

Temple Anshe Sholom



Membership Commitment

Canada's oldest Reform Jewish congregation

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A Proud Member of the URJ

Temple Anshe Sholom

Temple Anshe Sholom honours tradition yet is innovative in its worship and ritual observance. Our congregation, an affiliate of the [Union for Reform Judaism](#), is inclusive and embraces diversity, with our core values of education, social justice, egalitarianism, creative expression, congregational participation in prayer and leadership, strong identification with Israel and dynamic, relevant spirituality.

We offer joyful Sabbath, Festival and Holy Day services, vibrant religious education programs for students from Kindergarten through High School, popular youth groups and camp programs, family retreats, seniors programs, and a multitude of adult learning opportunities.

Membership at Temple Anshe Sholom delivers valuable benefits and opportunities.

Membership in Temple Anshe Sholom

Whether you're a single member or family unit, the Temple congregation and Clergy want you to benefit fully by getting involved in Temple life. Here are just some of the benefits of membership:

A caring and supportive Reform Jewish community

A wide variety of programming and educational opportunities

Life Cycle events with Clergy, such as Baby Naming, Brit Milah, Bar/Bat Mitzvah, Marriage, Funeral, and Mezuzah dedication

Time with Clergy for counselling and pastoral care

Priority Access to all services

Priority access to High Holy Day seating

Participation in Working Groups, Task Forces, and Voting rights

Participation in Temple retreats

Opportunity to represent the Temple community in the wider community

Discounted Religious School fees and priority admission

Member pricing available for some activities

Opportunity to purchase a burial plot in the Temple Cemetery at a reduced membership rate

Sustaining Membership Commitment

\$275 per month or \$3,300 per year

Each generation has struggled and sacrificed to make Anshe Sholom a viable and important centre for Jewish life and worship, for themselves and for future generations to cherish.

The Temple Board has established a new fee structure. **The Sustaining Membership level** represents our real yearly operating cost for one family unit. This level covers the cost of sustaining a building for worship and learning, salaries for Clergy and professional staff, social and spiritual programming and other forms of engagement, such as Choir, School, Breakfast Club and, and Youth and Adult Programming. We encourage you, our member, to reflect on your personal level of giving to support our Jewish home.

When you contribute at the Sustaining Level, you will receive four Reserved High Holy Day tickets, and you will be acknowledged in our Annual High Holy Day Supplement as a Sustaining Member. You also receive an invitation to an exclusive Annual Sustaining Member event.

Important Note: If your household cannot contribute as a Sustaining Member, please refer to the next page for Alternatives.

Important Note: Effective January 1st, 2025, an annual \$100 Building Maintenance Levy will be applied across all Membership Commitment structures to help us cover the costs of maintaining an ageing building.

A. Sustaining Membership Commitment: \$275 per month or \$3,300 per year

B. Alternate Membership Levels:

As a community all that Temple Anshe Sholom has to offer. As a community we also share the cost of supporting the congregation. If your household is unable to contribute as a Sustaining Member, please consider the following special rates. If none of these reflects your ability to contribute, a private meeting with the Chair of the Membership Working Group can be arranged to structure a level of commitment that is right for you.

	Monthly	Yearly		Monthly	Yearly
Two Adults, age 36 or older, no dependents or dependents are all post-B'nai Mitzvah	\$189	Starting at \$2,268		Two adults age 26-35 without dependents or with dependent(s) all under age 4	Starting at \$864
One Adult, age 36 or older, no dependents or dependents are all post-B'nai Mitzvah	\$132	Starting at \$1,584		One adult age 25-35 without dependents or with dependent(s) all under age 4	Starting at \$432
Retiree Couple	\$151	Starting at \$1,812		Young adult, age 24 and under	Starting at \$240
Retiree, One adult	\$113	Starting at \$1,356		Associate, member in another synagogue	Starting at \$500
Family with children in grades K to 7	\$95	Starting at \$1,140		Sisterhood or Men's Club	\$36
				ARZA, per adult member	\$18

Membership Matters

Every member is important: While we are fortunate to have a number of individuals and families whose support for the Congregation exceeds the Sustaining Level, everyone's contribution is important and needed.

Whoever practices charity and justice

fills the world with loving-kindness

Talmud Sukkah 49b

Sponsorships and Donations: In addition to membership, members are encouraged to consider supporting our fundraisers and other opportunities to give generously.

Sustaining Contribution

Sustaining Contribution for Membership. In 2024 Temple Anshe Sholom established the sustaining Contribution for membership of \$275 per month. This contribution represents our real operating cost for one family unit. Your Sustaining Contribution allows for a building to provide a home for your congregation. It provides for many different options of engaging social and spiritual programming, employment of clergy and professional staff, and other programs of engagement, such as choir, school, breakfast-club, youth programming.

We encourage you to reflect on your personal level of donations and support in our Jewish home. If your family is able to contribute \$275/month to sustain our worship services & rituals, social programs, social action initiatives, and our Temple facility, you will be acknowledged in our Annual High Holy Day Supplement as a Sustaining Member of our Temple Programming.

In addition to all benefits of Temple Anshe Sholom membership Sustaining Contribution entitles your household to four Reserved High Holy Day tickets

As a community we share all that Temple Anshe Sholom has to offer. Together as a community we also have an obligation to share the cost of supporting the congregation. If your household cannot contribute as a Supporting Member or at Alternate rates, a private meeting with the Chair of the Membership Working Group can be arranged to structure a manageable monthly contribution that is your commitment to sustaining programs and services at Temple Anshe Sholom.

New Members

We welcome you and appreciate you joining our Temple Anshe Sholom Community. In your first year as a member at Temple Anshe Sholom, we invite you to be our guest at the Chanukah Dinner or one Social Event of your choosing, so that we may help you meet other Temple members and explore different programs of interest.

Just got married? The membership is complementary in your first year of marriage

Do you have children under 5 years of age? In your first year as a Temple member, you are invited to join all our family social programs and Chanukah dinner as our guest.

Opportunities for special contributions

Beside Membership Commitment, many of our members choose to acknowledge a special occasion or honour the memory of a loved one **with a donation**. Your donations are fully tax deductible and will be recognized in This Week in Temple or a future Temple Bulletin.

Thank you for supporting the many programs, activities and amenities that you love and enjoy!

	Suggested donation
Festival Service Meals	\$360
Digital Streaming Services	\$300
Digital Streaming and Bimah Equipment and support	\$180
Oneg Sponsorship In memory and in celebration (co-sponsorship is \$108)	\$216
YoFi Oneg Acknowledged in TWIT	\$54
Camp George Scholarship	\$500-\$8,860
Burns Music Fund	\$180
Weekly Challah & Wine	\$54
Bimah Flower Fund	\$54
Youth Group Activities	\$36
Family Shabbat Programming	\$36
Shabbat Morning Study	\$36
Siddur Renewal and Maintenance	\$72
Religious School Bursary	\$300-900
Religious School Art Supplies	\$72
Religious School Books	\$72
Shabbat Morning Community Kiddush	\$96
Religious School Healthy Snack	\$400
Gift Card and Greeting for Temple Member new babies and adoptions, and celebrations, such as graduations, marriage, B’Nai Mitzvah	\$36

Please let us know if a Temple Family Member is celebrating a special occasion. We will send a special acknowledgement from the Temple Anshe Sholom Community

At Temple Anshe Sholom, we *value*:

- *Ruchaniyut* - Spiritual enrichment רוחניות
- *Kehila* - An inclusive and vibrant community קהילה
- *Chesed* - Caring and respectful interaction חסד
- *Mitkadem* - Preservation of our sacred מתקדם
legacy of (liberal) Reform Judaism

Temple's Board of Trustees, 2020