

# TEMPLE ISRAEL

REFORM CONGREGATION OF STATEN  
ISLAND

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Dear Congregant:

In these inflationary times, we see prices increasing everywhere around us: at the grocery store, at the gas pump, the cost of heating and cooling, movie tickets, rent, electricity, and more. As much as any of us, the Temple has been affected by the rising costs of goods, services and utilities. Our building is 61 years old and needs to be physically maintained. The Temple's only source of revenue comes from dues and occasional fund-raisers.

We have been fortunate to not have seen an increase in dues in over 10 years. In our current economy, your Board of Trustees has voted to increase everyone's dues by a modest amount, as illustrated in the table below. This schedule of annual commitments is effective as of the 2024-2025 dues period.

Commitment Category	Annual Commitment
Family	\$1980
Family AVIS	\$1980
Kavod Bronze	\$2475
Kavod Silver	\$2970
Kavod Gold	\$3960
Single	\$1408
Single Parent	\$1595
Single Parent AVIS	\$1595
Affiliate Member	\$330

Nobody likes to pay more for anything, but we hope you will understand the need for this. Hopefully, this modest increase will enable our beloved Temple Israel to remain financially healthy and a vibrant Jewish resource in our community.

Sincerely,

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Co-Presidents

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