



THE ANNUAL FUND

Greetings:

L'shana Tova. This past year presented unprecedented challenges: many of us suffered the loss of friends and family members, and we were all challenged by the disruption and isolation brought on by a menacing virus. After all the pain and uncertainty of the last year, we begin this New Year, 5782, cautiously, but with a renewed sense of optimism and of hope.

At Shirat HaYam, we have been able to meet the wide-ranging challenges of this past year thanks to your generosity. Because you answered the call and responded with much-needed support, we were able to sustain the spiritual, educational, and social needs of our congregation during challenging times. You enabled us to offer programming that quite literally kept our community together. Thank you for your generous support.

At this holy season, we once again ask you to consider a gift to our Annual Fund. Your gift will help fulfill our congregation's mission to maintain Jewish life and Jewish values on Nantucket. Membership dues do not cover the entire cost of funding our synagogue, so we ask that you join us in the vital work of our community. With your help, we are able to:

1. Provide enhanced worship opportunities through live-streamed services in which our entire community, whether on or off the island, can share in the beauty and majesty of Shabbat and holiday worship.
2. Educate and inspire our youth by supporting Jewish summer camp attendance and trips to Israel and by providing a high-quality, tuition free online religious school to Nantucket families through our partnership with New York's Temple Emanu-El.
3. Strengthen our sense of community through shared engagement in stimulating and thought-provoking adult education and speaker programs and lively social events.
4. Support the larger island community in numerous ways, including the Nantucket Food Pantry and the South Church Preservation Fund, and, through our Tikkun Olam committee, enhance our community participation with our work on the Clean Team initiative and our new Summer School Mentor program.

As we begin the New Year, we have much to be thankful for. We are grateful to our clergy and staff and the many volunteers whose dedication and hard work make everything we do possible. We especially thank Darren Sukonick, our outgoing President, who skillfully guided our congregational ship through turbulent seas with humor, kindness and grace. We are particularly grateful for your generous support of our sacred mission and the Annual Fund.

Your gift will be recognized in the following categories:

<i>Leadership:</i>	\$5,000 and above	<i>Benefactor:</i>	\$2,500-4,999	<i>Patron:</i>	\$1,000-2,499
<i>Supporter:</i>	\$ 500-999	<i>Contributor:</i>	\$ 250-499	<i>Donor:</i>	Up to \$249

Please join hands in partnership with us, as our congregation continues to go from strength to strength.

Warmest regards.

Meg Flax, President

Robert Haft, Annual Fund Chair