

May 23, 2025

If Temple Adath Israel gifted you \$10 a month, what would you do with the money?

Most likely, you'd absorb it into your monthly income and never notice the difference because – as we all know – the purchasing power of \$10 isn't what it used to be.

But what would Temple Adath Israel do if you and *all* of our other congregant households gifted us with an extra \$10 a month. Well, we'd have an additional \$30,000 a year, and that's real purchasing power, driven by the power of us.

With an additional \$30,000 and judicious cutbacks, **TAI could balance its budget in 2025-26.** Without that extra income, the cuts will be widespread. You might not notice some of them, but others undoubtedly will affect aspects of temple life you care about.

Being a member of Temple Adath Israel is a choice we've all made. That choice comes with responsibilities on both sides. The temple's is to provide a home that meets our members' needs as Jews. As congregants, we must provide the necessary support that allows TAI to fulfill its responsibilities to us.

After budget surpluses in the three fiscal years that coincided with the outbreak of COVID-19 in March 2020, we have used the surpluses to offset our losses since 2022-23. As we come to the close of fiscal year 2024-25 on June 30, our COVID cushion is almost gone, and **we can't afford to continue to operate at a loss.** We will be working hard in 2025-26 to increase revenue and maximize what is available to spend from our endowment funds, but we need our congregants to step up, too.

That means we need you to increase your contribution by at least \$10 a month – or \$20 or \$50 or \$100 if you can afford to be more generous, knowing that not all of our congregants can pay as much as they might like to.

Please let us know the amount of your 2025-26 donation to TAI by Monday, June 16.

You may use the enclosed card or the online form [Bit.ly/TAIpledge2025](https://bit.ly/TAIpledge2025). The response rate to these annual letters usually is less than 50 percent, but we can do better. If we don't hear from you by June 16, we will reach out again.

Help us harness the power of us through your generous and thoughtful giving.

Here's to us!