


Chochmat services are marked by the recollection of our congregation's beloved family members. A *yahrzeit* is a special way to commemorate the connections our synagogue has to the generations that went before, and paved the way for us. It is customary to remember a *yahrzeit* by sponsoring an *oneg Shabbat*, or by donating a monetary contribution to the synagogue in the name of the departed.

Yahrzeit Information	
Name of Beloved 1	
Date of Death	
Relationship	
Name of Beloved 2	
Date of Death	
Relationship	
Name of Beloved 3	
Date of Death	
Relationship	



Chochmat HaLev is a proud member of **Aleph: the Alliance for Jewish Renewal**.

Aleph: The Alliance for Jewish Renewal provides meaningful learning rooted in Torah and tradition, Kabbalah and Hasidism combined with a modern consciousness that is politically progressive, egalitarian and environmentally aware. Aleph builds Jewish community that embrace singles, GLBT people and inter-faith families.



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What Makes You Feel Holy?

Welcome Home to Chochmat HaLev

MEMBERSHIP AFFIRMATION

Welcome to the Chochmat HaLev community! Chochmat HaLev literally means “wisdom of the heart,” and we are delighted that your path has led you here! We are honored to have you join us in renewing Judaism as a joyful and relevant way for learning, praying and living.

Membership at Chochmat HaLev has many benefits described in this pamphlet. The chief benefit of membership is that you step profoundly into community. You support and make possible an incredible array of services, classes, and retreats on the leading edge of the Jewish spirituality movement for yourself and for others in the Bay Area. By joining, you also enter into a covenantal relationship with others to spiritually and financially support our community, to take an interest in and participate in its committees and havurah groups, and to connect with and joyfully welcome others. You affirm your support for all community members as we stoke the “holy sparks” that burn in each of us.

Thank you for making spiritual community a priority in your life, and for sharing your knowledge, wisdom, and spirit with your community.

B'Shalom,
Hank Obermayer and Jeff Fry
(On behalf of the Chochmat HaLev Community Building Committee and Board of Directors)



Benefits of Membership

- ◆ **Free Tickets** and guaranteed seats for the High Holy Days (1 adult and 1 teen ticket for each member adult in household)
- ◆ **Discounted fees** for classes, programs, events, rentals
- ◆ Eligible to enroll in our **B'Nei Mitzvah** program and tuition reduction on Hebrew School
- ◆ Access to **life-cycle** and community caring services with rabbi
- ◆ **Free spiritual direction counseling** session per member
- ◆ Free Havurah group membership
- ◆ The right of each adult to **vote** at all Congregational meetings & to **hold office**, subject to the Bylaws.

What Makes You Feel Holy?

Family systems can be complex. We'd like to understand yours.

Contact Information	Child 3	Child 4
First Name (English)		
Hebrew Name (if any)		
Last Name		
Email		
Cell Phone		
Date of Birth		
Parent 1		
Parent 2		
Religious Background	Child 3	Child 4
Religious tradition in which child is being raised:		
Chochmat welcomes Jews by Choice, and embraces religious plurality and openness.	<input type="checkbox"/> Is your child a Jew-by-choice (i.e., convert) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Is your child affiliated with any religious tradition? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Which ones? _____ _____ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Is your child a Jew-by-choice (i.e., convert) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Is your child affiliated with any religious tradition? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Which ones? _____ _____ _____
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Fair Share Dues

Our membership is based on a fair share model in an attempt to make membership affordable to everyone. The charts below show the approximate fair share amounts for individual and family memberships. In households where one adult becomes a member, please refer to the chart on the left. In households where two adults become members, please refer to the chart on the right. To calculate your fair share dues, subtract \$10,000 from the AGI (found on your household's tax forms) for each adult who is joining CHL, and then multiply the remainder by 2%. This is your financial commitment for the year. If you're joining as an individual and your income is \$28,000 or less, your financial commitment for the year is \$360. If your income is \$46,000 or less for a Household Membership (2 adults), your commitment is \$720. **Note that the AGI is calculated for each adult in a household who is joining. A family of two adults with a household income of 30K and 27K respectively would join for \$940 (57K-10Kx2%).** The rates apply regardless of the number of children. You may choose one lump sum or 12 monthly payments. Membership also requires 10 hours of service to the community. If you're unable to volunteer, please contribute an additional "opt out" fee of \$100 (per adult), though your time helps Chochmat build community.

Annual Membership Dues Worksheet
 Adult 1 AGI + Adult 2 AGI = Household AGI
 2% of (Household AGI - 10K) = _____
 + \$36 for Aleph membership
 Total membership dues = _____

Individual Membership AGI	Annual Rate	Monthly Rate
\$28,000 or less	\$360	\$30
\$40,000	\$600	\$50
\$60,000	\$1,000	\$83
\$80,000	\$1,400	\$117
\$100,000	\$1,800	\$150
\$120,000	\$2,200	\$183
\$160,000	\$3,000	\$250
\$200,000	\$3,800	\$317
For each add'l \$20K	Add \$200	Add \$17
Household Aleph Membership	\$36	\$3
Opt-out of volunteer service	\$100	\$8.33

Family Members AGI	Annual Rate	Monthly Rate
\$56,000	\$720	\$60
\$60,000	\$1,000	\$83
\$80,000	\$1,400	\$117
\$100,000	\$1,800	\$150
\$120,000	\$2,200	\$183
\$160,000	\$3,000	\$250
\$200,000	\$3,800	\$317
For each add'l \$20K	Add \$200	Add \$17
Household Aleph Membership	\$36	\$3
Opt-out of volunteer service (\$100 / adult)	\$200	\$16.66

Contact Information	Child 1	Child 2
First Name (English)		
Hebrew Name (if any)		
Last Name		
Email		
Cell Phone		
Date of Birth		
Parent 1		
Parent 2		
Religious Background	Child 1	Child 2
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Financial Commitment

I understand that the membership year runs from July 1 to June 30, and that by signing the agreement I financially commit for the entire year even if I am paying on a monthly basis. My membership will automatically renew each year on June 30 unless I notify Chochmat of my cancellation in writing within 60 days of the renewal. If my AGI levels go up or down, I will notify Chochmat in writing of my new fair share amount.

I am joining Chochmat at the following level: \$ _____

Membership is not right for me at this time. I am choosing to become a Friend of Chochmat (no membership benefits), by pledging \$ _____.

I would like to pay for my membership:

- on an *annual* basis
- on a *monthly* basis.
- Please charge my Visa or MasterCard.
 Name on Card: _____
 Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____
- Please directly deduct from my bank account. **I have enclosed a check marked VOID.**
- My check for the full annual commitment is enclosed (only available to those paying on an annual basis).

Signature _____ Date _____
 Signature _____ Date _____

Frequently Asked Questions

What does "Adjusted Gross Income" mean?

AGI is the number at the bottom of the first page of your tax form; if you also have non-taxable income or significant assets or net worth (e.g. trust fund, inheritance, etc.), please estimate your dues accordingly.

What if I am joining Chochmat but my partner is not?

Please check the box that you are joining as an individual and calculate your dues based only on the income of the person who is joining. If both adults join, calculate dues for a Household Membership.

What if I/we belong to multiple congregations?

If Chochmat is your primary congregation, please pay full dues. Otherwise, please consider your dues to be proportional to your relationship with the community. If you plan to attend Chochmat's High Holy Days, please add \$260 per adult to cover costs.

What if I live far away or do not come frequently enough to want to join?

Some people only very occasionally attend services or Chochmat programs but still wish to actively support our community without the benefits or commitment of membership. Please choose the "Friend" category, and give any amount you feel comfortable.

What if I have a single-parent household?

Single parent households pay individual membership rates.

In calculating my fair share, do I subtract \$10,000 for each adult or total?

Whether you have one or two adults in your household, please subtract only \$10,000 total.

Contact Information	Adult 1	Adult 2
First Name (English)		
Hebrew Name (if any)		
Last Name		
Email		
Street Address		
City, State, ZIP		
Date of Birth		
How long in Bay area?		
Cell Phone		
Are you: <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Separated <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed <input type="checkbox"/> Engaged <input type="checkbox"/> Partnered <input type="checkbox"/> Married		
Religious Background	Adult 1	Adult 2
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Chochmat welcomes Jews by Choice, and embraces religious plurality and openness.		
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Which ones?	Which ones?	Which ones?
Did your religious education include:	<input type="checkbox"/> B'nei Mitzvah (date) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Confirmation (date) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> B'nei Mitzvah (date) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Confirmation (date) _____
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Chochmat welcomes people of all gender identities and expressions. Please select the alternatives that works for you when you're called to Torah for an <i>aliyah</i> .	<input type="checkbox"/> ben (son of) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> bat (daughter of) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> m'beit (from the house of) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> please feel free to substitute another expression _____	<input type="checkbox"/> ben (son of) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> bat (daughter of) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> m'beit (from the house of) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> please feel free to substitute another expression _____
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- Education and Events at Shul**
- Please indicate your areas of interest.
- Meditation
 - Children's and Family programs
 - Teen programs
 - Young adult programs
 - Youth education parents association
 - Programming for elders
 - Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender programming
 - Dancing/Movement
 - Hebrew School/B'nei Mitzvah
 - Adult Education
 - Chant Torah
 - Convert to Judaism
 - Cooking at events
 - Interfaith activities
 - Office volunteer
 - Activity or event planner
 - Music/Performance
 - Environmental Judaism
 - Social activism
 - Heart-to-Heart (help sick/beraved)
 - Tuv Ha'aretz (CSA Program)
 - Tikkun Olam/Community Service
 - Adult B'Nai Mitzvah
 - Chevra Kadisha
 - Rosh Chodesh group (open to all)
 - Teach a class at Chochmat
 - other skills talents or abilities you'd be willing to share with the congregation?

- Together We Make It Happen**
- Chochmat Halev operates numerous committees. Let us know if you would like to find out more information about, or serve on, one of these committees.
- Building / Facilities Committee
 - Community Building Committee
 - Development/Fundraising Committee
 - Finance Committee
 - Membership Committee
 - Hospitality Committee/Greeter, Ride to Shul, set up for Shabbat services
 - Ritual Committee
 - Tikkun Olam Committee
- We would love to meet you! Please let us know with whom you'd like to meet:**
- Rabbi
 - Meditation Director
 - Spiritual Direction Counselor

Is there anything else you would like to know about Chochmat Halev?

