



Shaaray Tzedakah 2019

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Dear Friends,

The midrash *Likutei Aharon* teaches, “Do not harden your heart and do not close your hand to the needy. If your heart hardens, your hand will close and you will see that your fingers are of equal length and then you will say to him (the poor person)-Go out and work like me! But do the opposite, open your hand and then you will see that your fingers are short and tall and this is how God created people, big and small, and this lives from that.” With this publication, we are honored to thank all of you who have opened your hands so generously.

It is our pleasure to publicly acknowledge all gifts beyond membership dues and school fees made during the year 5779 (2018-2019). These contributions enable us to strengthen our sacred home.

Thanks to your generosity, we are able to provide our community a home to pray, to study, and to pursue *tikkun olam*. Our children grow through our thriving Early Childhood programs, joyfully learn in our Religious School, and explore new frontiers in our teen Pathways program. Our adults gather to engage in life-long Jewish learning, to make change through social justice work, and join together in celebration and mourning in life's joys and sorrows.

If you would like additional information about giving opportunities at Shaaray Tefila, please contact Hallie Golden, Director of Development, at hgolden@tstnyc.org or (212) 328-9393.

To all of you who support Shaaray Tefila—thank you. You are the foundation upon which we will build a bright future for our congregation and for the Jewish people.

In friendship,

Joel M. Mosbacher, Senior Rabbi

Liz Sherman, President



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Our mission is to provide the means for our congregational community to nurture and to continue its life-long involvement in Judaism. We instill a love of our heritage, a shared connection within the warmth of worship, a devotion to community, and a renewed strength in our Jewish identity. Our staff and lay leaders work in partnership and are committed to a vision of meaning, connection, and purpose.

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Our members make Temple Shaaray Tefila the sacred place that it is. We have deepened and expanded our community by focusing on our core vision—that Temple Shaaray Tefila is a source of meaning, connection, and purpose for our members. Like all synagogues, we rely upon the generosity of our community to supplement the dues and school fees that comprise the majority of our budget. We give special recognition to those who have supported the congregation through their Enhanced Membership or through contributing an additional, optional 20% to their dues. This ongoing commitment and generosity above and beyond dues enables our leaders to plan wisely, to support excellence and innovation, to sustain essential services and programs, and to continue to wholeheartedly welcome and retain all who wish to be part of our sacred community, regardless of financial circumstances.

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Like all synagogues, we rely upon the generosity of our community to supplement membership dues and school fees. Donations to our Annual Appeal enable us to attract and retain talented clergy and Jewish professionals and to provide our entire community with programs for education, celebration, social action and community-building. The Annual Appeal also enables us to fulfill our value of not turning away members in need of financial assistance. In 5779, we established the Board Giving Challenge. Recognizing the importance of Tzedakah and seeking to lead through example, eleven board members pledged to match all increases to the Annual Appeal. This generosity led to a remarkable \$220,000 in increased support to our community. We are grateful to those, both within our synagogue membership and within the broader community, who have contributed to this Annual Appeal, affirming the importance our community places on Jewish tradition and values.



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Shaaray Tefila's Annual Spring Gala & Fundraiser is the largest fundraising and social event in our community. In addition, each year, the Gala & Fundraiser affords us the opportunity to honor members of our community whose history with and dedication to Shaaray Tefila are inspirational.

SPRING GALA & FUNDRAISER

We extend our deep appreciation and sincere thanks to all who contributed to our Annual Spring Gala & Fundraiser honoring Barri & Dan Waltcher:

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