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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2023/2024

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your ongoing affiliation with the House of Jacob-Mikveh Israel. Your dedication to our treasured institution is an invaluable link of a collective effort to keep orthodox Judaism alive and well in Calgary. Every year that we continue the mission of enabling Jewish practice is a statement of solidarity with what we find important. Your presence in our community is critical towards fulfilling this promise. In this light, we humbly call upon you to continue your support for HOJMI by renewing your membership for the coming year.

Two years ago, at this time, we had written that the past year was one unlike any other in the 112 year history of HOJMI. Back then we were dealing with the presence of covid and the operational changes it entailed. This past year we welcomed a new Rabbi and invested significant funds to enable a smooth transition in clerical leadership. At each point of challenge, we responded nimbly and delivered for the membership. We kept a sense of normalcy while storms brewed on the perimeter. The house that Jacob built kept its doors open for all those who were willing to enter. We can feel a tremendous sense of pride about these achievements. We set an example that other synagogues in Canada could look upon.

Our community is ready to seize the momentum and build a post pandemic future that is inclusive to everyone. When we realize this promise, the rewards will be satisfying. Like all visions though, the path to fulfillment will have its challenges. We require the people and the funds to deliver on our promise. The table is set for success. We now need to contribute financially, and with our time, to ensure the table of goodness remains on solid ground. Renewing your membership is critical. By doing so you are ensuring a spiritual place to come home to when ready.

Our first priority has been, and will always be, the welfare of our members. This mantra has guided our existence from inception. It translates into a drive to ensure that all members find benefit from their membership. If we fell short this past year, let us know. We are always looking for ways to improve. We want to hear your voice. We want you to be at the table when programming ideas are discussed. No financial limitation will get in the way. So long as you desire the benefits of community, HOJMI will be there.

The question that remains is will you be there for HOJMI. History answers this question with a resounding “Yes”. We request that you continue your affiliation with HOJMI by renewing your membership for the coming year. 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.

We want to stress that HOJMI will never turn away anyone needing financial assistance. All members who request a subsidy, however, **must arrange it annually**. Please contact either the office or the Rabbi and arrange an appointment to discuss any subsidy request.

The past “**Fair Share**” contribution program will continue this year as “**Sponsorship Contributions**”. “**Sponsorship Contributions**” are strictly voluntary and are over and above the cost of basic membership. Let’s all take part in the “**Sponsorship Contributions**” program this year. The changes we have made this past year enhance our synagogue. Nevertheless, these changes come with an increased financial cost. Your monetary (or equivalent) “Sponsorship Contribution” and your volunteering time helps us meet these demanding costs, as our overall costs of goods and services has increased significantly over the past three years. In addition, your contributions above and beyond membership, will make it easier for HOJMI to offer subsidized memberships to those that are in need and cannot afford it.

The following information summarizes HOJMI policies regarding membership and High Holiday seating.

1. High Holiday tickets will be made available after receipt of the completed membership form and financial arrangements for payment of dues, as set out here, or in accordance with agreed subsidy arrangements.
2. A family membership includes two adult High Holiday tickets and a maximum of two 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. Tickets are **not transferable** to other individuals.

Membership Categories:

Family Membership

- Membership for a conventional family unit, includes 2 adult tickets and up to 2 children's seats (space permitting)
- \$2,400 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)
- \$1,200 membership dues

Single Adult Membership

- Membership for a single adult includes 1 adult seat
- \$1,200 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 several options for payment of membership dues, but these must be paid over a maximum of 12 months and within our fiscal year (last payment no later than Aug. 22/2024).

Visa / MasterCard:

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

Interac:

Payment via Interac transfers are the preferred means of payment (either in one payment or installments). HOJMI can save thousand of dollars in transactions costs by your use of this payment method.

Synagogue membership dues are considered charitable tax deductions.

All membership applications are subject to approval by the Rabbi.

Please complete and submit the enclosed forms along with payment **by September 8, 2023**. The sooner you return your membership form, the sooner any requests for reserved seating can be met. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

David Silver, President
On behalf of the HOJMI Board of Directors