

Membership Categories

Adas Yeshurun Synagogue offers several membership options to meet the varying needs of our congregants. Below, is a brief description of each membership category, which will help you decide the plan that is right for you. Please contact the Membership Chair if you have any questions or would like more information about AYS membership.

Full Membership: This option is for congregants who expect to be in the Augusta area for a substantial portion of the year and who want to be able to take full advantage of the benefits and privileges of being part of the AYS family. These include AYS Rabbinical support for lifecycle events, the option of enrollment of children in our Religious School and the Augusta Joint Community Sunday School, the right to vote on any business before the congregation, the option of burial in the AYS section of Magnolia Cemetery, eligibility to sit on the Board of Governors, membership rates for congregational events, and receipt of our excellent newsletter (*The Menorah*) and other mailings and email blasts. There are rates for single and family memberships. New members receive a reduced rate for the first year. Additional charges apply for school enrollment and certain other events.

Augusta Dual Membership: This option is offered to congregants who wish to remain members in good standing of both AYS and Congregation Children of Israel. Augusta Dual Members enjoy all membership benefits. There is one rate for individual and family Dual Members and no reduced rate for the first year.

Part-Year Resident Dual Membership: This is available for congregants who live at least half the year outside of the Augusta area and who wish to remain members in good standing of both AYS and another United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism (UJCJ)-member congregation. Part Year Resident Dual Members enjoy all membership benefits. The same rate applies for both individual and family Part-Year Resident Dual Members and there is no reduced rate for the first year.

Associate Membership: This is an affordable way for members of Jewish congregations outside the Augusta area to remain affiliated with AYS. It is perfect for people who spent a part of their lives with the AYS community and have moved away for career, educational, or family reasons. It is also a great option for out of town friends and family members who occasionally come to AYS to worship or celebrate. Associate Members receive *The Menorah* newsletter, attend events at member rates, and are eligible for lifecycle benefits and privileges. The same rate applies for both individual and family Associate Members and there is no reduced rate for first year.

Military Members: AYS is proud to honor the men and women who serve in our Armed Forces and of its long history of supporting and embracing personnel stationed in the Augusta area. Active duty military personnel stationed at Fort Gordon and their families may join AYS as full members at no cost.

AYS-AJCC Joint New Membership: The Augusta Jewish Community Center teams with AYS to offer a reduced membership rate for new members of both organizations. This is a wonderful opportunity to discover the many programs offered by the AJCC during the year while maintaining full membership at our synagogue.

Membership Rates*

MEMBERSHIP TYPE	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Full Single	\$1045.00	\$1085.00	\$1125.00
Full Family	\$1565.00	\$1620.00	\$1680.00
Dual Augusta (w/CCI)	\$700.00	\$725.00	\$750.00
Dual Part Year Resident	\$700.00	\$725.00	\$750.00
First Year Membership	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
Associate	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Active Military	\$0	\$0	\$0

*** All rates subject to change by vote of the AYS Board of Governors. An additional \$100 annual building assessment is currently paid by full and dual members.**

****Only available for new Full Single and Full Family memberships. Either option can be coupled with a new AJCC membership for an additional \$300 --- a significant savings off the annual membership rate at AJCC.**

AYS Auxiliary Organizations

Men's Club and Sisterhood Memberships

The AYS Men's Club and the AYS Sisterhood offer new members one year of free membership. Dues thereafter are very modest, and support local, regional, and national activities. These groups are very active in supporting the work of the synagogue. You will find participation in these groups very rewarding.

Gesher

AYS has a Gesher (Bridge) group for post-b'nai mitzvah teens. The group engages in a number of educational, social, and religious activities during the year that are enjoyable and inspirational. Membership is free to the teens of AYS members.

High Holiday Reserved Seats

Save on High Holiday seats by reserving seats for multiple years. Purchase a seat or seats for five years and pay only \$200 each (save \$50 each); for four years, pay \$175 each (save \$25 each); for three years, pay \$135 each (save \$15 each); for two years, pay \$90 each (save \$10 each). Contact the synagogue office for more information.

**The Congregation of
Adas Yeshurun Synagogue
looks forward to welcoming
you as a new member!!!**