*

Associate Family \$650     Associate Individual \$325

*If you're a new member, or young, oy! such a deal we have for you:*

Student \$36     New member Family or Individual \$144/\$72

} \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## ANNUAL PLEDGE

*Calculate this any way you want — whatever your pocketbook can handle.*

*Remember that figure of \$2000 that we need on average to keep the doors open:*

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

## TOTAL DUES/PLEDGE COMMITMENT

*Add the figures above, and there you are. But if you can't afford that, please set your own dues at any level you can manage — we know these are not easy times for many people. And we'd be delighted to have you as a member!*

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

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