



2018 Annual Commitment (*Gift from the Heart*) Frequently Asked Questions

What do you mean by a *Gift from the Heart*?

IHC wants to make sure that everyone who wants to belong to and participate in our community can do so, regardless of financial ability. That said, the reality is that IHC operates on an annual budget, and cannot undertake the level of programming our members enjoy without the financial support of our congregants. As a result, we have implemented a system in which we all make an annual financial commitment to IHC, known as our *Gift from the Heart*.

Do I also have to pay dues?

IHC does not have the traditional dues structure with which many of you may be familiar. Instead, we rely on your *Gift from the Heart* for financial support, and encourage each congregant to give as generously as possible.

If I can't give the Sustaining Amount of \$2500, what happens?

While we are hopeful that the vast majority of our members can give at or above the Sustaining Amount, we recognize that circumstances may prevent you from making that level of a gift to IHC this year. Please give as generously as possible. That said, **every congregant is considered an equal member**, regardless of their gift level.

Do I have to pay my *Gift from the Heart* right now?

We offer several options for you to pay your gift to IHC. You can pay your entire gift to IHC in one payment prior to the end of 2017. You can choose to divide your gift into two equal installments, with ½ due March 1 and the second ½ due August 1. Many congregants find it most convenient to divide their gift into 12 equal monthly payments, with the payments automatically deducted from a checking account.

What forms of payment do you accept?

Our preferred method of payment is by check or by automatic monthly deductions from a checking account. If you prefer to pay via credit card, we ask that you increase your gift level by an additional 4% to cover the fees IHC pays in connection with such payments. If you want to pay via some other method, please contact our Executive Director, Dan Silien at dans@ihcindy.org.

What if I don't return the 2018 Gift from the Heart form to IHC?

We encourage you to submit your form to IHC **no later than December 8**. However, if you forget to do so, 4% of your 2017 Commitment will be added to your prior year Commitment to set your 2018 Gift level.

I still have questions. Who do I contact?

We welcome any and all questions about the *Gift from the Heart* program. Please contact our Executive Director, Dan Silien at 317-255-6647 (or dans@ihcindy.org) or our Board President, Patti Freeman Dorson, with your questions.



2018 Gift from the Heart

(Annual Commitment)

Please complete this form and return it to IHC. Use the enclosed envelope or scan and email it to dans@ihcindy.org. It is important that we hear from you!

Please note that this form reflects the commitment you made to IHC in 2017. The sustaining amount to operate IHC at current staffing and program levels for 2018 is projected to be \$2500 per member home. Please give from your heart and invest as much as possible, setting your commitment over and above last year's contribution, if you are able. Every dollar makes a difference!

2018 Gift from the Heart Pledge Form

Your 2017 Annual Commitment: \$

As a reminder, the 2018 Sustaining Amount is projected to be \$2500. Regardless of your 2017 gift level, we encourage everyone to increase your gift for 2018!

My/Our Annual Gift Pledge for 2018 is \$ _____

I/We want to (choose one):

Pre-pay by December 30, 2017, for current tax planning purposes

Pay in full by March 1, 2018

Pay in two installments, due on March 1 and August 1, 2018

By ACH or Check

Pay in twelve monthly installments, due on the first of each month by ACH or Credit Card

If you have chosen to pay by ACH or Credit Card, please complete the authorization form found on the reverse side.

I/We are happy to sign this covenant to invest in Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation:

Signature

Date

Thank you for investing in Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation. Your commitment is vital to helping us meet our 2018 budget and to expand and grow to better serve you. Thank you for being a valued member of our sacred community and giving from your heart.

I/We have included IHC in my/our estate planning or would like to talk to someone about becoming a member of IHC's Life & Legacy Program.

IHC 2018 Gift from the Heart: ACH or Credit Card Authorization

Please note: We urge you to consider paying by cash, check or ACH. When paying by credit card, there are associated costs. Please make sure IHC receives your whole commitment by donating an additional amount to cover the cost.

Name: _____ 2018 Gift: \$ _____

I want to make automatic payments from my checking account (please attach a voided check, which the bank requires each year):

Monthly ACH payments of \$ _____
(Gift from the Heart divided by 12)

Two ACH Payments on March 1 & August 1, 2018 of \$ _____
(Gift from the Heart divided by 2)

I/We authorize Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation to initiate debit entries to my/our checking account indicated above, and for the bank or credit union named below to debit the same account as specified. This authorization is to remain in full effect until Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation has received my full 2018 Gift from the Heart.

Name: _____ Social Security # _____
(As listed in Temple records)

Name: _____ Bank/Credit Union: _____ Branch: _____
(As listed in Bank Account)

Bank Routing # _____ Individual Account # _____
(9 digit number on lower left of your check)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

I want to pay by credit card:

Payment by Credit Card: Your donation is securely processed with a transaction fee to cover credit card fees, bank fees, and other processing costs. If choosing to pay by credit card, please consider paying an additional amount (3%) so 100% of your donation amount goes to IHC.

One credit card payment of \$ _____ to be taken now.

Two equal credit card payments of \$ _____ to be taken on March 1, 2018 and on August 1, 2018 (Annual Commitment divided by 2).

Twelve equal credit card payments of \$ _____ (Annual Commitment divided by 12).

I agree to an additional donation of _____% of my Gift from the Heart amount to cover the cost of the fees.

I authorize Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation to charge my credit card as indicated equal to the full amount of my Gift from the Heart and to adjust this amount as necessary for future years.

VISA MasterCard

Name As It Appears on Credit Card: _____

Credit Card #: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Security Code on the Back of the Card: _____

Billing Address of Card Holder: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____