



*Springhill  
Avenue  
Temple*

*Congregation Sha'arai Shomayim*

*Established January 25, 1844*

*We are coming together as a caring, inclusive community united in a common commitment to Judaism and to furthering our spiritual growth. We desire to do this recognizing that worship of God, study of Torah, caring for the Jewish people and our community, are central to our being as a Reform Jewish congregation. With these principles as our foundation and guided by a historic past, we anticipate our future as one of continual lifelong self-renewal.*



**Revised January 2017**

# **Welcome to Springhill Avenue Temple**

**Our congregation welcomes each new member and makes all who enter our Temple feel like family.**

**We welcome everyone who desires a positive spiritual and dynamic Reform Jewish experience. We believe that our congregation is stronger due to the fact that we attract members from a broad spectrum of interesting, energetic people along with several multi-generational families.**

**You will find our congregation provides outstanding adult education programs, Religious School, social events, regular weekly and holiday services, and much more.**

**If you are in search of a more spiritual relationship with G-d, to be part of a progressive Jewish community and new approaches to your lifelong learning we welcome you to our congregation.**

## ***Why Join a Synagogue?***

- ✧ **Insure the future of OUR Jewish Heritage.**
- ✧ **Be part of a Jewish community to share life's joys and sorrows.**
- ✧ **Form friendships with those that share common interests and beliefs.**
- ✧ **Continue the values and traditions that you grew up with.**
- ✧ **Support the local Jewish community and perpetuate Judaism.**
- ✧ **Stress the importance of a strong Jewish identity.**

## ***Why Join Springhill Avenue Temple?***

- ✧ **We are a warm, friendly congregation accepting all lifestyles and levels of Judaism.**
- ✧ **Interfaith families are welcomed and encouraged to be a part of our community.**
- ✧ **Religious School and Hebrew class tuition are included with membership.**
- ✧ **No tickets or charges for High Holy day services.**
- ✧ **Active Sisterhood and Men's Club groups.**
- ✧ **Large Library on site.**
- ✧ **Life cycle events and costs are part of your membership.**
- ✧ **Historical Jewish Cemetery.**
- ✧ **Festivals and dinners are either free or a minimum charge to members.**

# Congregation Sha'arai Shomayim

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## Membership Application

*(Revised January 2017)*

**Name:**

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Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Home/Office

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you Jewish? \_\_\_\_\_ Anniversary date \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Did you convert to Judaism? Y/N If yes, when and where? \_\_\_\_\_

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Were you Confirmed? Y/N If yes, when and where? \_\_\_\_\_

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Bar/Bat Mitzvah? Y/N If yes, when and where? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Skills and Hobbies

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Which Committees and/or Activities would you be interested in?

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**Name (spouse or significant other):**

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Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Home/Office

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What skills and hobbies do you have that might be relevant to the Temple?

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Which Committees and/or Activities would you be interested in?

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**Names of previous congregations:**

1) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name, City, State)

Were you a member? (Y/N) Did you resign? (Y/N) If resigned, please tell us why:

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2) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name, City, State)

Were you a member? (Y/N) Did you resign? (Y/N) If resigned, please tell us why:

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3) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name, City, State)

Were you a member? (Y/N) Did you resign? (Y/N) If resigned, please tell us why:

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**If you have children please list the following information:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Birthdate</b>	<b>School Grade</b>	<b>Bar/Bat Mitzvah/Confirmation</b>
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Please provide any other information about yourself or your family you would like us to know (i.e., contact information of rabbis who know you personally, previous or present memberships in committees, organizations, fund raisers, Jewish camps attended, etc.). If additional room is needed, continue on the reverse side of this sheet of paper.

## SPRING HILL AVENUE TEMPLE ANNUAL COMMITMENT SCHEDULE

The suggested annual fair share commitment for new members is 3.75% of the family's income including any receipts received or reasonably expected to be received in current calendar year from all sources including wages, investment income, interest and dividends, gain from sales of property, and trust fund receipts.

If you prefer you may pick an income range for a set dues amount or you may take your actual income and use the 3.75% rate.

<b>Up to \$50,000</b>	<b>\$1800 + 216.00 URJ dues= \$ 2016.00</b>
<b>\$55000 - \$85000</b>	<b>\$ 3188.00 + 382.00 URJ = \$ 3570.00</b>
<b>\$90000 - \$125000</b>	<b>\$ 4688.00+ 562.00 URJ = \$ 5250.00</b>
<b>\$125,000 and up</b>	<b>\$ 5250.00 and up based on income</b>

Please accept \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the annual membership commitment.

Please circle which payment option you prefer: Monthly Quarterly Semi-annual Annual

### I have special circumstances:

- I would like to apply for a reduced annual commitment based on my current financial circumstances. I have attached supplemental information, please contact for confidential discussion.
- I am under 30 and am exempt from the annual commitment at this time. (If you are under 30 you are exempt from the annual commitment until such time you reach the age of 30 years old.)

The Fare Share Plan is designed to allow fair payment based on relative economic conditions, to those who can, are asked to shoulder more responsibility. Only each individual family knows what its true means are. In the final analysis, it is a matter between you and your conscience. Only if each member makes the maximum voluntary dues contribution possible will our Temple be able to meet its obligations.

This application for membership contains accurate information regarding our ability to meet our annual commitment.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
(spouse or significant other)

Do you anticipate your children attending Religious School or Hebrew School?      Yes      No