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Re: 2016-17 Fair-Share Dues Commitment

Dear Fellow Congregant:

Thank you for your continuing support of our synagogue community. The Fair-Share dues structure is designed to generate the funds necessary to sustain our Synagogue in the fairest and most equitable way possible. Your dues are not a simple fee-for-service arrangement, but rather an investment in the Bolton Street community, and in the Jewish community as whole. This year is an exciting time, as we affiliate with the Union for Reform Judaism, opening up many new opportunities and increasing our connection to Jews around the world. Nonetheless, **dues will not increase this year.**

**Dues are 1.5% of your adjusted gross income as it appeared on your most recent federal tax return. Currently there is a 5% discount if paid in full by July 15,** but if you are able to pay early without taking the discount, your extra generosity will be greatly appreciated.

Upon joining, new members who are not in the young adult category are assessed a \$2,000 building fund commitment, to be paid over a five year period. No payment is required the first year of membership, but payments must begin by the second year, i.e., \$400 per year for five years. Why is this? Members over the years have contributed several million dollars to the purchase, upkeep, and maintenance of the building. All of us, new and old, share in the financial and sweat equity that has gone into our quite wonderful facility.

We at Bolton Street take pride in not turning anyone away due to financial hardship. If you feel that you need special payment arrangements or dues relief, please contact Erin Bolan at 410-235-5354 or [ebolan@boltonstreet.org](mailto:ebolan@boltonstreet.org). Erin can arrange payment schedules or put you in touch with the President to make an alternative arrangement. We thank all congregants for doing their part and especially thank those whose pledges exceed their 1.5% fair share commitment. As a covenantal community, we rely on one another to do our respective parts.

Sincerely,

Russell Margolis  
President

## Fair-Share Dues Worksheet for 2016-17

1. Adjusted Gross Income (based on your most recent household tax return) \_\_\_\_\_
2. Multiply line 1 by .015 (but young adults 18 to 29 skip to line 4) \_\_\_\_\_
3. If, and **only if**, your 1.5% share falls below the following minimum amounts (family - \$1750; single - \$1160; senior family - \$1485; single parent - \$1400), your dues are the minimal amount. \_\_\_\_\_  
The minimum is **only applicable** for those for whom 1.5% of income is below the minimum amounts listed above.
4. Enter the greater of line 2 or line 3. This is your annual fair share. (For young adults, age 18 to 29, minimum is \$125; enter \$125 on line 4.) \_\_\_\_\_
5. If paying dues in full by July 15, you may multiply line 4 by .95 in order to receive an early-payment discount of 5%. Otherwise, skip to line 6. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Religious School  
a. \$725 per child (\$675 if paid by July 15) x \_\_\_\_\_ children (Grades 1-7) \_\_\_\_\_  
b. \$180 per child x \_\_\_\_\_ children (Grades 8-10) \_\_\_\_\_
7. B'nai Mitzvah Fee (\$500 per child becoming a bar/bat mitzvah in coming year) \_\_\_\_\_
8. Building Fund (five \$400 per year payments commencing in year 2) \_\_\_\_\_
9. Voluntary contribution toward dues scholarships for needy households \_\_\_\_\_
10. Add lines 4 (or 5 for early payments in full) through 9. \_\_\_\_\_  
**(This is your total amount due.)**

***Do not return this form. It is only to determine your pledge for 2016-17.***

## Return this form with Your Dues Pledge/Payment

Name of Household \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Category:

- Family
- Single
- Senior Family
- Single Parent
- Young Adult

Total pledge amount From Line 10 of the Worksheet: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your pledge include \$400 for the building fund? Yes No

Religious School Enrollment:

# of Children Grades 1-7 \_\_\_\_\_ Name(s) and grades \_\_\_\_\_  
# of Children Grades 8-10 \_\_\_\_\_ Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Bar/Bat Mitzvah fees (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate method of payment:

- Payment in full by check prior to the holidays each year, in the time frame selected above. Check attached.
- Half dues and half tuition paid by check due by 9/1. Balance due by 12/31.
- Monthly payment by check over 12 months. High Holiday tickets will be mailed if you are current in your monthly payments.
- Monthly payment by check over 6 months. High Holiday tickets will be mailed if you are current in your monthly payments.
- Bank card payments for dues. Half of dues and tuition must be paid by 9/1. Balance due by 12/31. Bank card payments are accepted on the Bolton Street website at: <http://www.boltonstreet.org/>. Click on "Support Us" and then "Renew Your Membership." A 3% convenience fee for credit card payments will be applied.

**Please sign this page and mail *this sheet only*, with your check, in the enclosed envelope.  
Checks should be made payable to Bolton Street Synagogue.**

***Thank you for your commitment to BSS.  
Your commitment helps sustain our sacred community  
and secure the next generation of our people.***