

Agudas Israel of St. Louis 2023-2024 Membership Policy and Rates

Member Year: September 1st, 2023--August 31st, 2024

Security Assessment--\$125/year/member family

Each member family is assessed a fee for ongoing security expenses at the Shul. This mandatory fee covers officers hired to be onsite on Shabbos and Yom Tovim. Payments can be made by check or online by credit card at <https://secure.cardknox.com/agudasisraelofstlouis>

When paying, please write 'security fee' in the memo or the description box.

A. Full Membership--\$1,260 per year.

Anyone paying full membership that is also a **Member in Good Standing** will have the following Member benefits:

1. Reserved high holidays seating for all immediate family members, **PLUS (space permitting)**-non-member visiting parents and/or grandparents
2. Can bid on High Holidays and Simchas Torah kibbudim.
3. Sponsor shalosh seudos at member rates.
4. Vote at all official meetings.
5. If the annual membership is paid in full prior to December 1st, the Social Hall rental fee of \$200 is waived up to one time per year.

B. Associate Membership (aleph)--\$630 per year

For the following people that require a discount to Full Membership:

- Klei Kodesh-35 years and older
- Singles
- Married young couples-both under 30 years old

Anyone paying an Associate (aleph) membership that is also a **Member in Good Standing** will have the following Member benefits:

1. Reserved high holidays seating for all immediate family members, **PLUS (space permitting)**-non-member visiting parents and/or grandparents
2. Can bid on High Holidays and Simchas Torah kibbudim.
3. Sponsor shalosh seudos at member rates.
4. Vote at all official meetings.
5. If the annual membership is paid in full prior to December 1st, the Social Hall rental fee of \$200 is waived up to one time per year.

C. Associate Membership (beis)--\$630 per year

For the following people that require a discount to Full Membership:

- Out of town a significant part or majority of the year.
- A dues paying member of a second local shul.
- A person that provides significant services to the shul or is in hardship and is otherwise unable to afford a membership (as determined by Executive Committee members of Board).

Anyone paying an Associate (beis) membership that is also a **Member in Good Standing** will have the following Member benefits:

1. Reserved high holidays seating for all immediate family members.
2. Can bid on High Holidays and Simchas Torah kibbudim.
3. Sponsor shalosh seudos at member rates.
4. Vote at all official meetings.
5. Social Hall rental fee at member rates.

D. Associate Membership (gimmel)--\$315 per year

For the following people that require a discount to Full Membership:

- Klei Kodesh-both spouses 35 years and under
- Single and full time student
- Married and one spouse is a full-time student

Anyone paying an Associate (gimmel) membership that is also a **Member in Good Standing** will have the following Member benefits:

1. Reserved high holidays seating for all immediate family members.
2. Can bid on High Holidays and Simchas Torah kibbudim.
3. Sponsor shalosh seudos at member rates.
4. Vote at all official meetings.
5. Social Hall rental fee at member rates.

E. Membership Payments:

There are three payment plans:

1. Payment in full within 30 days by check, credit card, or cash.
2. Quarterly payments by head checks, credit card arrangement, or cash.
3. Monthly payments by head checks, credit card arrangement, or cash.

At the time of invoice, if not paying in full within 30 days, each person must notify the bookkeeper at bookkeeper@agudastl.com which payment arrangement they will be choosing between number 2 or 3 above.

F. High Holiday Seating rates for non-members and visitors:

For Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur

-\$100 per seat

-\$400 maximum per family

For Rosh Hashanah **AND** Yom Kippur

-\$150 per seat

-\$400 maximum per family

G. Member and Non-Member Rates:

Member:

Shalosh Seudos sponsorship--\$175

Weekly Kiddush sponsorship--\$300 (includes food, hall and cleaning fee)

Social Hall Rental Fee--\$200 (for a kiddush, dinner, lunch, simcha, or other event)

The social hall rental fee (includes cleaning fee) must be paid in full to reserve the room on the calendar. If use of the social hall is needed for Friday night and Shabbos day by the same Renter, the fee will be \$300.

Non-Member:

Shalosh Seudos sponsorship--\$250

Weekly Kiddush sponsorship--\$300 (includes food, hall and cleaning fee)

Social Hall Rental Fee--\$350. The fee must be paid in full to reserve the room on the calendar.

H. A Member or visitor in Good Standing:

Any Member or visitor of the shul is considered a Member or visitor in Good Standing if they are up to date on all payments owed to the shul for the prior Member Year, have an approved membership payment plan in place (if needed) for the current Member Year, and are current in all monies owed under the current Member Year payment plan.

Any Member or visitor NOT in Good Standing above:

-May not be allowed to sponsor shalosh seudos or kiddush, rent the social hall, or bid at the annual kibbudim auction without the consent of the President or Rabbi Greenblatt.

I. New Residents attending the Shul:

Any person/family that is new to St. Louis or new to our shul will not be asked for membership dues until at least the next Member Year begins after their arrival.