



On three things the world rests: On Study, Prayer, and Acts of Caring

**MISHKAN MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION FOR 5779 (Fiscal Year July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019)**

**This form and payment may also be completed online at [www.mishkan.org](http://www.mishkan.org)**

Thank you for joining or rejoining Mishkan Shalom for 5779. Your support sustains our vibrant community! Please return the enclosed pledge form and initial payment. For payments by check, please write "Dues 5779" on the memo line. Please contact Maria in the office if you would like to discuss a payment plan.

Consistent with our values and [Statement of Principles](#), we ask that each household makes an informed decision based on Mishkan Shalom's needs and your financial circumstances. We are committed to the principle that those with means will give more, and those with less will give up to their ability, and fulfill their [Brit Mishkan commitment](#).

We do not have "categories" of membership. **Our goal is that households who can afford it, contribute \$2500 or more in dues.** This is the same or less than most similar-sized congregations charge for dues. This amount enables us to cover at least 60% or more of expenditures through dues with the rest coming from rent, program income, fundraising events, and additional donations. To further guide your decision, we have developed the following Membership Commitment Levels. **We hope that you will give with a full heart.**

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITMENT LEVELS:**

**To Guard from Generation to Generation—*Lishmur l'Dor v'Dor*, \$5,000 and up.**

*Lishmur l'Dor v'Dor* means to guard from generation to generation. At this level, you provide that extra financial support to ensure Mishkan Shalom continues to be a vital community from generation to generation.

**To Succeed—*L'hatsliakh*, \$3,500 to \$4,999**

At this level, you help Mishkan Shalom succeed (*l'hatsliakh*) as a strong and growing community by providing extra support for staff, educational programs and sacred space needs.

**To Sustain—*Litmokh*, \$2,500 to \$3,499**

At this level, you help to sustain (*litmokh*) us by providing the share needed to cover the dues portion of Mishkan Shalom's operating expenses, recognizing that not all of our households can give at this level. The average dues of \$2500 is needed to meet around 60% of our expenses, this is a vital level for building our community and our Mishkan.

**To Build—*Livnot*, \$1,800 to \$2,499**

At this level, you help Mishkan Shalom build (*livnot*) connections between all members.

**To Grow—*L'hagdil*, \$750 to \$1,799**

In this level, you help Mishkan Shalom grow (*l'hagdil*) in many important ways. It is also appropriate for those who are members of another synagogue or faith community.

***Mishkan Shalom's policy is Open Door— Delet Petukha, \$749 or less.*** We open our doors to all. Special circumstances or hardships, stages of life, temporary situations may put all the suggested levels out of reach. We welcome you as a full member.

Rabbi Shawn Zevit, Lead Rabbi \* Rabbi Yael Levy  
Rabbi Joysa Winter, Education Director \* Ellen Tichenor, President