

DAT Minyan, Inc.

Partnership Application

Becoming a Partner at the DAT Minyan: An informational guide

Thank you for considering partnership in our minyan. Below is a brief description of various parts of this application.

- ***Why should I become a partner?***

We are an energetic, non-judgmental, welcoming community, centered on Torah values. You are a unique individual who possesses qualities and strengths that no one else in this community has. Join us and become an instrumental part of our community. Every individual matters and has much to offer and share. If you are interested in spiritual growth, building community, serious prayer, meaningful Torah study on all levels, and opportunities to join a group of individuals on a spiritual journey, then you have found the right place.

- ***Why the word “partner”?***

We feel that the word partner describes the way we view each other in the minyan. When one thinks of membership, one thinks of a user who is paying to receive certain benefits. Thus, for example, one becomes a member at a country club and receives certain benefits. In building a holy institution, however, our involvement is different. As an active participant we have the opportunity to play a significant role in the holy task of building community. As such we become a partner, not just a member.

- ***Why is Associate partnership only open to members of other Synagogues?***

This level of partnership is only open to members of another Synagogue in order to buttress our belief in the importance of being part of a community. As a group of individuals involved in building community, we value involvement in community. Community has always played a strong role in supporting an individual's religious and spiritual values and norms. We recognize that there are many different communities that serve different needs and we support and urge you to become more involved in your primary community. At the same time, we appreciate your recognition of the good that we are doing and your willingness to support our work.

- ***Why is my divorce history relevant to this application?***

Unfortunately in modern times a new phenomenon has arisen. Due to the loss of authority of contemporary Jewish communities and their inability to enforce Jewish laws, some men have taken advantage of the system and deliberately withhold a get from a separated spouse. At times they will use the get to blackmail their spouse. There is a halachic prenuptial agreement that has been created in order to eliminate this issue, and we urge every couple to use one. Meanwhile, as a public statement to the community, we have included information about divorce in the partnership application to ensure that anyone purposely withholding a get should not be allowed to be part of the community until a get is given.

- ***Why is my conversion history relevant to this application?***

Unfortunately there is no universally accepted norm for conversion. The question of “Who is a Jew” has become a hotly debated topic among various Jewish groups. As a religious institution we have to apply appropriate standards for conversion to Judaism. Due to the sensitivity of this topic, this question is included in a section that is only to be seen by the Rabbi. If you have any questions or are interested in exploring conversion, please feel free to contact the Rabbi.

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For Office Use Only:

Rec'd by: _____ Date: _____

R: _____ M: _____ B: _____ Approval Date: _____

Type of Partnership Sought

Founding Partner	\$2,500 per year (plus one-time \$360 application fee)
Family Partner	\$1,000 per year (plus one-time \$360 application fee)
Single Partner	\$650 per year (plus one-time \$250 application fee)
Associate Partner	\$360 per year (You must be a full member at another synagogue to be eligible for this partnership.) Please indicate name of that other synagogue: _____

THIS APPLICATION MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A CHECK MADE OUT TO "DAT MINYAN, INC." EQUIVALENT TO THE INITIATION FEE AND A MINIMUM OF THREE MONTHS DUES.

ALL DUES ARE DUE AND PAYABLE IN EQUAL SEMI-ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS ON MARCH 1 AND SEPTEMBER 1.

Personal Information

	Applicant	Spouse, if any
Title (Dr., Mr., Ms., etc.):	_____	_____
Full English Name:	_____	_____
Hebrew Name:	_____	_____
(Birth) Father's Hebrew Name:	_____	_____
(Birth) Mother's Hebrew Name:	_____	_____
	_____ Kohen _____ Levi _____ Yisrael	_____ Kohen _____ Levi _____ Yisrael
Date of Birth:	_____	_____
Mailing Address:	_____	
City, State, and Zip Code:	_____	
Home Phone:	_____	
Home Fax:	_____	
Mobile Phone / Pager:	_____	
Email Address:	_____	
Marital Status:	<input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Married (Anniv. Date: _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Separated <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed	

Business Information

Profession:	_____	_____
Company Name:	_____	_____
Address	_____	_____
	_____	_____
Work Phone (+ extension):	_____	_____

Contact Information

What is the preferred way to contact you? _____ Home Address _____ Office Address _____ Email Address

Yahrzeit Information

Full English Name	Hebrew Name	Family Relationship	Date of Death (Hebrew or English + Before/After Sundown)
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Other Family Members (i.e. Children) Included in Family Partnership

English Name	Hebrew Name	(Birth) Father's Hebrew Name	(Birth) Mother's Hebrew Name	Family Relationship	Living @ Home? (Yes/No) (If not, where?)
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Volunteer Commitment

DAT Minyan is a volunteer-based organization that strongly believes each partner should contribute time and skills to help the DAT Minyan grow and expand. Please indicate those areas where you think you (and your family members) may be able to contribute:

____ Dedicated Weekday Attendance at Services (e.g., commitment to attend one particular day a week)

____ Leadership Participation in Services (e.g., chazan, laining, etc.)

____ Assist in Sponsored Programs and Events

____ Board or Committee Service

____ Building Maintenance

____ Other (please explain): _____

Miscellaneous

Do you have artistic or graphic design talents? _____ If yes, please explain: _____

Do you have writing talents? _____ If yes, please explain: _____

Do you have computer or office skills? _____ If yes, please explain: _____

Do you have any other talents that you would like to share with us? _____ If yes, please explain: _____

Are you interested in taking any Jewish education classes? ___ If yes, please explain: _____

Do you have any special Hebrew or Judaic skills? _____ If yes, please explain: _____

Notes (Other information we ought to know to serve you better. Include any special medical needs, skills, interests, suggestions, etc.)

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS PAGE IS REVIEWED EXCLUSIVELY
BY THE RABBI OF THE CONGREGATION**

Information for Review By Rabbi

Please indicate if any person seeking partnership through this application is a Jew by choice. _____

If any such person is a Jew by choice, please provide the name of the Rabbi(s) who officiated at the conversion, the location, and the date. _____

Please indicate if any person seeking partnership through this application is divorced. _____

If any such person is divorced, did that person receive a "get" (Jewish divorce)? _____

If yes, please give the name of the Rabbi(s) who presided, the location, and the date. _____

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS PAGE IS REVIEWED EXCLUSIVELY
BY THE PARTNERSHIP CHAIR AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONGREGATION**

Information for Review By Partnership Chair

Are you seeking any relief from partnership dues in connection with this application? _____

If you would like, please provide any details surrounding such request. _____

The Partnership Chair will be contacting you to discuss your request.

