

## Shomrei Torah Synagogue Sisterhood's Torah Fund Plant A Seed Campaign

After 14 years at Shomrei Torah I must admit that I didn't know anything about Torah Fund and after speaking with many of my fellow members I am sad to say that I am not alone. Therefore, I am making it my mission to make sure that everyone knows what Torah Fund is and why it is so important that we **ALL** participate.

Don't let the name fool you **Torah Fund** has very little to do with an actual Torah, but it does have a lot to do with the preservation and continuation of Conservative Judaism. The fact that Shomrei Torah Sisterhood is running the campaign has more to do with our desire to do whatever we can to nurture our next generation of Rabbi's, Cantors and Jewish Educators than it does with a Sisterhood fund raiser.



The monies raised by Torah Fund are used to help fund scholarships for Rabbinical students, Cantorial students, Day School Educators and Administrators, Professional and Lay Leaders at four different schools.

**The Jewish Theological Seminary (New York)**  
**Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies (Los Angeles)**  
**Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies (Jerusalem)**  
**Seminario Rab`inico Latinoamericano (Argentina)**

This year's Torah Fund pin (I will touch on how to earn a pin later in this letter) is called Mishpachah which in English means "family." We all know how important family is and we know how important it is to make sure that there are Rabbi's, Cantors and Educators ready to help us educate the next generation and all the generations yet to come.

Now that you have a little more information about Torah Fund and why it is so important for everyone to be a part of this worthy cause. The next question is, how do I donate, and what does it take to get a pin? The pin is easy; anyone who donates at Benefactor level of \$180 or above will receive a pin. However, there are so many other levels that are just as important and just as welcome.

We have all heard the phrase "**Mighty Oaks from little acorns grow**" and as much as we would like everyone to have a pin, it is more important for everyone to participate and be part of the process and to include your children so they know what Torah Fund is and why it is so important. We cannot "grow" great Educators, Cantors, or Rabbis if we keep thinking that someone else will supply the money to do it. The Hai, Ko'ah, and Multiples of Hai make it possible for everyone to plant a seed in the forest.

As you look at the donation card on the reverse of this letter you will see one more donation category and that is "**Scholarships Plus Giving**" the funds raised in this category go directly to help underwrite the costs of the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> year of Rabbinic study in Israel.

Torah Fund is there to help the next generation of Jewish Educators and Clergy grow. Your contribution is needed to further develop the growth of that forest. I am hoping that everyone at Shomrei Torah will be part of the next generation either as an acorn, a branch, or a complete tree. All donations are appreciated and needed. If you would like to know more about Torah Fund or become involved in our efforts please feel free to contact me preferably by e-mail at [renee@rgeb4u.com](mailto:renee@rgeb4u.com).

**B'shalom,**

**Renee Cohn, Torah Fund Chair**



# How do I become a part of Torah Fund?



TORAH FUND CAMPAIGN, a project of Women's League for Conservative Judaism,  
insures the continuing development of the educational programs of  
the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies Los Angeles,  
the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York,  
the Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies in Jerusalem,  
and the Seminario Rabinico Latinoamericano in Buenos Aires.



- \$5,000 ☐ Keter Kavod—"Crown of Honor"  
2,500 ☐ Scholarship Patron (Emerald)  
1,200 ☐ Patron (Diamond)  
600 ☐ Associate Patron (Ruby)  
300 ☐ Guardian (Pearl)  
180 ☐ Benefactor  
36 54 72 ☐ Multiples of Hai (circle one)  
28 ☐ Ko'ah (for strength)  
18 ☐ Hai (for life)  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Other  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Scholarships-Plus-Giving\***  
(over and above your regular pledge)  
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OUR GOAL - 100% PARTICIPATION

SISTERHOOD \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*ALL DONATIONS ARE PAYABLE  
TO YOUR SISTERHOOD**

## *\*Scholarships - Plus-Giving... "Securing Our Future"*

- A campaign to benefit students at all four institutions.
- Specifically, for the West Coast, to aid Ziegler students' 3<sup>rd</sup> year in Israel.
- Entitles you to move up to the next level of giving, i.e.:  
Benefactor + \$120 = Guardian  
Guardian + \$300 = Associate Patron, etc.

- A major gift of \$2,500 or more will include a Patron and Scholarship gift.

- **ANY AMOUNT IS WELCOME!**
- **EVERYONE CAN PARTICIPATE!**

**\*\*Be sure to check if your employer (or a family member's employer) will match your gift.**

**Please enclose the required form with your remittance payable to JTS**

**All donations are appreciated and needed.**

**Please send your checks made payable to:**

**Sisterhood – Torah Fund  
Sisterhood of Shomrei Torah Synagogue  
7353 Valley Circle Blvd  
West Hills, CA 91304**