



Kol HaNeshamah

West Seattle's Progressive Synagogue Community
6115 SW Hinds Street
Seattle, Washington 98116
www.khnseattle.org

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Welcome to Kol HaNeshamah! We are delighted that you are interested in joining our community. Membership at Kol HaNeshamah is an enriching experience and we encourage all members to explore the diverse opportunities for Jewish expression and engagement available at Kol HaNeshamah. We look forward to connecting with you!

In addition to the application, people interested in membership meet with our Membership chair, our Rabbi and our Executive Director.

If you have any questions with this application, please send an email to membership@khnseattle.org or to execdir@khnseattle.org and we will get back to you as soon as possible. Please note: contact information will be listed in the Kol HaNeshamah Membership Roster unless you choose to opt-out.

Date _____

Name(s) to be used on mailing labels _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Phone (home) _____

~ Adult #1 ~

Name _____ Birth date _____

Phone (mobile) _____ Email _____

Occupation _____ Employer _____

What religious tradition did you grow up with, if any? _____

What religious tradition do you identify with today, if any? _____

~ Adult #2 ~

Name _____ Birth date _____

Phone (mobile) _____ Email _____

Occupation _____ Employer _____

What religious tradition did you grow up with, if any? _____

What religious tradition do you identify with today, if any? _____

For additional adults check here and attach a list

~ Children ~

Include information about children who are part of the household membership.

| | | | |
|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| First Name | Last Name | Birth date | Grade & School |
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For additional children check here and attach a list

~ Yahrzeits ~

Include the following information to commemorate the anniversary of a loved one's passing.

Yahrzeit notifications will be sent for parents, children, spouses/partners, and siblings of adult members.

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| Name of Deceased | Relationship to Member | Date of Death | After sunset? |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|

For additional Yahrzeits check here and attach a list

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How did you find out about Kol HaNeshamah? _____

Do you have family and friends who are members at Kol HaNeshamah?

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|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Name of Member | Relationship |
|-----------------------|---------------------|

Please describe your hopes and goals for your membership experience at Kol HaNeshamah:

Please tell us any information about you or your family that is important for us to know, including any special needs or requests for accommodations (e.g. audio, visual, wheelchair).

~ Community Involvement and Volunteering ~

At Kol HaNeshamah we value active participation and depend on each member to build and sustain our vibrant community. Our hope and expectation is that **every member** engages in meaningful ways and we believe that sharing our time and talent deepens connections, fosters intimacy, and strengthens our community. Please tell us how you would like to help our community thrive. Attach additional sheets for each household adult member (including post B'Nei Mitzvah teenagers!), as necessary.

Name #1: _____

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- Finance:** develop the annual budget and monitor KHN's income & expenses.
- Fundraising:** plan and execute fundraising programs and events.
- Membership:** promote membership, welcome and connect members, plan events.
- Religious Life:** work with the Rabbi to establish communal worship practices.
- Technology:** help develop and improve our IT systems and infrastructure.
- Tikkun Olam:** help our synagogue achieve a socially just, sustainable and healthy world.

I can volunteer these skills and talents:

- Administration, Office Assistance
- Art, Crafting, Knitting, Sewing
- Business, Finance, Accounting
- Computer, Technology, Website, Database
- Construction, Electrical, Plumbing, Maintenance
- Cooking, Baking
- Counseling, Social Work, Psychology
- Drama, Theater, Dance
- Event Planning, Coordinating social activities
- Fundraising, Grant research & writing
- Gardening, Yard work
- Hebrew Proficiency, Hebrew Tutor, Torah Reading
- Music, Singing, Playing an instrument
- Teaching, Education, Curriculum development
- Writing, Editing, Marketing, Public Relations
- Youth Group Activities

Gemilut Hasadim: Acts of Lovingkindness

- Abraham and Sarah's Kitchen: provide meals for members experiencing life transitions
- Bikur Cholim: visit the sick
- Chevra Kadisha: prepare bodies for burial
- Shivah Minyan: comfort the bereaved
- Hachnasat Orchim/hospitality: greeter at services, setup/cleanup potlucks, host Shabbat in the Home
- Provide transportation & carpools

Other: _____

Name #2: _____

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~ PLEDGE OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT ~

As part of our obligation to create and sustain a kehillah kedoshah—a *sacred community*—we each assume responsibility for meeting the financial requirements of our synagogue. The Torah teaches “You shall set aside every year a tenth part of all the yield of your sowing that is brought from the field”(Deut 14:27). From that time until now Jewish communities have been self-sustaining – relying on each member to set aside the resources necessary to enable us to live Jewishly, meet our holy obligations, and care for one another with intention and lovingkindness.

Echoing that biblical framework, member households are asked to make an annual Fair Share financial pledge, as well as contribute in some way that is meaningful to them at High Holy Days and make additional general contributions or lifecycle contributions as they are able, and to contribute time and energy to the community life.

As a progressive synagogue we are thankful that, rather than a flat fee, our URJ Fair Share Pledge schedule slides two ways. First, it slides as a percentage of income rather than a flat fee, and second the percentage decreases as a household income decreases. If you have questions or need help determining your annual pledge, please contact our Executive Director, Connie Burk, at execdir@khnseattle.org.

Gross Household Income (before taxes) X Fair Share % = Minimum Pledge

| Total Gross Household Income (before taxes): | Fair Share Pledge Minimum: |
|---|-----------------------------------|
| Over \$120,000 | 2.5 % of your income |
| \$80,000-\$120,000 | 2% of your income |
| \$40,000-\$80,000 | 1.5% of your income |
| Less than \$40,000 | 1 % of your income |

Please use the table above to determine your **minimum** Fair Share Dues commitment. Members commit to an accurate pledge according to the Fair Share percentages above, and we encourage you to exceed the minimum commitment whenever possible.

My/Our annual membership dues pledge: \$_____.

I/We would like to make:

- 12 monthly payments (due July 1st, and the 1st of each month through June 1)
- 4 quarterly payments (due July 1, October 1, January 1, April 1)
- 1 annual payment (due July 1)

Membership pledges are payable by check, Pay Pal, or with your electronic bill pay system. .

I plan to make my pledge payments through:

- Check Bill Pay from Bank Account Pay Pal via KHNSeattle.org

Enclosed is my/our first pledge payment of \$_____.

Name (please print): _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Please mail your completed Membership Application and Pledge of Financial Support to Kol HaNeshamah: 6115 SW Hinds Street, Seattle, WA 98116. You will receive a call once the application package has been reviewed.

Todah Rabah! Thank you!