

Congregation Or Shalom's Torah Project 613 Frequently Asked Questions

Torah Project 613 allows everyone in our community to "Live Our Torah"
by fulfilling the Mitzvah of writing a Torah.

"Now write for yourself this Torah and teach it to the Children of Israel." (Deutoronomy 31:19)

How are we writing the Torah at Or Shalom?

We are commissioning a Sofer (Torah scribe) to write our Torah from Israel. It takes almost an entire year of writing to complete a Torah scroll! We have the incredible opportunity throughout the next year to help our Sofer fill in and complete some of the letters in the Torah that is being written for our community. The first visit is November 7.

Everyone who participates as a sponsor (see next question) will be able to help a Sofer "fill in" a letter in Or Shalom's Torah.

How does my family sponsor a letter, word, verse, or parsha in honor or in memory of someone?

To participate, please visit: www.orshalomlc.org/torahproject613

Everyone will receive a certificate recognizing their participation in fulfilling this mitzvah. Sponsorships of Torah portions will also be acknowledged by our congregation the following year when we come to that Torah portion.

Will my family be writing what we sponsor?

While we are excited to share this amazing opportunity with you and your family, the nature of any Torah writing makes it nearly impossible for you to write exactly what you are sponsoring. However, the Sofer will make sure that your opportunity is special and personalized for your family.

Can my whole family come?

Yes, we welcome the opportunity for your family, or extended family to come together to fulfill this special mitzvah.

Don't we already have Torahs at the temple?

Yes, Or Shalom does have a few Torah Scrolls, but ours are very worn, fragile, and getting very hard to read. This new Torah will allow us to keep our historical Torahs safer while adding to the legacy of Torah for another generation.

When will this be completed?

Our goal for completion is June 2022.

How will my family get to sign up to meet with the Sofer?

We will email you with a link to sign up for a time slot.

If I have any further questions, who can I contact?

Email torahproject613@orshalomlc.com with any questions