



Welcome to
West End Synagogue
2010 Membership Application

West End Synagogue

A Reconstructionist Congregation

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Date _____

Name(s) to use on mailing labels _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Home Fax _____

How did you hear about West End Synagogue? _____

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Adult 1: Name _____

Birth Date _____ Marital Status (optional) _____ Anniversary (if applicable) _____

Jewish: Yes/ No (see below) Hebrew Name _____

Cell Phone # _____ Email _____

Occupation _____ Business Name _____

Work Phone _____ Work Fax _____

Read/ Write Hebrew: Yes/ No Read Torah/ Haftarah: Yes/ No

Adult 2: Name _____

Birth Date _____ Marital Status (optional) _____ Anniversary (if applicable) _____

Jewish: Yes/ No (see below) Hebrew Name _____

Cell Phone # _____ Email _____

Occupation _____ Business Name _____

Work Phone _____ Work Fax _____

Read/ Write Hebrew: Yes/ No Read Torah/ Haftarah: Yes/ No

Notes:

- We welcome non-Jewish partners and encourage them to participate in the life of our community. If you have questions or concerns in this area, feel free to contact the Rabbi at extension 226.
- Names, addresses, phone numbers, and children's names will be included on our community list. If you do not want any of these items to be listed, please let us know.

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Children:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Gender</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>B/ Mitzvah Date</u>	<u>School</u>
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Yahrzeit Information *(if you would like to be reminded of the anniversary of the death of a loved one)*

<u>Name</u>	<u>Related to?</u>	<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Died before sundown?*</u>
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* **Note:** The time of death (before or after sundown) is needed to determine the date of death on the Jewish calendar.



Interests: (Please indicate which person is interested in each selection)

___ Adult Education	___ Hebrew School	___ Ritual
___ Bible, Text Study	___ Learner's Service	___ Social Action
___ Bikkur Cholim (visiting the sick)	___ Publicity	___ Ushering
___ Family Programming	___ Israel Programming	___ Website
___ Fundraising	___ Membership	___ Women's Study Group
___ Garden	___ Publicity / Communication	___ Volunteer in the office

Other _____

- The undersigned hereby gives permission for pictures/identification of any family members to be used in advertisements, website, news coverage or publicity.

_____ Date _____

Financial Obligations of Members

The synagogue's fiscal year is 1/1 – 12/31

Fair Share Dues

Fair Share affirms our community's values of accessibility to WES membership, social justice and individual responsibility to the community. On the following page you will find a **'Fair Share Pledge Form'** for your membership dues. All members are asked to pledge their dues by January of each year based on the attached dues schedule. All financial obligations to the synagogue must be paid in full before High Holy Day tickets are mailed.

Building Fund

New members are expected to contribute at least \$200 per year until a total of \$1,000 has been paid to the building fund.

Additional High Holy Day Tickets (2009 Rates / subject to change)

Additional High Holy Day Tickets: Adult (22 years of age & older), \$275 (non-members \$375); Young Adult (13-21) \$75 each; Child (2-12) \$36 each.

Religious School Tuition & Fees (2009–10 / subject to change)

	Members	NonMembers <i>(1st year / K -2 only)</i>
Wednesdays (PreK–3 rd grade)		
Tuesdays (4 th – 7 th grades)	\$1,050	\$1,250

Feel free to contact our Treasurer through our Executive Director's office at 212-579-0777, ext. 220, to discuss any special financial arrangements.

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Did you know that membership dues cover less than 40% of our operating budget? Every year we must continue to meet the challenge of funding the many programs that define our synagogue, including educational offerings for all ages, services that are spiritually relevant, social action opportunities that are effective and meeting the pastoral needs of our nearly 300 families.

The following are a few of the various giving opportunities that you might want to consider during the year. They each can be a wonderful way to commemorate an important date or honor a loved one.

Kol Nidre Partnership Appeal

During the High Holy Days, we ask all of our members to join together in partnership to support our most important fundraiser of the year. This appeal provides many of the funds that we need to continue the high level of programming that we offer throughout the year.

Kiddush Sponsorship

This is a very meaningful way to celebrate a *simcha*, honor a loved one or mark a *yahrzeit*. By sponsoring a *kiddush*, you have the opportunity to share your special day with the entire community. A Friday night *oneg* can be sponsored for \$250 or more. Sponsor a Saturday *kiddush* for \$500 or make a contribution toward the *oneg* or *kiddush*. Please contact our Executive Director, Lila Pahl, if you are interested in supporting the congregation in this way.

Contribution to the General Operating Budget Over and Above Dues

These gifts help the synagogue fund various programs, pay bills and support overall operations.

West End Synagogue
Renewal and New Membership & Dues Form
For the year January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010

As part of our obligation to create a *kehillah kedoshah* – a holy community – we each assume responsibility for meeting the costs of maintaining and operating our synagogue. Our Fair Share Dues system allocates a portion of that financial responsibility among our community’s members based on their household income. Most of the remaining funds needed are supplied through voluntary contributions.

For the assessment of your Fair Share dues, you are not asked to disclose details concerning your income, nor are any financial documents required. Rather, we ask only that each member of the community report and accept the dues justly applicable to them by pledging their Fair Share dues level as honestly and as accurately as possible. All financial information is treated confidentially.

To ensure that dues levels are assessed on a fair and consistent basis for all members, you should determine your Fair Share category based on the amount reported for ‘adjusted gross income’ on line 37 of your 2008 IRS Form 1040. If your financial circumstances have changed significantly during 2009 such that the payment of dues in that category would be a hardship, please contact the Executive Director or Treasurer, in confidence, to arrange an adjustment in your dues assessment.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Fair Share Dues Schedule: (Please circle your 2010 dues amount.)

Total Income	Individual/ Single Category		Family	
Under \$30,000	S2	\$340	F2	\$500
\$30,000 - 39,999	S3	\$525	F3	\$675
\$40,000 - 49,999	S4	\$650	F4	\$900
\$50,000 - 59,999	S5	\$900	F5	\$1,050
\$60,000 - 69,999	S6	\$1,050	F6	\$1,250
\$70,000 - 79,999	S7	\$1,250	F7	\$1,425
\$80,000 - 89,999	S8	\$1,425	F8	\$1,575
\$90,000 - 99,999	S9	\$1,575	F9	\$1,800
\$100,000 - 124,999	S10	\$1,775	F10	\$2,150
\$125,000 - 149,999	S12	\$2,100	F12	\$2,500
\$150,000 - \$174,999	S14	\$2,570	F14	\$3,000
\$175,000 - \$199,000	S16	\$2,700	F16	\$3,250
\$200,000 - \$249,999	S20	\$3,000	F20	\$3,500
\$250,000 - \$349,999	S24	\$3,350	F24	\$3,800
\$350,000 - \$500,000	S25	\$3,500	F25	\$4,000
Over \$500,000	S26	\$3,700	F26	\$4,200
Students	S11	\$350	F11	\$500
Out of Town	S13	\$350	F13	\$500

Members are also obligated to pay a total of \$1,000 to the Building Fund at the minimum rate of \$200 per year for each of the first five years of membership.

For Office Use Only P – QB _____ P – EX _____
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For the year January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010

Please write in the amount of your dues below and sign at the end of this paragraph. Please note that to become or remain a member in good standing, you must complete this section in its entirety, as your membership dues are your commitment to your community.

- I AM IN THE FOLLOWING DUES CATEGORY (enter category code from page 1) :
- THEREFORE, MY DUES ARE \$.....

“I/We realize that as a member of the West End Synagogue community I/we am/are committing to be a part of a *kehillah kedoshah*, a sacred community. In acceptance of that responsibility, I/we hereby pledge my/our Fair Share Membership Dues which I/we have fully assessed.”

Signature(s):

Operating Fund:

Members are asked to contribute voluntarily an additional 10% of their dues to the Operating Fund to sustain the congregation.

- I/We pledge an additional 10% of my/our dues in the amount of \$.....
- I/We pledge another amount to the Operating Fund of \$.....

Building Fund payment (\$200 per year for first five years of membership) \$.....

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE \$_____

PAYMENT:

At least 50% of the full Synagogue dues assessment and Building Fund payment is required by March 15. Full payment of all amounts due to the synagogue, for dues or other items, is required by June 15.

Please select one: My check is enclosed. I am paying by credit card (enter information below)

- Visa MC Am Ex

Credit Card number: _____ Exp. Date: _____ Code: _____

Name, exactly as it appears, on the credit card _____

Signature(s): _____ Date: _____

Amount paid by check or to be charged to my credit card at this time : \$.....

I/we further authorize West End Synagogue to charge my/our credit card, in equal monthly installments through June 15, 2010, for the balance of the Total Amount Due stated above.

Signature(s): _____ Date: _____

- Please maintain this credit card on file at West End Synagogue for payment toward events, fees, etc.

West End Synagogue believes that an inability to pay should never be a barrier to membership or education. Special consideration will be given to circumstances that prevent you from meeting any part of your financial commitment. If accommodations are needed, please contact the synagogue Executive Director or Treasurer to discuss in confidence dues assessment or payment arrangement. **It is your responsibility to initiate such a discussion.**