



**West End Synagogue**  
 A Reconstructionist Congregation  
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**2012 Membership Application**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) to use on mailing labels \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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

How did you hear about West End Synagogue? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Adult 1: Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Birth Date** \_\_\_\_\_ **Marital Status (optional)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Anniversary** \_\_\_\_\_

**Jewish: Yes/ No (see below)** **Hebrew Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Occupation** \_\_\_\_\_ **Business Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Work Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Work Fax** \_\_\_\_\_

**Read/ Write Hebrew: Yes/ No** **Read Torah/ Haftarah: Yes/ No** **Sing/ Play a musical instrument: Yes/ No**

**Other relevant skills, abilities or interests:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Adult 2: Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Birth Date** \_\_\_\_\_ **Marital Status (optional)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Anniversary** \_\_\_\_\_

**Jewish: Yes/ No (see below)** **Hebrew Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Work Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Work Fax** \_\_\_\_\_

**Read/ Write Hebrew: Yes/ No** **Read Torah/ Haftarah: Yes/ No** **Sing/ Play a musical instrument: Yes/ No**

**Other relevant skills, abilities or interests:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Notes:**

- We welcome non-Jewish partners and encourage them to participate in the life of our community. If you have questions or concerns in this area, feel free to contact the Rabbi at extension 226.
- Names, addresses, phone numbers, and children's names will be included on our community list. If you do not want any of these items to be listed, please let us know.

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**Children:**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Gender</u>	<u>Hebrew Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>School</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

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**Yahrzeit Information** (if you would like to be reminded of the anniversary of the death of a loved one)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Related to?</u>	<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Died before or after sundown?*</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

\* **Note:** The time of death (before or after sundown) is needed to determine the date of death on the Jewish calendar.

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**Interests:** (Please indicate which person is interested in each selection)

<input type="checkbox"/> Adult Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Garden	<input type="checkbox"/> Retreat
<input type="checkbox"/> Bible, Text Study	<input type="checkbox"/> JFL [ <i>Jewish Family Life &amp; Learning</i> ]	<input type="checkbox"/> Ritual
<input type="checkbox"/> Bikkur Cholim ( <i>visiting the sick</i> )	<input type="checkbox"/> Israel Programming	<input type="checkbox"/> Social Action
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications/Publicity	<input type="checkbox"/> Learner's Service	<input type="checkbox"/> Ushering
<input type="checkbox"/> Family Programming	<input type="checkbox"/> Membership Inreach	<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer in the office
<input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising	<input type="checkbox"/> Membership Outreach	<input type="checkbox"/> Women's Study Group

**Other** \_\_\_\_\_

**The undersigned hereby gives permission for pictures/identification of any family members to be used in advertisements, website, news coverage or publicity.**

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

## Financial Obligations of Members

The synagogue's fiscal year is 1/1 - 12/31

### Fair Share Dues

Fair Share affirms our community's values of accessibility to WES membership, social justice and individual responsibility to the community. On the following page you will find a **'Fair Share Pledge Form'** for your membership dues. All members are asked to pledge their dues by January of each year based on the attached dues schedule. All financial obligations to the synagogue must be paid in full before High Holy Day tickets are mailed.

### Building Fund

New members are expected to contribute at least \$200 per year, starting in third year of membership until a total of \$1,000 has been paid to the building fund.

**Your membership includes High Holy Day Tickets** – one adult ticket for single adult member households and two adult member households receive two adult tickets. All members receive tickets for children under 22 years of age. You are welcome to invite guests and additional High Holy Day Tickets are available: (2011 Rates / subject to change) Adult (22 years of age & older), \$295 (non-members \$395); Young Adult (13-21) \$75 each; Child (2-12) \$36 each.

### **Jewish Family Life & Learning (JFLL) Tuition & Fees (2011-12 / subject to change)**

**Tuition per student:** Members, \$1050      Nonmembers, \$1250 (K - 2 only)

**Book/Activity Fee per student:** \$200

**Feel free to contact our Treasurer through our Executive Director's office at 212-579-0777, ext. 220, to discuss any special financial arrangements.**

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**Did you know that membership dues cover only 45% of our operating budget?** Every year we must continue to meet the challenge of funding the many programs that define our synagogue, including educational offerings for all ages, services that are spiritually relevant, social action opportunities that are effective and meeting the pastoral needs of more than 225 families.

The following are a few of the various giving opportunities that you might want to consider during the year. They each can be a wonderful way to commemorate an important date or honor a loved one.

### **Kol Nidre Partnership Appeal**

During the High Holy Days, we ask all of our members to join together in partnership to support our most important fundraiser of the year. This appeal provides many of the funds that we need to continue the high level of programming that we offer throughout the year.

### **Kiddush Sponsorship**

This is a very meaningful way to celebrate a *simcha*, honor a loved one or mark a *yahrzeit*. By sponsoring a *kiddush*, you have the opportunity to share your special day with the entire community. A Friday night *oneg* may be sponsored for \$250 or more. Sponsor a Saturday *kiddush* for \$585 or make a contribution toward the *oneg* or *kiddush*. Please contact our Executive Director, Lila Pahl, if you are interested in supporting the congregation in this way.

### **Contribution to the General Operating Budget Over and Above Dues**

These gifts help the synagogue fund various programs, pay bills and support overall operations.

**West End Synagogue****Fair Share NEW MEMBER Dues Form***For the year January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012*

As part of our obligation to create a *kehillah kedoshah* – a holy community – we each assume responsibility for meeting the costs of maintaining and operating our synagogue. Our Fair Share Dues system allocates a portion of that financial responsibility among our community’s members based on their household income. Most of the remaining funds needed are supplied through voluntary contributions.

For the assessment of your Fair Share dues, you are not asked to disclose details concerning your income, nor are any financial documents required. Rather, we ask only that each member of the community report and accept the dues justly applicable to them by pledging their Fair Share dues level as honestly and as accurately as possible. All financial information is treated confidentially.

*To ensure that dues levels are assessed on a fair and consistent basis for all members, you should determine your Fair Share category based on the amount reported for ‘adjusted gross income’ on your most recently filed IRS Form 1040. If your financial circumstances have changed significantly during the year such that the payment of dues in that category would be a hardship, please contact the Executive Director or Treasurer, in confidence, to arrange an adjustment in your dues assessment.*

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Fair Share Dues Schedule: (Please circle your 2012 dues category.)**

<b>Annual Income</b>	<b>Indiv. Category</b>	<b>Reg. Dues</b>	<b>Special 1<sup>st</sup> Year Dues</b>	<b>Family Category</b>	<b>Reg. Dues</b>	<b>Special 1<sup>st</sup> Year Dues</b>
<b>Under \$30,000</b>	<b>S2</b>	<b>\$355</b>	<b>\$175</b>	<b>F2</b>	<b>\$525</b>	<b>260</b>
<b>\$30,000 - 39,999</b>	<b>S3</b>	<b>\$545</b>	<b>\$275</b>	<b>F3</b>	<b>\$700</b>	<b>350</b>
<b>\$40,000 - 49,999</b>	<b>S4</b>	<b>\$700</b>	<b>\$350</b>	<b>F4</b>	<b>\$940</b>	<b>470</b>
<b>\$50,000 - 59,999</b>	<b>S5</b>	<b>\$940</b>	<b>\$470</b>	<b>F5</b>	<b>\$1,090</b>	<b>545</b>
<b>\$60,000 - 69,999</b>	<b>S6</b>	<b>\$1,090</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>F6</b>	<b>\$1,300</b>	<b>650</b>
<b>\$70,000 - 79,999</b>	<b>S7</b>	<b>\$1,300</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>F7</b>	<b>\$1,485</b>	<b>750</b>
<b>\$80,000 - 89,999</b>	<b>S8</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>F8</b>	<b>\$1,650</b>	<b>825</b>
<b>\$90,000 - 99,999</b>	<b>S9</b>	<b>\$1,650</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>F9</b>	<b>\$1,875</b>	<b>900</b>
<b>\$100,000 - 124,999</b>	<b>S10</b>	<b>\$1,860</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>F10</b>	<b>\$2,225</b>	<b>900</b>
<b>\$125,000 - 149,999</b>	<b>S12</b>	<b>\$2,200</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>F12</b>	<b>\$2,600</b>	<b>900</b>
<b>\$150,000 - \$174,999</b>	<b>S14</b>	<b>\$2,700</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>F14</b>	<b>\$3,125</b>	<b>900</b>
<b>\$175,000 - \$199,000</b>	<b>S16</b>	<b>\$2,825</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>F16</b>	<b>\$3,400</b>	<b>900</b>
<b>\$200,000 - \$249,999</b>	<b>S20</b>	<b>\$3,125</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>F20</b>	<b>\$3,650</b>	<b>900</b>
<b>\$250,000 - \$349,999</b>	<b>S24</b>	<b>\$3,500</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>F24</b>	<b>\$3,975</b>	<b>900</b>
<b>\$350,000 - \$500,000</b>	<b>S25</b>	<b>\$3,650</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>F25</b>	<b>\$4,175</b>	<b>900</b>
<b>Over \$500,000</b>	<b>S26</b>	<b>\$3,875</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>F26</b>	<b>\$4,375</b>	<b>900</b>
<b>Students</b>	<b>S11</b>	<b>\$360</b>	<b>\$180</b>	<b>F11</b>	<b>\$520</b>	<b>260</b>
<b>Out of Town (HHD tickets not included)</b>	<b>S13</b>	<b>\$360</b>	<b>\$180</b>	<b>F13</b>	<b>\$520</b>	<b>260</b>

**Special 1<sup>st</sup> Year Dues Rate!** For your first year of WES membership, pay a Special 1<sup>st</sup> Year Dues Rate that is the lesser of (a) one-half of the regular dues for your Fair Share category, or (b) \$500 for individual or \$900 for family membership.

**Membership includes High Holy Day tickets (for adult members and their children under 22).**

**Completely fill in both sides of this form, circle your dues category and pay the amount indicated in the applicable Special 1<sup>st</sup> Year Dues Column.**

**Members are obligated to contribute a total of \$1,000 to the Building Fund at the minimum rate of \$200 per year beginning in the third year of membership.**

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**West End Synagogue**

**Fair Share Dues Self-Assessment Form** For the year January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012 (for renewing members)

Please write in the amount of your dues below and sign at the end of this paragraph. Please note that to become or remain a member in good standing, you must complete this section in its entirety, as your membership dues are your commitment to your community.

- I AM/WE ARE IN THE FOLLOWING DUES CATEGORY (e.g., S14, F25) .....  
*(enter category code from Schedule on reverse side)*

THEREFORE, MY/OUR DUES AMOUNT IS \$.....

"I/We realize that as a member of the West End Synagogue community I/we am/are committing to be a part of a *kehillah kedoshah*, a sacred community. In acceptance of that responsibility, I/we hereby pledge my/our Fair Share Membership Dues which I/we have fully assessed."

I/We understand that a new Dues Self-Assessment form must be submitted each year.

Signature(s): .....

**Operating Fund:**

Members are asked to contribute voluntarily an additional 10% of their dues to the Operating Fund to sustain the congregation.

I/We pledge an additional 10% of my/our dues in the amount of \$.....

I/We pledge another amount to the Operating Fund of \$.....

**Building Fund payment** (\$200 per year, beginning in the third year of membership, until total of \$1,000 is paid) \$.....

**TOTAL AMOUNT DUE** \$\_\_\_\_\_

**PAYMENT:**

At least 50% of the full Synagogue dues assessment and Building Fund payment is required by March 15. Full payment of all amounts due to the synagogue, for dues or other items, is required by June 15.

Amount paid by check or to be charged to my credit card at this time: \$.....

**Please select one:**

- My check is enclosed.
- I am paying by credit card (Enter information below). West End Synagogue is charged a 3% fee on credit card transactions. If you select credit card, please consider adding a voluntary contribution to the Operating Fund (see above) of 3% of your dues.

Visa . MC Am Ex

Credit Card number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Name, exactly as it appears, on the credit card \_\_\_\_\_

Signature(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*I/we further authorize West End Synagogue to charge my/our credit card, in equal monthly installments through June 15, 2012, for the balance of the Total Amount Due stated above.*

Signature(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please maintain this credit card on file at West End Synagogue for payment toward events, fees, etc.

West End Synagogue believes that an inability to pay should never be a barrier to membership or education. Special consideration will be given to circumstances that prevent you from meeting any part of your financial commitment. If accommodations are needed, please contact the synagogue Executive Director or Treasurer to discuss in confidence dues assessment or payment arrangement. **It is your responsibility to initiate such a discussion.**