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Spiritual meaning and purpose are the center and focus of everything we do

A GIFT OF THE HEART / TZEDAKAH

Temple Sholom welcomes all who wish to join our community! We have a long tradition of offering engagement and connection through worship, education, and justice programs. Most importantly we hope to provide spiritual support to all within our congregation. Over the past year we have worked especially hard to expand our reach to the community at large and grow our synagogue.

We operate from a place of abundance and believe that people are what move our congregation forward. In keeping with this, we ask for a *voluntary* contribution, **A Gift of the Heart**. This is an amount of *your* choosing to sustain the spiritual and fiscal strength of Temple Sholom. While there is a fiscal reality to running our organization, finances should never prevent anyone from being a part of our community. Our doors are open to all!

As indicated in the graphic accompanying this letter, our annual Gifts of the Heart and additional pledges represent about 51% of our income this year. The remainder comes from grants, sponsorships, programming, religious school and other donations. Certain fundraising efforts like our Annual High Holiday Appeal help us to assure our budget is sound.

To guide you in setting your gift, we are providing an amount that is determined (after pulling out grant money and other income) to operate the Temple without a deficit, which is our ultimate goal. This year it is \$2,000. This is NOT dues in sheep's clothing. Rather, it offers transparency into what it takes to sustain our Temple community, allowing each member to connect on their terms and at all stages of life; creating a shared covenant of success.

We know that for some households the suggested gift amount may be out of reach. For others, it may fit perfectly. Still, for others, it may be a starting point for how much they are able to contribute to Temple Sholom. And while these annual gifts do allow us to plan better for programming and other Temple needs and efforts, we also understand if now is not the right time for you to make a financial commitment. We understand and respect your decision.

Do what is right for you and your family...no questions asked.

We are deeply grateful for your support. Thank you for being an important and valued part of our sacred community.

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"The synagogue...helps us in our quest for God, to evoke our sense of the sacred; to enhance our capacity to respond with wonderment to the essential mystery of life."

-Rabbi Alexander Schindler

CHAVER (Friend): _____

ADDRESS (Mailing): _____

I/We offer this Annual Gift of the Heart to support Temple Sholom \$ _____ which goes towards sustaining our congregation.

I would prefer to receive my statement by (please check one):

- USPS mail Email

My preferred email address is: _____

I/We will pay my Gift of the Heart (please check one):

- Annually Semi-Annually Quarterly Monthly

I/We will pay with (please check one):

- Check Credit Card E-Check Gift of Stock or Securities

If you checked credit card, please fill this out and your card will be automatically charged according to your billing cycle:

- Visa MC Discover

Credit Card Number: _____ Exp: _____

Security Code: _____

Name as it appears on card: _____

If you are paying by E-Check or Credit Card, please indicate if you would like to donate the 2.5% service fee:

- Yes No

While a Gift of the Heart allows us to plan better for programming and other Temple needs and efforts, we also understand if now is not the right time for you to make a financial commitment. You may choose to give periodically for a specific program or event.

I/We choose to give periodically throughout the year or at a later time.

If you are mailing your pledge form, please send it to:

Temple Sholom
10828 Kenwood Road
Blue Ash, OH 45242

Thank you for your gifts of the heart to sustain our community of Temple Sholom