

June 15, 2015

Dear Friend or Member,

July 1, marks the beginning of our 2015-2016 membership year, and I want to share with you why your membership matters.

Did you know that membership at JewishROC fulfills the highest category of tzedekah according to Jewish law? Being that JewishROC is all about learning, let me take 30 seconds to teach you something:

Tzedekah, by Jewish law, is divided into three major categories of giving.

From highest to lowest, those levels are:

1. Jewish education (and not just for children)
2. Jewish worship, specifically your shul
3. Supporting those in material need

Your membership to JewishROC fulfills the two highest levels of tzedakah, even when that tzedekah benefits YOU - because Jewish law recognizes you and your family as the first priority; you need to grow, and learn, and have a place to worship.

As you know, JewishROC is not a traditional shul. We are a learning center and a synagogue with a focus on outreach. When you support JewishROC to further your knowledge, your giving has a ripple affect, as you are simultaneously opening the door for others to have access to that same growth and learning. You help us to fulfill our mission of making Judaism meaningful and dynamic, educational and inspiring, spiritual and enriching.

Please take the time to read carefully the enclosed packet with membership options to fit every budget and level of involvement. Don't hesitate to call the office if you have any questions.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement.

I look forward to seeing you at JewishROC!

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Why Join JewishROC?

Time to Join ~ Time to Renew

JewishROC has inspired the lives of Jews in our area for over nine years. Members come from all backgrounds and affiliations to share a common goal—growth in their spirituality and their knowledge of Judaism. At JewishROC we are dedicated to creating and promoting this growth. When you become a member, you join the family of JewishROC, and you keep your Judaism moving forward.

Education

- **Classes every day of the week** including Shabbat & Sunday
- **Wednesday Lecture Series (every Weds.)** on all topics spanning Jewish thought and practice
- **Internationally acclaimed guest speakers**

Inspiration

- **Daily services** morning and evening that focus on meaning over speed
- **Shabbat services** that educate and elucidate
- **Holiday services** and programs for every major and minor Jewish holiday

Connection

- **Community Shabbat meals** every Friday night and Saturday
- **Festive community meals** for all of the major holidays
- **Hospitality** for Shabbat and Yom Tov for those in need of accommodations

Membership Options for Singles and Families (see back side of page for details)

- ▶ Associate/Basic Membership
- ▶ Silver Membership
- ▶ Gold Membership
- ▶ EZpass for Classes or Meals (Add-on option to Basic Membership)



Membership Packages

Membership Year: July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016

Benefits	Family Membership			Single Membership		
	Basic \$850	Silver \$2,400	Gold \$3,600	Basic \$500	Silver \$1,500	Gold \$1,900
Membership Options & Cost						
Reduced rate for classes, lectures, & programs	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
High Holiday tickets	✓ (2 tickets)	✓ (2 tickets)	✓ (tickets for all family members)	✓ (1 ticket)	✓ (1 ticket)	✓ (1 ticket)
EZpass for classes (all classes and lectures free; excludes guest lecturers)		✓ (2 EZpasses)	✓ (EZpasses for all family members up to age 26)		✓ (1 EZpass)	✓ (1 EZpass)
EZpass for meals (all Shabbat & holiday meals free; excludes Pesach meals, Seders & Parties)		✓ (2 EZpasses)	✓ (EZpasses for all family members up to age 26)		✓ (1 EZpass)	✓ (1 EZpass)
Community Seder & Pesach meals			✓ (Seders & Pesach meals for all family members up to age 26)			✓ (1 Seder & all Pesach meals for 1)
Guest Lecturers			✓			✓
Accommodations (Hospitality) for Shabbat & Yom Tov			✓			✓
Shabbat dinner sponsorship			✓ (One time)			✓ (One time)
Kiddush sponsorship			✓ (One time)			✓ (One time)

EZpass Options: Only available with the purchase of Basic Membership

EZpass for Classes	\$600	All classes & lectures free (excludes guest lecturers)
EZpass for Meals	\$600	Shabbat & holiday meals free (excludes Pesach meals and holiday parties)

Take note!

Menu of Services

**We've made some changes!
Keep this for your records**

Fees for services

• Shabbat Dinner & Holiday Meals*	-----	\$20 members \$25 nonmembers
• Shabbat/Yom Tov Hospitality*	-----	\$50 includes meals \$25 with EZpass or Silver package Free with Gold package
• Seders*	-----	\$50 members \$60 nonmembers
• Building Rental	-----	\$100 members; conditions apply \$350 nonmembers; conditions apply
• Class Sessions	-----	\$60 members \$75 for nonmembers
• Lectures	-----	\$10 for members \$15 for nonmembers

*A \$5.00 late fee will be charged for registration made after stated deadline

Fees for Sponsorship

Shabbat Dinner Sponsorship - - - - -	\$250	Siddur Sponsorship - - - - -	\$36
Kiddush Sponsorship - - - - -	\$180	Chumash Sponsorship - - - - -	\$54
Shabbat Third Meal Sponsorship - -	\$100	Library Book - - - - -	\$50
Month of Learning Sponsorship - - -	\$500	Class Set of Books (20 books) - - - -	\$600
Yartzeit plaque - - - - -	\$250		
Yizkor Booklet - - - - -	\$54		

Membership—FAQ's

Q: Can I purchase an EZpass without becoming a member?

A: No. This option is a benefit to members only.

Q: Is my membership tax deductible?

A: Yes! The Basic, Silver and Gold packages are considered charitable donations under our 501(c)3 number.

Q: Is my EZpass tax deductible?

A: No, not when it is purchased separately with the Basic membership.

Q: Can I let a friend or family member use my EZpass if I will not be using it?

A: No. The EZpass is nontransferable.

Q: Can I pay my membership in installments?

A: Yes, we have lots of payment options. See the last page of this packet.

Q: Which meals are included in the EZpass for meals?

A: The EZpass for meals includes all Shabbat meals and holiday meals. It does not include Seders, Pesach meals, or parties. Gold Membership, however, includes Seders, Pesach meals and parties.

Q: What is included in the EZpass for classes?

A: The EZpass for classes includes all regular and Hebrew classes and lectures. It does not include guest speakers.

Q: If I have an Ezpass do I still have to register for classes and meals?

A: Yes! Yes! Yes! Imagine cooking for a party and having no idea how many people to expect. Registration must be received by the stated deadline on the advertised materials.

Q: Do I have to be Jewish to join?

A: No, JewishROC accepts everyone regardless of background, as long as that person has a desire to learn and is respectful of the tenets of Judaism.

Q: What if I can't afford membership?

A: You can attend any class or program and pay the nonmember rate on a per activity basis. For those experiencing financial hardship, we are working to receive a number of sponsored memberships that would allow you to attend classes and meals free of charge as an EZpass holding member. If you would like to be considered for a sponsored membership, please contact Rabbi Benamou directly.

JewishROC Membership Application

Important, please note:

We have updated our membership forms. Even if you currently have a membership form on file, please complete this form and return to JewishROC, to the attention of Rabbi Benamou. All information submitted is private and confidential.

Applicant Information

Applicant's Legal Name

Spouse Information

Spouse's Legal Name

Full Hebrew Name (son or daughter of . . .) you may write the Hebrew name phonetically in English

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Date of Birth

Date of Birth

Marital Status (check one)

Single Married Widowed Divorced

I have a *Gett* for previous marriages yes no

Marital Status (check one)

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Wedding Anniversary

Check one

- I was born Jewish
 I converted (please provide documents)
 I was adopted
 My mother is a convert
 My father is a convert

Check one

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 I converted (please provide documents)
 I was adopted
 My mother is a convert
 My father is a convert

I am a . . . (check one)

Kohen Levy Yisrael

I am a . . . (check one)

Kohen Levy Yisrael

Home Phone: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Email _____

Children in Household (use additional page if necessary)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Hebrew Name</u> (you may write the Hebrew name phonetically in English)	<u>Date of Birth</u>
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____

Yartzeit Information (use additional page if necessary)

English Name of Deceased	Hebrew Name of Deceased	Related to/ Relationship	Date of Death	Time of Death (before sundown or after)
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> before sunset <input type="checkbox"/> after sunset
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> before sunset <input type="checkbox"/> after sunset
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> before sunset <input type="checkbox"/> after sunset
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> before sunset <input type="checkbox"/> after sunset
5. _____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> before sunset <input type="checkbox"/> after sunset

Membership Status: Please check one

Please note:

- Membership packages are tax deductible as charitable contributions
- EZpasses purchased separately with the Basic membership are not tax deductible
- Membership goes into effect upon receipt of the first payment

1. **Family** ___ **Basic/Associate \$850** ___ **Silver \$2,400** ___ **Gold \$3,600**
 ___ **EZpass \$600** (add-on with Basic package); specify which pass classes EZpass meals EZpass
2. **Single** ___ **Basic/Associate \$500** ___ **Silver \$1,500** ___ **Gold \$1,900**
 ___ **EZpass \$600** (add-on with Basic package); specify which pass classes EZpass meals EZpass

Sponsorship

Sponsoring a Kiddush, Shabbat meal, or month of learning is a beautiful way to honor a key event in your family's life (birthday, anniversary, etc.) or to elevate the memory of a loved one at the time of their yartzeit. Sponsorship helps JewishROC provide shared, community meals and celebrations as part of our regular programming.

Date of Sponsorship	Sponsorship of the following: <input type="checkbox"/> Kiddush - \$180 <input type="checkbox"/> Shabbat Dinner - \$250 <input type="checkbox"/> Month of Learning - \$500	In honor of/ In memory of	<input type="checkbox"/> Payment enclosed <input type="checkbox"/> I will pay at the time of the sponsorship
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- Check here** if you would like to include the Yartzeit names listed on the previous page in the 2015-2016 Yizkor Booklet. Cost: \$54 (includes all names listed)

Payment Options: Cash, check, or credit cards accepted. For credit card payments, complete following page.

- Pay in Full** **Pay in 2 installments** (July 1, and December 1)
 Monthly Payments (Please charge my credit card on the following day of each month _____ beginning with July)

Office Use Only: Application Received (date) _____
 Package: _____ Payment Option: _____
 Total Due: \$ _____ Dues Received: \$ _____
 Sponsorship Received: \$ _____ Yizkor Received: \$ _____

JewishROC Credit Card Authorization Form

Please complete this Authorization Form and return for payment processing

Cardholder Name: _____

Billing Address: _____

Email: _____

Credit Card Type: _____ Visa _____ Master Card _____ AmEx _____ Discover

Credit Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____ **3/4 digit signature code** _____

Total Due (membership/EZpass, sponsorship, Yizkor): _____

Payments to be made: (check one)

one time 2 equal installments (July 1 & Dec. 1)

monthly (charged on _____ day of each month)

Cardholder:

Print Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____

check here if you would like us to keep this credit card information on file for billing

Please return completed payment form and membership form to:

**JewishROC
11304 Old Georgetown Road
Rockville, MD 20852
Attn: Rabbi Benamou**

I would prefer to receive email receipts for my donations

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Thank you for your continued support of JewishROC!