

# P'nai Or of Portland

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## Fair Share Dues Commitment

On behalf of P'nai Or, we thank you for your commitment to building our community by renewing your membership for the current year and by making a needed and equitable financial contribution in the form of Fair Share Dues. We read on Shabbat Shekalim that we are counted as members of the community by making an equal commitment. In ancient days we each paid one half shekel toward the maintenance of the Temple in Jerusalem and to our community in Israel. In our time, by making your Fair Share Dues commitment, every member of P'nai Or can feel that she or he is an equal partner in building a caring and holy community in our own time and place.

### Highlights and Instructions

- ✧ P'nai Or assesses annual dues using the "Fair Share" principle. Your fair share of the costs of maintaining our community is standard dues equal to 2% of your household income. Dues are not voluntary and are not pledges you decide on, nor are they fees for service; while the amount is different for each member, it is 2% of income for every member.
- ✧ Adjusted Gross Income as shown on your most recent income tax return is a convenient measure of your household income and you may use it as a guide. In some cases, AGI does not adequately reflect your real income (it might omit some income or include one time unusual income). We ask that you make an honest assessment of your current household income and commit 2% of that amount to P'nai Or on line 1 of the renewal form.
- ✧ We recognize that it might be difficult for some members to reach the standard dues amount. Nobody will ever be denied membership for failure to pay standard dues. If you believe you fall into this category, please contact our treasurer, Charlie Rosenblum ([chaimyosef@qwest.net](mailto:chaimyosef@qwest.net) or 503-288-9125), for a confidential discussion. We do ask that, if you pay non-standard dues, you make a larger dues pledge than you did last year.
- ✧ For much of our funds we rely on the generosity of members and friends like you who have the ability to give more and hearts so moved. If you find yourself so blessed, we ask at this time that you consider a voluntary dues supplement on line 3 of the renewal form.
- ✧ In addition to our General Fund, P'nai Or has established several funds for specific purposes. If you want to make a contribution to one of these funds, you may add it on line 5 of the renewal form.
- ✧ As part of the Jewish Renewal movement, all P'nai Or members are also members of Aleph, the core organization of Jewish Renewal. Your assessment for Aleph is an addition to your dues. If your dues pledge is less than \$360, you can reduce your Aleph dues to \$18 per household on line 6 of the renewal form; all others pay \$36 per household.
- ✧ To complete your dues form, please calculate your standard dues and fill in line 1. Fill in lines 2 through 6 as appropriate. Then add lines 1 through 6 (if you are paying standard dues or higher) or lines 2 through 6 (if you are asking for a dues reduction) and fill in the total on line 7.

- ✧ You may pay your dues in full by sending your check with your dues form, or you may pay dues monthly by sending in your dues form, a check for one month dues and your automatic withdrawal form. Any other arrangement for payment may only be made upon consultation with and approval by our treasurer, Charlie Rosenblum ([chaimyosef@qwest.net](mailto:chaimyosef@qwest.net) or 503-288-9125).

Again, thank you for your commitment to P'nai Or. In this year of transition and growth, we are blessed with your presence, your energy, and your generosity as we continue to build our holy space in loving memory of our teacher and friend, Reb Aryeh. May we continue to be blessed to daven, to study, and to act justly and with kindness at P'nai Or.

**Member Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

I/we want to continue my/our P'nai Or membership and make the following commitment:

- (1) My/our standard dues for 2009-2010 (2% of income) is **\$** \_\_\_\_\_  
*or*
- (2) I/we ask to pay lower non-standard dues for 2009-2010 of **\$** \_\_\_\_\_  
(please consider increasing this above your past dues)
- (3) In addition, I/we want to pledge a voluntary dues supplement of **\$** \_\_\_\_\_
- (4) I/we will enroll \_\_\_ children in the Religious School program **\$** \_\_\_\_\_  
(\$180 or \$360 pre b'nai per child for members)
- (5) I/we want to make a contribution to the \_\_\_\_\_ Fund of **\$** \_\_\_\_\_
- (6) Aleph dues **\$** 36.00
- (7) Total pledge (add (1) or (2) and (3), (4), (5),, and (6)) **\$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dues are payable in full August 1;** you may request a monthly payment plan by enrolling in our automatic withdrawal program, administered by the Charitable Partnership Fund. An enrollment form is included here (if you already use our automatic withdrawal, you must re-enroll annually).

**Payment Plan**

- ( ) 1 annual payment of **\$** \_\_\_\_\_, (line 9) due August 1.
- ( ) 12 monthly payments of **\$** \_\_\_\_\_, (divide line 9 by 12) due the first of each month beginning August 1. (attach automatic withdrawal form)

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_