



“Whenever I go to TST, I am always glad to be in the light and warmth of our community. Rabbi Cari and Beth are always just a call away when I need a sympathetic ear and sound advise. It's for these simple, yet essential reasons that I have volunteered to help with the Chai Campaign for the last five years and am honored to co-chair this year. I hope you'll join me and Lisa once again and make a gift to Chai to ensure we all feel the warmth and connection of TST.”

— Ed Kuh, Chai Campaign Co-Chair



HOW MUCH SHOULD I GIVE?

You can make a donation to Chai at any one of the following levels. We appreciate your support.

Shalom [\$1 to \$180]

Mitzvah [\$181 to \$540]

Mensch [\$541 to \$1,080]

Chai [\$1,081 to \$2,160]

King Solomon [\$2,161 to \$5,400]

Queen Esther [\$5,401+]

PLEASE MAKE YOUR GIFT TODAY

BY MAIL: Send your gift in the enclosed envelope.

ONLINE: Go to www.shir-tikvah.org

THERE ARE A NUMBER OF WAYS TO GIVE

PLEDGE: Pledge your gift now by completing the required information on the enclosed envelope and returning it to Temple Shir Tikvah. Pledges may be paid by check, credit card, or on our website.

INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS: Installment payments, monthly or quarterly, are also accepted. Please contact the Temple Shir Tikvah office for more details on installment payments.

SECURITIES: Gifts of stock or other securities are welcome. Such gifts not only benefit Temple Shir Tikvah, but may also provide additional tax advantages to donors, especially appreciated securities. Contact Dan Raizen, Development Chair, at vpdevelopment@shir-tikvah.org for specific transfer instructions.

MORE QUESTIONS ABOUT GIVING?

Contact Dan Raizen, Chai Campaign Co-Chair at chai@shir-tikvah.org



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**ANNUAL
CHAI FUND
2019-2020**



CHAI BY THE NUMBERS

The Chai Fund is an expression of our commitment to diversity and inclusion by providing the opportunity for all our members to fully participate regardless of financial means.



DEAR MEMBERS OF THE SHIR TIKVAH COMMUNITY,

As many of you know, I am a weaver by avocation. I see our community as a one-of-a-kind palette of colors overlaid on a strong, stable weave structure. The structure is our clergy, staff, Board and Committees. Some of the colors may be more muted, for example, all the people behind the scenes who “make things happen.” This category could include our “Torah schleppers” and ushers for High Holiday services, our full participation in shivas and funeral services, all our work in Tikkun Olam, our Shabbat services and adult education, and, of course, all the friendships that began here and will last forever. Some of our events are a “riot of colors”, such as our spiritual awakenings, our B’nei mitzvah celebrations, our Choir, our softball team, our Simcas Torah, Chanukkah and Purim celebrations, life in our Sukkah, and all our food and entertainment-related events, just to name a few. . . .

One of the ways we reinforce the structure of our community is through the Chai campaign. Chai donations support assistance with the cost of membership and tuition, so that everyone who chooses to can be a part of our community. We are committed to the idea that finances will not be a barrier to a Shir Tikvah Jewish life. We are proud of this core value and of being financially strong enough to be able to live it. Your Chai donation is what makes it possible.

Let us know that you understand by giving generously what you can. Gifts of all sizes do make a difference; your contribution is that which makes us the unique and welcoming “vibrant fabric” of community that we are!

With appreciation and warmth—

Jerilyn Arnold
Jerilyn
Temple President

\$100,000
given in membership
abatement last year

30%
of new members received
membership assistance

25
families able to attend Jewish
education through abatement

2%
dues increased

0
tuition increase

THE ANNUAL CHAI FUND—HELPING THE COMMUNITY THRIVE

How do we ensure that our spiritual home will be here for our children and future generations? How do we ensure that Temple Shir Tikvah continues to thrive? We do it through the Annual Chai Fund.

The major purpose of the Annual Chai Fund is to keep dues and tuition at affordable levels. Because of Chai, all members can participate fully in all the spiritual, educational, and social activities that Temple Shir Tikvah has to offer. Chai allows us to offer a fair and reasonable abatement policy allowing many kinds of families to be part of our community.

Even during the bleakest economic times, we have had strong support for Chai from the congregation. In the past few years, **50 percent of our temple has participated in giving to the Annual Chai Fund with donations that range from \$25 to over \$10,000 totaling nearly \$120,00 last year.** Our Board and our clergy have been strong supporters of the Annual Chai Fund. We also receive donations to Chai from family and friends of our temple members.

*“For us Shir Tikvah means **community**. Since joining before the birth of three twenty-something children, we’ve formed many close friendships. Our Shir Tikvah friends have supported us through challenging times and celebrated with us on joyous occasions. We also cherish our connection to many other members. Supporting the Chai campaign is one way we try to ensure that this special community continues to thrive.”*

—Bob Ruxin & Peggy Shukur, Chai Donors for 17 years