

July 6, 2017 ~ Tammuz 12, 5777

**RE: Congregation Netivot Shalom Membership Renewal 5778**

Dear Netivot Shalom Community,

We first came together in 1989 and held small Shabbat services in our homes. Now, in our 28<sup>th</sup> year as a warm, diverse and growing community, we are a congregation with 400 families and our own building. We had 24 households join our family in the past year, many of whom are already very involved in several aspects of our community. We hope you will continue to welcome our new members and make them feel at home.

Amidst all of the transformation and growth happening here at Netivot Shalom, we are now asking all of our members to renew their membership and make a pledge for 5778 (2017-18 year).

Our standard membership pledge amounts (shown on the back of this sheet) reflect a balance of meeting our budgetary needs each year and valuing community participation at all financial levels. Last Spring, CNS's Board of Directors notified the congregation that membership dues and High Holy Day passes will increase approximately 2% for 5778 (2017-18) and has been updated as such in this renewal packet. Please remember that CNS welcomes EVERYONE regardless of financial capabilities. Keeping that in mind, we truly need all members to pledge to their fullest capability.

In alignment with our efforts to reduce waste and protect the environment, we have streamlined our membership renewal "packet" to single front and back pages. There are four categories to select— **Renewal Type** (sustaining or single year), **Renewal Options** (Standard Memberships; Above & Beyond; Dues Arrangement), **Payment Schedule** (In Full; Monthly Installments; or Designated Sum Now with Remaining in Payments), and **Payment Method** (Check; ACH; Credit Card; or Donor Advised Fund/IRA.)

Each and every dollar helps make CNS the wonderful community we know and love. All of us here at Congregation Netivot Shalom would like to thank you immensely for your continued support. Please return the attached "Membership Renewal Sheet" to: Congregation Netivot Shalom, 1316 University Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94702-1711.

If you have any questions please contact Vered Cohen, Administrator, at [administrator@netivotshalom.org](mailto:administrator@netivotshalom.org)

B'Shalom!



Josh Gressel  
Board of Directors, President



Vered Cohen  
Administrator



Menachem Creditor  
Rabbi

## 5778 (2017-18) Standard Membership Categories & Pledges

Please note: You may have noticed that we are making several changes in the building to maintain an atmosphere that is clean, open and inviting. While many synagogues include a Building Assessment Fund at the time of membership renewal, at Netivot Shalom we have not instituted a separate Building Assessment Fund since moving in over 12 years ago. This year, we are encouraging those who can afford more than the standard pledge to consider a gift to the Building Assessment Fund.

If a pledge at the standard dues level represents a financial hardship, please select the "Dues Arrangement" renewal option on the next page and we will follow up to assist you further.

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### ***Standard Memberships***

We are mindful of the fact that our community is made up of all different sizes, ages, and levels of income. Hence, we created a few different "standard" categories for varying family and individual membership pledges.

#### **Family Memberships (includes all children under 25 living at home)**

*Household headed by a couple, and...*

- At least one 30 years of age or older (\$3,000)
- Both under 30 years of age (\$1,500)
- Both are fulltime students (\$650)

*Or, Household headed by single adult, and...*

- At least 30 years of age or older (\$1,500)
- Under 30 years of age (\$750)
- Fulltime student (\$325)

#### **Individual Memberships**

*Single adult and...*

- At least 30 years of age or older (\$1,500)
- Under 30 years of age (\$750)
- Fulltime students (\$325)

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### ***Out of Town Memberships (\$110 per adult)***

Intended to maintain connections with friends of the congregation, including former members and/or relatives of members who currently live outside the Bay Area. Out of town members are listed in the roster but do not receive complementary High Holy Day passes.

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### ***Dues Arrangement***

We understand people often don't fit into neat categories. If your situation is not easily described by one of the categories listed above, we are eager to hear from you and to enroll you and yours as members. CNS's Dues Committee considers special circumstances and makes arrangements for non-standard memberships in non-standard situations as well in cases of financial hardship.

Congregation Netivot Shalom Membership Renewal Sheet  
5778 - Fiscal Year 2017-18

Member Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Cell (who) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email(s) for general communication \_\_\_\_\_

Email for financial statements \_\_\_\_\_

**Instructions: Select a Renewal Type - Renewal Option - Payment Schedule - Payment Method.**

***Renewal Type***

**Sustaining Renewals** remain in place year after year so you will not need to complete annual renewal forms in the future. You can notify Congregation Netivot Shalom of a change at any time.

**Sustaining Renewal**

**Single Year**

***Renewal Option #1 - Standard Memberships***

Our community is made up of all different sizes, ages, and levels of income. Hence, the different "standard" categories for membership pledges. After reviewing the standard membership pledges for this year, *my/our annual member pledge is amount: \_\_\_\_\_ and checked category below:*

**Family Memberships** (includes all children under 25 living at home)

*Household headed by a couple, and...*

- At least one 30 years of age or older (\$3,000)
- Both under 30 years of age (\$1,500)
- Both are fulltime students (\$650)

*Or, Household headed by single adult, and...*

- At least 30 years of age or older (\$1,500)
- Under 30 years of age (\$750)
- Fulltime student (\$325)

**Individual Memberships**

*Single adult and...*

- At least 30 years of age or older (\$1,500)
- Under 30 years of age (\$750)
- Fulltime students (\$325)

**Out of Town Memberships** (listed in roster but do not receive complementary High Holy Day passes)

- Per adult (\$110)

***Renewal Option #2 - Above & Beyond***

**Mensch – Amount \$\_\_\_\_\_.** If your financial circumstance allows you the flexibility to contribute more than the standard membership pledge, please consider an additional donation to support your fellow congregants.

**Building Assessment Fund – Amount \$\_\_\_\_\_.** You may have noticed many improvements to maintain a building atmosphere that is clean, open and inviting. At Netivot Shalom we have not instituted a separate Building Assessment Fund, as many other synagogues include annually (e.g. \$200 or more per year). If you're able, we hope you will consider an additional gift to the Building Assessment Fund.

***Renewal Option #3 - Dues Arrangement***

- Dues Arrangement.** Every member is valued by Netivot Shalom and we understand that full dues may be beyond the capacity of some in our community. Dues arrangements are worked out individually each year, so if selected, we will follow up with a Dues Arrangement Form to assist you further.

**Please continue by filling out the PAYMENT SCHEDULE and PAYMENT METHOD on the backside**

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### ***Payment Schedule***

Please select **one** of the following three options:

- I/we wish to pay the pledge **in full now**. ACH debit to be made after receipt of this form.
- I/we wish to pay dues in **monthly** installments. Divide equally among the remaining months of the current fiscal year.
- I/we wish to pay \$\_\_\_\_\_ **now**, and the remainder of our pledge:
  - In monthly installments
  - By June 30<sup>th</sup> 2018 (in Quarterly or semi-annual payments)

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### ***Payment Method***

Please select **one** of the following four options:

- Personal checks:** Please indicate "membership dues" in the memo line.
- Automatic Bank Transfer (ACH):** Please attach a voided check.
- \*Credit Card:** Please fill out the information below:
  - Name as it appears on card: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Type: ( \_\_ ) Visa or ( \_\_ ) MasterCard ONLY
  - Billing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Credit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CVC (3 or 4 digit code): \_\_\_\_\_
  - Cardholder's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_
  - \*Please note:** Credit Card Charge will include an additional 3% transaction fee
- Donation of Securities:** Through a Donor Advised Fund or by IRA. (We will contact you to provide the Securities Transfer Authorization Form.)

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### ***Signature***

For all pledge options selected on the front and back of this sheet, please sign below:

\*If you selected **Automatic Bank Transfer (ACH)** your signature below also acknowledges that this authorization is to remain in force until Congregation Netivot Shalom (CNS) has received written notification from you (or either of you) of its termination, in such time and in manner as to afford CNS and the depositor financial institution a reasonable opportunity to act on it.

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Please print name(s)

and/or Please print name(s)

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Signature

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