

June 1, 2023

Dear Friend,

What is a synagogue for the 21st century? A sacred community that values the relationships between members, provides meaningful worship and lifecycle experiences, engages Jewish learners of all ages, performs acts of tzedakah for those in need, transforms the youth of today into tomorrow's mensches, and meets the members of the community where they are through in-person and virtual opportunities. This is Temple Shalom, "One Family, Many Connections."

We believe in the power of our One Family, and that we are stronger together. Your generosity enables us to remain a vibrant center for Jewish life in Southwest Florida. In 2017, we replaced our dues system with the L'Shalom membership support program, modeled after the gifts from the heart that the Israelites gave to build the Tabernacle in the desert. We invite you to give a meaningful gift to Temple. Recognizing the increasing costs of security and supplies, as well as the rising needs of our 900 household congregation, the suggested amount for this year is \$1,350 per adult and \$2,700 for a household with two adults. This amount was carefully determined by the Temple Finance Committee, and then reviewed by the Temple Shalom Board of Trustees.

As a vital part of our Temple Shalom family, we gratefully thank you in advance for your ongoing investment of your time, talent and resources in Temple Shalom. We ask that your gift reflect what your heart feels and what you can afford. Know that any amount that you donate above the suggested amount will be recognized as a contribution to Above & Beyond. Enclosed are your L'Shalom commitment form and a reply envelope. Please review the enclosed materials. If you have questions, contact Deborah Fidel, Executive Director, at 239-455-3030. **We ask that you return your form by June 26, 2023. As we have done in prior years, if we do not hear from you by June 26, we will assume that you are supporting our community at the suggested amount.**

We look forward to your active engagement in Temple Shalom's One Family for years to come.

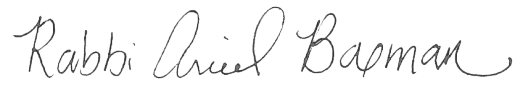
With gratitude in our hearts,



Rabbi Adam F. Miller



Cantor Donna Azu



Rabbi Ariel Boxman



Deborah Fidel, Executive Director



Leonard Teitelbaum, Temple President