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“The person who pursues charity finds life, generosity, and honor.” – Proverbs 21:21

Dear Friends:

We are grateful every day for your continued outpouring of support for Shaaray Tefila. Your philanthropic commitment and engagement make Shaaray Tefila the special community that is a source of strength, a spiritual home and a refuge during challenging times. Because of you, we are able to be a place of meaning, connection and purpose for all members of our community. And we hope that, even though you give generously simply because you want Shaaray Tefila to be strong, you feel strengthened personally by your act of generosity.

It is our great pleasure to publicly acknowledge all gifts above and beyond membership dues and school fees made during the year 5781 (2020-2021). These contributions represent 15% of our operating budget, enabling us to continue to fortify our sacred community. The depth of support from you, our donors, reaffirms the importance our community places on Jewish values.

This publication reflects the wide range of giving opportunities available throughout the year, including Enhanced Membership, Annual Appeal and Spring Gala. Contributions can also be directed to our Early Childhood programs and to support programmatic opportunities. In addition, legacy gifts can be made to ensure the future of our Shaaray Tefila community. If you would like additional information about giving opportunities, please contact Hallie Golden, Director of Development, at hgolden@tstnyc.org or (212) 535-8008 x266.

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

In friendship,
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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, in addition to the generous support of our programs and fundraising efforts throughout the year.

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To celebrate holidays, we proudly welcomed our members virtually.

We worshipped together,

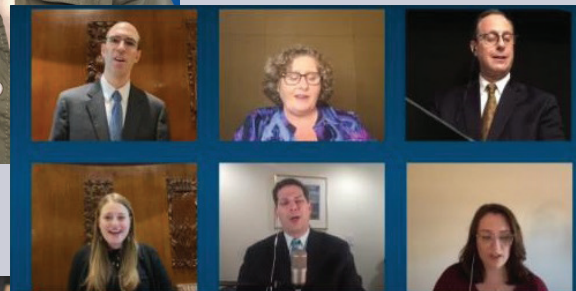
We sang together...

We learned together,

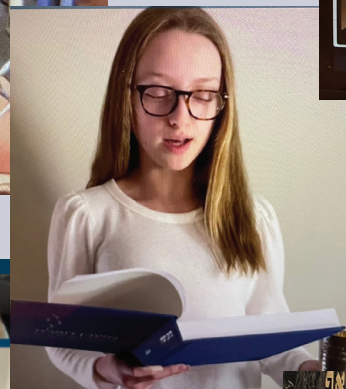
We led together,

We were together in every way that made a difference... both children and adults alike.

Thank you for joining us!



HIGH HOLY & JEWISH HOLIDAYS



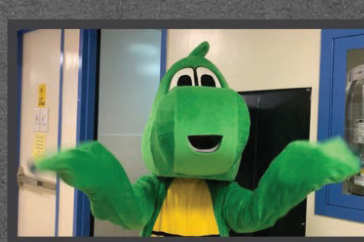
Thanks to our clergy and members, we enjoyed services together virtually to celebrate 8 days of Chanukah including an extra special Cantors' Concert, a musical retrospective celebrating 175 years of Shaaray Tefila. Special thanks to our 175th Anniversary Menorah Sponsors for generously contributing to a new, custom, 5-foot bronze menorah created by artist David Klass, that will be proudly lit for years to come. Thank you to Audrey Laufer & Paula Dwoskin Sitzler for their creativity and leadership on this project.

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EARLY CHILDHOOD

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Dedicated funds support programs and initiatives throughout the Temple as part of Shaaray Tefila's efforts to pursue tikkun olam. By donating directly to these programs, members strengthen and enhance some of our most cherished aspects of temple life, voice their values, and strengthen our community. We are grateful to those members whose donations add so much depth and character to synagogue life.

TIKKUN OLAM

We extend our deep appreciation and sincerest thanks to Stephanie Feld who generously contributed to the following funds:

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Temple Shaaray Tefila gratefully acknowledges the generous support of Stephanie Feld, in memory of her parents, Isabel and Harold Feld, her brother, Gerry, and her grandparents, Birdie and Adolph Jurman.



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The Oneg Shabbat following our Friday evening services offers an opportunity for our community to come together to celebrate, welcome guests, and connect with friends after a long week. We thank our b'nei mitzvah families who have sponsored an oneg in honor of their child's special day.

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The psalmist tells us that “Those who sow in tears will reap in joy.” As a congregation, we are here for our members in times of both joy and sadness. Honoring the memory of your loved one with a Yahrzeit Plaque in our Sanctuary provides an opportunity to commemorate their loss in a permanent way. As the individual light next to each plaque is lit on the yearly anniversary of your loved one’s passing and on major festivals, we draw once again from the wellspring of their memory to bring comfort and strength.

Yahrzeit Memorial Plaques



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