



## COMMUNAL OBLIGATION

FISCAL YEAR 2020-21

(JUNE 1, 2020 - MAY 31, 2021)

Dear Community Members,

Thank you for your support throughout the year. We are grateful that you are a part of this community and this communal obligation allows us to share a home for Jewish spirituality, prayer, education and life cycle events.

Our communal obligation dues program is designed to distribute the synagogue's financial obligations equitably among our members. Synagogue revenues come primarily from these membership dues. Chai members provide additional contributions and both are supplemented by fund raising efforts.

Last year we changed a couple of details for collecting dues. First, if you do not elect to pay as an annual lump sum, then we are asking you to fill out the attached form so we can set up all dues to be paid via direct debit ACH payment. The form explaining this process is included with this letter. Secondly, monthly collection will only span 10 months.

As part of the overall dues obligation members are asked to support our annual building maintenance and security. These fees are billed annually, in conjunction with your annual dues.

An Associate membership is also available for members who maintain a full membership with another synagogue affiliated with the Tampa Rabbinical Association or a USCJ affiliated congregation. Associate members receive all of the same benefits as other members *except* religious school and High Holiday tickets.

### Chai Society

Rodeph Sholom is blessed, by its members who participate in our **Chai Society category**. These additional funds are extremely important to the financial stability, of Congregation Rodeph Sholom. The Chai Society is open to all who wish to participate.

### Sisterhood and Men's Club

Dues for these organizations can be paid directly to Rodeph, the annual dues obligation is \$36.00 for each club.

### Dues Reduction

It has always been the philosophy here at Rodeph Sholom that no one is to be denied membership because of a genuine inability to pay full dues. Members who need assistance with reduced dues or religious school, may fill out the DRC form on the website, go to Join then Membership forms and click on Dues Reduction Form or you can directly inquire with our Executive Director via phone, 813.837.1911, or email at [director@rsholom.org](mailto:director@rsholom.org).

Sincerely,  
Kenneth M. Kahn  
Executive Director

