

DEAR TEMPLE SHIR TIKVAH MEMBERS:

This is a period of change and renewal for our congregation as Rabbi Cari joins us as our new spiritual leader. As we enter this exciting new chapter, we remain a synagogue on the leading edge of Reform Judaism. Thanks to the vision and leadership of many in our community, we are fortunate that our temple is financially stable. Last year, we raised \$85,000 from the Annual Chai Fund. Our goal this year is to surpass this and reach \$100,000—with 100 percent congregation participation. Will you help us sustain our temple and reach this goal?

Because we are committed to remaining open to all who want to join our community, regardless of financial ability, fundraising is essential to keep dues and tuition affordable for many of our members. Through the generosity of our community, we are able to assist families with both school tuition and membership. Your financial support also helps to provide the wide variety of programming that makes our temple community so vibrant.

Supporting the Annual Chai Fund means that you believe in Temple Shir Tikvah and the entire community, school, and staff who energize all of us. You understand that all of our temple members are touched by your annual giving. Your contribution gives all of our members caring and support for their life cycle events, allows every child to attend religious school, and supports adult education programs such as our extensive Israeli education initiative.

We are deeply grateful to all of you who have contributed to the Annual Chai Fund in the past and we are counting on you to sustain us in the coming year.



Robert Ain
President



Cliff Manko
Development Chair



Temple Shir Tikvah has been a part of our family through so many of life's meaningful moments. Giving to the Annual Chai Fund is one small way we can help ensure that other families experience what makes Shir Tikvah so special.

— Barry Glass

VP Education, Past President



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

The funds raised through Chai serve many purposes. Roughly 15 percent of our temple operating budget is subsidized through the Annual Chai Fund. These funds allow us to keep dues and tuition at affordable levels. For those who are struggling financially, Chai allows us to offer abatements. Chai also supports innovative programming for all ages, keeping our temple vibrant and on the leading edge of Reform Judaism. Because of Chai, all members can participate fully in all the spiritual, educational, and social activities that Temple Shir Tikvah has to offer.

Even during the bleakest economic times, we have had strong support for Chai from the congregation. In the past few years, over 50 percent of our temple has participated in giving to the Annual Chai Fund with donations that range from \$25 to over \$10,000. 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.



Take a moment to reflect on what Temple Shir Tikvah means to you—is it important as a place of Jewish learning? Or because it is an inclusive community where all are welcome? Maybe it's the wonderful religious school, the beautiful liturgy from Beth, or the excitement of welcoming Rabbi Cari to our community. Whatever the reasons, a gift to Chai will ensure the future of our synagogue.

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

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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. Contact Cliff Manko, Development Chair, at vpdevelopment@shir-tikvah.org for specific transfer instructions.

MORE QUESTIONS ABOUT GIVING?

Contact Cliff Manko, Development Chair
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