

Suggested Membership Contribution Information

Temple Beth Zion, Buffalo, New York

As a Temple Beth Zion family we share many joyous occasions, educational and cultural opportunities, and, of course, celebrating Shabbat, Festivals and High Holy Days together. Sustaining our congregational home means that, as a community, each member makes a fair and equitable annual commitment, so that support is reasonably distributed among us all.

Everyone who wants to be a member *is* a member, regardless of financial circumstances. All contribution discussions are completely confidential.

As Torah instructs, we ask each to give *according to ability*. This means:

- To the extent they are able, we ask all households (of whatever size) where all adults are over the age of 35 to contribute at our “Sustaining” level, \$2,415 annually
- Young adult members and those who are members of other synagogues (dual members) are asked for contributions at reduced levels. Please see the chart below.
- For members unable to contribute at stated levels, we ask for a contribution equal to 1.5% of household gross income or a level that reasonably fits into their budget.

<i>Guide for Suggested Support</i>					
Regular Membership			Young Adult and Dual Member		
Household Gross Income	Annual Support Levels at 1 ½%	Monthly		Annual	Monthly
\$20,000	\$300	\$25	Young Adult - to age 26	\$291	\$24
\$30,000	\$450	\$37.50	Young Adult - age 27-29	\$525	\$44
\$40,000	\$600	\$50	Young Adult - age 30-31	\$1,008	\$84
\$50,000	\$750	\$62.50	Young Adult - age 32	\$1,365	\$114
\$60,000	\$900	\$75	Young Adult - age 33	\$1,725	\$144
\$70,000	\$1,050	\$87.50	Young Adult - age 34	\$2,100	\$175
\$80,000	\$1,200	\$100			
\$90,000	\$1,350	\$112.50	Dual	\$1,575	\$131
\$100,000	\$1,500	\$125			
\$125,000	\$1,875	\$156.25			
\$155,000	\$2,325	\$193.75	Sustaining	\$2,415	\$201.25

Effective July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020

Please check one of the following options. If we do not hear from you by July 6, 2018, a Temple officer may call to help you establish an appropriate level of support.

_____ I will provide annual support to my Temple Beth Zion community at the Sustaining Level (\$2,415) beginning July 1, 2019

_____ Based on my financial circumstances, I will provide annual support to my Temple Beth Zion community of \$ _____ beginning July 1, 2019

_____ Please have a Temple officer call to discuss my individual situation (the best time to call is _____)