

November 17, 2014 / 24 Cheshvan 5775

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Dear (first name/s),

We hope you were inspired by this year's re-imagined High Holy Day services. **As always, our goal is to create a sacred environment where each one of us feels motivated toward personal and communal growth.** On Yom Kippur, we learned specifically about the necessity of commitment to sustain our worthy endeavors and about how our Temple Ahavat Shalom community lifts each of us up to achieve more than we ever believed we could.

Our TAS community brings balance and perspective to our busy lives. At the end of a long week, we get lost in the music, prayers and quiet introspection of Friday night services, and emerge re-energized. We establish lasting and deep-rooted friendships, and we explore how Judaism fits into our 21st century lives. **TAS is, quite simply, exactly what a synagogue community should be.**

Our inspirational clergy and devoted staff, our enriching classes and programs, our sanctuary, offices and grounds can only be here for us because we come together to provide the essential fundraising support that Ahavat Shalom needs to thrive. Like most non-profit faith communities, our revenue comes from a combination of membership dues, school fees, and fundraising. This year, approximately 20% of our annual budget must be raised through fundraising.

Please consider a gift to TAS that reflects, to the best of your ability, what our Temple community means to you. The only gift that is too small is no gift at all.

This year, we plan to devote our energy to ensuring the long-term health of our synagogue by increasing our membership, focusing on debt reduction, and opening our Infant & Toddler Center, as we continue to fulfill our mission to be a caring and joyful community where we gather, grow and share the events of our lives.

Our shared commitment to this place, and to one another, is a true blessing. As being part of a vibrant and inspired Jewish community is sacred, as Judaism and Israel are sacred, so giving *tzedakah* to support Ahavat Shalom is also sacred. **Please do your part; support this year's Annual Campaign with a contribution in any amount that is meaningful to you.** The commitment of every member to TAS is needed to ensure that our community is here for us all, now and into the future.

Thank you for all you do to support our Temple community,