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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2014/2015 - 5775

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your ongoing affiliation with the House of Jacob-Mikveh Israel. As you know, House of Jacob has been providing religious services and inspirational programs to the Calgary Jewish community for over one hundred years.

Under the leadership of Rabbi Miller, House of Jacob's membership has grown significantly and consistently high numbers of members, friends and guests regularly attend religious services and educational, holiday and social programs at the shul.

As Trustees of the Board of HOJMI, one of our most important responsibilities is to help ensure the long term financial viability of our synagogue.

The largest single revenue item on HOJMI's financial statements has always been membership dues, which is why the annual dues renewal process is so important.

This year, although we made significant strides toward operating within a balanced budget and implemented a number of cost-saving measures, the synagogue was faced with an unexpected plumbing problem and subsequently required substantial structural repair to the library floor which cost over \$20,000.

In order to cover the costs of this unexpected repair and to keep pace with the cost of inflation, we have had to increase membership dues this year by approximately 2.5%.

We want to stress that despite our financial pressures we will never turn away anyone needing financial assistance. All members who request a subsidy however, must arrange it annually, no exceptions. Please contact either Judy Shriar or Eugene Ragolsky to discuss any subsidy request.

The "**Fair Share**" contribution program continues this year. We ask that all members consider a "**Fair Share**" contribution over and above their membership dues. A "**Fair Share**" contribution is strictly voluntary and will be gratefully accepted in whatever amount that you can afford and which feels right.

We want to thank our long-standing members and welcome our new members. Your membership will ensure that House of Jacob will continue to be a warm, welcoming shul for many years to come.

The following information summarizes Board policies which affect membership and High Holiday seating. Please read them carefully:

1. High Holiday seats will be assigned only after receipt of full payment of dues, as set out here or in accordance with agreed subsidy arrangements.
2. A family membership includes two adult High Holiday seats and a maximum of two assigned High Holiday children's seats. Additional children's seats can be purchased for an additional fee. Children's seats are available only for the member's dependent children and specific seats are assigned by the Seating Committee, space permitting. A dependent child is defined as follows:
 - a. Children under 18 years of age.
 - b. Children 18-25 years of age but attending an institution of higher learning, **full-time**. This person must be present in Calgary for the High Holidays.
 - c. Dependent adult children of any age who presently do not have a wage earning capacity.

Children of members who are over the age of 18, of normal capacity and earning an independent income are invited to join the synagogue as single adults to secure High Holiday seats.

3. Assigned seats are **not transferable** to other individuals.

Membership Categories:

Family Membership

- Membership for a conventional family unit, includes 2 adult seats and up to 2 children's seats (space permitting)
- \$2,100 membership dues

Single Parent Family Membership

- Membership for a single parent family, includes 1 adult seat and up to 2 children's seats (space permitting)
- \$1,050 membership dues

Single Adult Membership

- Membership for a single adult includes 1 adult seat
- \$1,050 membership dues

Student Membership

- Membership for an adult attending an institution of higher learning, **full-time**, includes 1 adult seat
- \$250 membership dues

Newly Married Couples

- Membership is free for the first year of marriage

Out of town guests (High Holidays)

- \$250 per seat (space permitting)

Additional Children's Seats

- \$75 per child's seat (under age 18)

Payment Options:

There are a number of options for payment of membership dues, but must be paid over a maximum of 12 months.

Cheques:

Post-dated cheques accepted, but must be submitted with your completed renewal forms.

Visa / MasterCard:

Visa or MasterCard accepted (either in one payment or via installments). Please sign the attached authorization form to use this option.

Synagogue membership fees are considered charitable tax deductions.

All membership applications are subject to approval by the Rabbi.

To avoid delay in allocating seats, please complete and submit the enclosed forms along with payment **by July 15, 2014**. If you submit your application after the **July 15 deadline**, the Seating Committee cannot guarantee that you will retain the same seats that you had last year.

Sincerely,

HOJMI Board of Directors

DEADLINE JULY 15, 2014

**CONGREGATION HOUSE OF JACOB MIKVEH-ISRAEL
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP 2014/2015 (5775)**

Family Name		
Mailing Address		
Telephone (home)		
Telephone (cell)		
Telephone (work)		
E-Mail Address		

Please Check Membership Type: Family Single Student

Adults:

Surname	First name	M/F	Hebrew Name (include father and mother's name)	Attendance	
				Yes/No	
				RH	YK

Children under age 18 that NEED seats for the High Holidays:

Surname	First Name	M/F	Date of Birth	Attendance	
				Yes/No	
				RH	YK

Children 18-25 years who are Full-Time Students that NEED seats for the High Holidays:

Surname	First name	M/F	Name of Post-Secondary School	Attendance	
				Yes/No	
				RH	YK

Additional Children and Out of Town Guests who NEED seats for the High Holidays:

Surname	First name	M/F	Attendance	
			Yes/No	
			RH	YK

For Office Use Only:

Rabbi's Endorsement _____ (All membership applications are subject to approval by the Rabbi)

Secretary's confirmation of full payment arrangements _____

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Membership Dues Payable

Please place a checkmark on the left, next to each appropriate fee:

Checkmark	Membership Type	Membership Dues	Amount Paying
	Family	\$2,100	\$
	Single	\$1,050	\$
	Student	\$ 250	\$
	Additional Child's Seat @ \$75 each	\$ 75	\$
	Friend of HOJMI (Family)	\$2,100	\$
	Friend of HOJMI(Single)	\$1,050	\$
	Out of Town Guests @ \$250 each	\$ 250	\$
	"Fair Share" Voluntary Contribution	\$ ANY	\$
	Total Dues Payable		\$ _____

	Amount Enclosed (in full)
	Amount Enclosed (post-dated) \$ _____ X _____ cheques
	I wish to pay by Visa/MC (please fill in details below)

Visa / MasterCard Authorization:

Please debit my Visa / MasterCard in the amount of \$ _____ being **full payment** for the above membership obligations.

Or

Please debit my Visa / MasterCard **monthly** for the monthly amount of \$ _____ beginning deductions on the 1st/15th (day) of _____ (month) 2014, in equal payments for my membership obligations.

Visa / MasterCard Number:

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Expiry Date:

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Signature: _____

Yahrzeit Advice:

If you have not already done so, please fill in the yartzeit dates related to your family. We send out yahrzeit reminders on a monthly basis.

Last name	First name	Hebrew name	Relationship	Date of Death (& day/night)	Jewish Date of Death

Minyan Commitment:

HOJMI is more than a shul – it is a community. Our shul community is there for one another.

When one of our members needs to say kaddish, our community must come together to make a Minyan every morning and night!

However, praying with a Minyan is more than just for those saying kaddish - it is for each and every one of us. It is a way to connect with Hashem and a way to make our prayers heard.

Please commit to at least one morning or night of Minyan attendance. Please let us know if you require a reminder.

Day of week	Morning/Evening	Reminder (Y/N)