



## 2020-2021/5781 POLICY AND FEE SCHEDULE

We appreciate that you are affiliating with Community Synagogue of Rye, knowing that there are other choices in the community. We look forward to your active participation in our community.

Below are the synagogue's policies regarding affiliation/membership. We encourage you to contact us with any questions you may have. In light of the current circumstances we have not increased our annual commitment amounts. We want you to stay involved and value your commitment to ensuring our Jewish community continues to flourish.

**Finances should never be the reason not to be a part of the CSR community.** We extend assistance to congregants when needed. Now, more than ever, it is important for you and your family to remain a part of a caring community. Information is available by contacting Glynis Conyer, Executive Director.

The options available for payments are by check, monthly ACH electronic transfers, VISA/Mastercard (for which there is a 3% convenience fee) and appreciated securities. Please contact Glynis Conyer, Executive Director, at [gconyer@comsynrye.org](mailto:gconyer@comsynrye.org) or 914-967-6262 if you would like to arrange payment with appreciated securities.

Annual Commitment	Payment by check
Rabbi's Circle	\$18,000
President's Circle	\$12,000
Sustainer	\$9,000
Supporter	\$6,000
Operating Level	\$4,300
Two-adult household	\$3,620
Single Adult or Single parent household	\$2,475
Associate (two adult household)	\$800
Associate (one adult household)	\$400

The annual operating cost per household is approximately \$4,300. The generosity of voluntary contributions and commitments from the larger congregational community provide the synagogue with vital funds.

You will receive an electronic statement from [statements@comsynrye.org](mailto:statements@comsynrye.org). Your Annual Commitment Statement reflects the same membership category as last year. If you are able, we hope that you will consider moving to a special donor category. If you wish to change your category please contact Glynis Conyer.

**Half of the Annual Commitment is due by August 15, 2020 and the balance is due by December 31, 2020.**

Security Fee: Each household is assessed a \$150. If you are able to contribute more to offset this cost, please earmark additional funds for security.

Associate: Congregants who have moved far enough away from the local area of the synagogue that it would preclude them from returning for services on a regular basis, congregants who do not reside locally (within 100 miles) for more than six months a year, and/or have joined another synagogue are eligible to affiliate in this category.

The Voluntary Commitment Option: This option allows specific households to make an annual contribution that represents the value they place on their relationship to Community Synagogue of Rye while honoring their own financial capacity. For some, the operating level of \$4,300 may be beyond their means and they may select a lower commitment, while others may elect a higher commitment.

The *Voluntary Commitment Option* for affiliation is primarily for three groups:

- congregants over the age of 80
- individuals or couples both under 35 years of age
- parents with all children under 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and not enrolled in the Early Childhood Center

Building Fund: Contributions to the Building Fund, a board restricted fund, are used for capital improvements and extraordinary repairs. For those who affiliate as of July 1, 2020, there is a one-time charge payable over five years of \$3,000 per family and \$1,500 for an individual. Building Fund fees are deferred for families whose oldest child has not yet started 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

High Holy Days: Our clergy, staff and many lay leaders are working diligently to determine the most engaging and safest ways for High Holy Day participation for congregants of all ages. We will share that information with you as our plans become more concrete. We do know that it will be different than ever before; however, we are fully committed to ensuring they are meaningful and meet the needs of our synagogue community.

To make a payment: you will receive an email with a link and can choose to pay by credit card or check. Once you make your selection, at the top of the second page follow the link to pay a portion of your bill. This will then allow you to write in any or all of the items below or an added contribution to a specific fund or the general fund. Of course, you can also send a check.

ARZA (Association of Reform Zionists of America Membership) write in to join the Association for Reform Zionists of America via your CSR commitment for \$55 annually to support a vibrant Reform/Progressive Jewish community in Israel.

WRJ/Sisterhood: write in to join Women of Reform Judaism for \$55 base amount and an added \$15 for projects to support women in our own community, our country and worldwide,

Tzedakah Fund: write in \$36 (or more) to assist those who reach out to Community Synagogue of Rye for help in repairing our world. We are often approached by our congregants to give *tzedakah* to organizations with which they are involved. We rely on your *tzedakah* for our own operations and want to be able to contribute *tzedakah* to others.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of help. Glynis Conyer, Executive Director, can be reached at [gconyer@comsynrye.org](mailto:gconyer@comsynrye.org) or 914-967-6262.

L'Shalom



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