

FAQs REGARDING MEMBERSHIP

What does it mean to be a Pay-As-You-Go Member?

To allow our activities to be more accessible to members, we offer a low-cost, no dues option. You are considered a member of Kol Ami. As such, you are on our mailing list and receive notifications of activities, you can volunteer on committees, participate in small groups, come to services, ask to have Yahrzeit and Mi Shebeirach names read, all without paying a fee. You also have access to our clergy, but will be asked to pay their fees for life-cycle events and pastoral care.

What are the fees for Pay-As-You-Go Members?

We will have pre and post-erev Shabbat and holiday activities and meals, as well as adult education, fundraisers, workshops, and the like. There will be a nominal fee for these events. High Holy Days are the only worship services that incur a fee. High Holy Day tickets are \$118 per adult 18 or over.

What about children?

There is no fee for children 12 and under to attend any event or service other than for dinners. Then, children 12 and under are half price. Children under 18 do not need to pay for tickets for the High Holy Days. Through our Shader fund, we offer to subsidize Religious School at the synagogue of your choice for your child's religious education.

What does it mean to be a Basic Member?

For dues of \$500 per person 18 or over, in addition to the benefits listed for Pay-As-You-Go members, you get one ticket to attend our High Holy Day services, and pay reduced fees for life-cycle events and pastoral care. Basic membership also allows you to attend all congregational and board meetings, it allows you to receive minutes of board meetings, and allows you to vote on matters brought before the congregation. You still will have to pay for events and activities that have posted fees.

What if I want to be a voting member but can't pay the \$500 dues?

We are happy to work with you on a payment plan. Please contact us at admin@kolamielkinspark.org.

What does it mean to be a Supporting Member?

For \$1000 per person 18 or over, you are considered a full-fledged member. You get a ticket to High Holy Day services, full access to clergy for life-cycle events and pastoral care at no charge,

voting rights, and reduced rates for all events and activities with the exception of dinners and fundraisers for which everyone pays the full fee.

Why are you charging dues by individuals and not by household unit?

The Board of Trustees views each member as an individual. Each member individually attends services, activities, and events, and each member eats their own food. Each member has their own opinion and gets their own vote. Not everyone in a household wants a vote or wants to attend High Holy Day services. By offering individual membership, one member can be a Supporting Member and another can be a Pay-As-You-Go-Member or Basic, if they choose. It's actually fairer for everyone.

Can I remain on the mailing list and not sign up to be a member?

No. Only members will receive our communications. But since being a Pay-As-You-Go member doesn't commit you to anything, we encourage you to sign up. That way you can still participate on committees and we will still acknowledge your loved ones for their Yahrzeit and say a Mi Shebeirach and you will still have access to our clergy should you need them.

What if I sign up as a Pay-As-You-Go member now but change my mind and want to "level up"?

You can change your membership status at any time. Just let us know. If you bought a High Holiday ticket, we will deduct that charge from the dues amount.

What if I have other questions?

You can always reach us by emailing admin@kolamielkinspark.org.