

FAIR SHARE PROGRAM

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS FAIR SHARE?

Fair Share is a pledge level you set for yourself, in consideration of your capacity to support the Temple's actual expenses, and the minimum level of 2% of your annual household income.

WHY SHOULD I CONTRIBUTE MORE THAN \$2000?

By giving more, you fulfill the spirit of tzedakah, permit those less fortunate to enjoy the benefits of Temple membership, and give the Temple a margin for growth.

IS MY FAIR SHARE TO TEMPLE EMANUEL TAX DEDUCTIBLE?

Yes! It counts, along with all your other donations, as tax deductible, which means the actual cost after taxes to you may be less, depending on your tax bracket. We recommend discussing your specific situation with your tax advisor.

BESIDES PAYING MY FAIR SHARE OR MORE, HOW ELSE CAN I HELP THE TEMPLE FINANCIALLY?

Make your payments on time using electronic payment options. Pay annually, quarterly, or monthly via automatic payment or through the Temple's secure online portal, ChaverWeb. These payment options eliminate the need to send follow-up invoices and statements, reduce the number of checks received, and save the Temple considerable administrative time and expenses.

WHAT IF I CAN'T PAY MY FAIR SHARE THIS YEAR?

Temple Emanuel is committed to engagement for all of our affiliated community members. If you can't pay your Fair Share this year, we know you will pay what you can and to the extent possible, will pay the Base Fair Share next year. Additionally, there are many other ways to support and advance Temple Emanuel including performing volunteer hours, participating in various fund raising events, and being actively involved in the Temple's wide array of projects and activities.

WHAT IS THE BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND?

Our buildings have been enhanced over the years by Building Maintenance pledges. We ask that new members do their share and pledge a minimum of \$1,500 in up to five installments beginning in the second year of membership (for example, \$300 per year over a five-year period). For members who have made full Building Maintenance Fund commitments to other Jewish organizations or are 65 years or older, this portion of the pledge may be waived upon request. As our buildings and facilities age, the Building Maintenance Fund is an increasingly important area of focus.