

P'nai Or of Portland
9750 SW Terwilliger Boulevard
Portland, Oregon 97219
Fair Share Dues Commitment

Member

Name(s): _____

On behalf of P'nai Or, we thank you for your commitment to building our community by being a member 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.

Your Fair Share Dues are **2% of your current total household income**. We understand that, while this Fair Share of the cost of sustaining the community will be a manageable amount for most people, some of us might have special circumstances that make a 2% of income contribution difficult to manage. If you believe you fall into this category, **you must still consider a full dues pledge and make arrangements with our treasurer for a confidential financial assessment**. Nobody will ever be turned away from P'nai Or because of inability to pay full dues.

While it is not always a reliable gauge of ability to pay, for convenience, you may use the Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) reported on your most recent U.S. Income Tax Return to determine your income level. Once you have determined your income level, you may calculate 2% or you can use the optional tables.

Fair Share dues alone do not provide our community with sufficient dollars to provide religious services and education and to adequately compensate our rabbi. 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 additional voluntary contributions in addition to your mandatory Fair Share dues pledge. Of course, should you be moved to make gifts of the heart any time in the year, know that your community will be equally grateful.

In addition to our General Fund, P'nai Or has established several funds for specific purposes. As with other voluntary contributions, you might want to consider these funds when you want to mark a yartzheit or some simcha with tzedakah.

Last, as part of the Jewish Renewal movement, P'nai pays dues to Aleph, the core organization of Jewish Renewal. Our dues are based on membership size and every member of P'nai Or is automatically a member of Aleph. We ask that you make an additional contribution of \$36 to support Aleph and the work it does.

Please complete this Dues Commitment and Membership Renewal Form, and the Automatic Withdrawal Form (if you opt for monthly payments) and return with your membership application.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact our treasurer, Charlie Rosenblum, at chaimyosef@qwest.net.

Again, thank you for your commitment to P'nai Or.

My/ Our Fair Share Dues Commitment	\$ _____
My/Our Voluntary Gift of the Heart	\$ _____
Aleph Dues	\$ <u>36.00</u>
Other _____ Fund	\$ _____
Total pledge	\$ _____

Dues are payable in full August 1 or when you join P'nai Or; you may request monthly, quarterly, or semiannual payment plans by so checking below. For monthly and quarterly dues payments, we ask that you participate 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 \$ _____, due August 1.
- () 2 semiannual payments of \$ _____, due August 1 and February 1.
- () 4 quarterly payments of \$ _____, due August 1, November 1, February 1, and May 1. (attach automatic withdrawal form)
- () 12 monthly payments of \$ _____, due the first of each month beginning August 1. (attach automatic withdrawal form)

Signed _____

Date _____