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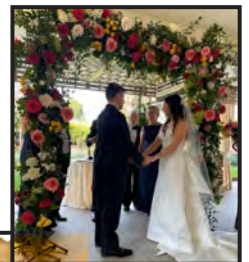
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A Message from our Development Committee Co-Chairs

Debby Firestone and Alan Himmel

Behind every sanctuary honor, event, and holiday tradition at Congregation Beth Shalom lies a personal and inspiring story of commitment. Across our sixty endowment funds, families have turned their fondest memories into lasting gifts that keep our shul thriving. Here is a look at the heartfelt histories behind three of these cherished funds.



The Zukerman Sukkot Endowment

After the holidays of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, our congregation looks forward to celebrating Sukkot. Generations of our shul community have been the beneficiaries of the Zukerman family's love for Beth Shalom through the Zukerman Family Sukkot Endowment Fund.

Herbert and Madeline Zukerman (z"l) were long-time, devoted members whose religious and social life revolved around Beth Shalom. Herbert davened regularly at shul whenever



Herbert and Madeline Zukerman (z"l)

he was able, and enjoyed learning with Cantor Taubé and reciting High Holiday haftarot before becoming ill. Attending services regularly while Herbert was working, Madeline was a Sisterhood life member and past officer, also serving on various synagogue committees and becoming an adult bat mitzvah.

For many years, the sukkah was erected right outside the main sanctuary on the entrance patio. As members exited the building, a kiddush of grape juice, wine, treats, and fresh fruit was served on several round tables in the sukkah. In earlier days, either Cantor Taubé or Rabbi Steindel recited the kiddush, and everyone enjoyed the pastries and fruit provided, with honey cake remaining a fan favorite. Later, the sukkah was relocated to the back parking lot, where a much larger sukkah, purchased with funds from the Zukerman endowment and other donations, could be situated.

Originally, the Zukerman Family Sukkot Endowment was established in memory of Herbert Zukerman. When Herbert sold produce at Alexander's Market in Homestead, he donated fresh fruit to Beth Shalom for Sukkot each year. Later, he donated floral supplies from his wholesale business in the Strip. After his passing, the Zukerman family wanted to honor Herbert's memory with an endowment that would bring happiness and pleasure to Beth Shalom members and would continue their family's Sukkot tradition. After Madeline had passed, the daughters also memorialized both of their parents with this lovely endowment. Presently, our large sukkah hosts the preschool, a synagogue dinner, a Men's Club event, prayer services, and Sukkah kiddushim. The fund also purchases needed decorations and covers the construction and repairs necessary to maintain the sukkah each year.

Upon entering our sukkah in the coming weeks – we can all be grateful to the generations of the Zukerman family whose commitment over the years has immeasurably enriched our sukkah and our sukkot celebrations.

DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT'S MESSAGE

The Jack and Mimi Halpern Event Assistance Fund

Members for over sixty years, Mimi and Jack Halpern and their family have experienced a complete circle of life at Beth Shalom—from pre-K programs, B'nai Mitzvot, and confirmations to weddings. Both served on countless committees, and Mimi and Jack recently celebrated their 90th birthdays by hosting a beautiful Kiddush in the Samuel and Minnie Hyman Ballroom.



Mimi and Jack Halpern

Wanting to leave a meaningful legacy, Jack and Mimi established this fund to provide financial assistance to congregants who wish to attend or participate in synagogue events. Through their generosity, they hope to encourage a spirit of mutual support across our entire Beth Shalom family.

The Mildred and Isadore Berkowitz Memorial Fund

When Isadore "Iz" Berkowitz passed away in 1993, his daughter, Dr. Elaine Berkowitz, established a fund in his honor to support synagogue

operations. Following the passing of Elaine's mother, Mildred, in 1999, it became the Mildred & Isadore Berkowitz Memorial Fund.

Iz deeply loved Beth Shalom. For 50 years at Allis Chalmers, he never missed a day of work except for the Jewish holidays. At the shul, he kept keys to the building, coordinated summer minyanim when the rabbi was away, directed ushers, and passed out aliyot. During the High Holidays, many remember Iz reciting P'seukei D'Zimrah before Cantor Taube began the Shacharit service. Both Iz and Mildred were devoted leaders in the Men's Club, Sisterhood, and Gift Shop. Today, this fund honors their legacy of wholehearted service—and Iz's favorite piece of advice: "Never turn down an honor!"

The thoughtful generosity of these benefactors enriches our community daily. Look for more stories of the people behind our Beth Shalom endowments in future editions.



Mildred and Isadore "Iz" Berkowitz (z"l)

Spotlight on Members

Cindy Goodman-Leib and Scott Leib

From two distinct Jewish upbringings to a family life rooted in community, learning, and tradition

An Interview by Helen Feder

Long before Cindy Goodman-Leib and Scott Leib found their spiritual home at Congregation Beth Shalom, each had already traveled a rich and varied Jewish path. Their story begins in two Pennsylvania cities, continues through the Hillel at Franklin & Marshall College, marriage, parenthood, and synagogue life—and ultimately arrives at a community that has helped shape their family for more than a quarter century.

Two Jewish Journeys

Cindy grew up in a large Jewish community in Northeast Philadelphia, with a strong cultural connection to Judaism. Religious school, her Bat Mitzvah, holidays with extended family, a Jewish Girl Scout troop, and BBYO were important to her. “These experiences contributed to my sense of Jewish identity,” she said.

Scott grew up in White Oak, outside of McKeesport. His Jewish experiences crossed denominational lines: he attended Temple B’nai Israel, later became involved at the Orthodox congregation Gemilas Chesed, celebrated an Orthodox Bar Mitzvah, and attended Catholic high school. He also found community in a Jewish Boy Scout troop, BBYO, and NCSY. His parents hosted Shabbat dinners with his grandmothers along with celebrations of the Jewish holidays which gave family life a steady Jewish rhythm.

Their paths crossed at Hillel while both were students at Franklin & Marshall College. They married in Philadelphia in 1988, and Cindy moved to Pittsburgh, where her first job was at the Hillel Jewish University Center at Pitt and CMU. For the young couple, Jewish community initially revolved around campus life: Friday night dinners, holiday programs, and the students Cindy served.

Preschool Becomes a Gateway

As their children, Elena and Josh, came along, Cindy and Scott began looking more intention-

ally for a synagogue. They wanted an active and vibrant congregation with excellent youth programs and meaningful learning opportunities for adults. Their search led them to Congregation Beth Shalom.

In early 1999, when Josh was two, the family joined Beth Shalom. “It was important to us as a way of infusing our children’s lives with Jewish learning,” Cindy said. The preschool offered joyful Jewish learning as well as science, music, and caring teachers under the leadership of Fern Moscov. It also introduced the family to people they would see at services, holiday celebrations, and congregational events. The preschool was the immediate draw, but its significance quickly became much larger. “We saw this as a gateway—an opportunity to connect with synagogue life.”

Later, Beth Shalom’s religious school and youth programs ensured that Elena and Josh also enjoyed a deep and vibrant Jewish education. Some of their closest friendships began at Beth Shalom. “Our Jewish journey in Pittsburgh was really woven in with Beth Shalom,” Cindy said. The congregation gave their children the chance to learn Jewish traditions, culture, religion, and values—and to feel rooted in a community.

More Than a Place for their Children

Beth Shalom grew into a spiritual home for the whole family. Rabbi Seth Adelson’s leadership has helped Cindy and Scott make their own connections to Judaism and continue growing. Scott found in Conservative Judaism a balance that resonated with his varied upbringing: a commitment to conserving tradition while engaging the modern world. He finds Rabbi Adelson’s sermons thought-provoking and inspiring. “I feel like he lives what he teaches,” he said. “I like how he relates the parsha to what’s happening in our lives.”

Equally important to Cindy is the participatory nature of worship. She values congregant-led services and the experience of voices joining in prayer. “I’m not just going there and receiving,” she said. “I’m going there and engaging.” That engagement offers a welcome pause from the pressures of the week. “I definitely feel at home at Beth Shalom,” she said. “I feel very nurtured and energized by our connection with such a wonderful community.”

Cindy and Scott value how our congregants are

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

knowledgeable, able to lead services, read Torah, teach, and contribute thoughtfully to communal learning. They also treasure the breadth of relationships formed during Kiddush and synagogue dinners. “It gives us a chance to interact with people of different backgrounds and different ages,” Scott said. “It’s a fascinating group.”

Celebration and Sorrow

Over the years, Beth Shalom has held many of the family’s most meaningful memories. Elena’s Bat Mitzvah and Josh’s Bar Mitzvah were especially joyful simchas: Cindy and Scott both read Torah and blessed their children during the services. “Celebrating with the community was just so, so awesome,” Cindy recalled.



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gregation, USY, holiday celebrations, instrumental Shabbat services, study sessions, conventions, and a house full of visiting teenagers all became part of family life. “USY helped raise our children,” Cindy said, giving them friendships and experiences grounded in shared Jewish interests and values.

Beth Shalom has also been a source of comfort during painful times. After the October 27, 2018 attack on three of Pittsburgh’s congregations and again after the October 7, 2023 attacks in Israel, Cindy and Scott found strength in gathering with others who shared their grief and concern. “It was really comforting to be together,” Cindy said of the Shabbat service following October 27. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the congregation’s creativity and care sustained connection even when members could not gather in person. When Scott’s father Jim passed away, the morning minyan met on Zoom. For the first 30 days, Scott joined Rabbi Adelson, Nancy Zionts, and fellow congregants to observe the traditions of mourning. “Even though it was remote, it was comforting to be with others and not feel alone,” he said.

Community Connections

Cindy and Scott have served Beth Shalom in many ways. Cindy served on the board, the rabbinic search, strategic planning, religious school, and youth committees. Scott participated on the technology committee. Both are quick to frame their involvement less as a resume of service than as an expression of belonging and support. “Synagogues as institutions are back in the spotlight and have become even more important in our community in the last three to five years,” Scott said. “Cindy and I think it’s really important to support our synagogue and to be a part of it.”

For Cindy, one experience captures the essence of that relationship: carrying the Torah during services. She walks slowly, making eye contact and allowing people to draw near. “I enjoy making the Torah accessible,” she said. “It is so moving as people touch or kiss the Torah—the scrolls that guide our Judaism through teachings and mitzvot.”

What began as a search for a preschool became something enduring: a place where their children grew, where friendships flourished, where joy and sorrow were shared, and where Cindy and Scott continue to learn, participate, and feel at home. Their journey to Beth Shalom was shaped by family—and it has become, in every sense, a journey that has enriched their lives.



*Cindy is Executive Director of the Jewish Assistance Fund.
Scott is President/CEO of Applied Systems Associates, Inc.*





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Asher Zeviel Resnick is the son of Michelle and Adam Resnick, and the brother of Judah. He is the grandson of Nancy and David Resnick and Elaine and Ken Christensen.



He attends Dorseyville Middle School in Fox Chapel. Asher enjoys swimming, running, basketball, and playing frisbee.

He is also an avid Green Bay Packers fan. For his Mitzvah project, Asher is volunteering with local organizations that support individuals and families experiencing food insecurity.

Bar Mitzvah: 9/5/2026

Benei Mitzvah Planning

We begin working with families of students in fourth grade, toward their becoming benei mitzvah.

Please remember that all information related to bat/bar mitzvah and so much more about the process can be found online in the



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Bitu Azhdam (3)	Raychel Franey (9)	Layne Glimcher (16)	Jesse Rosenthal (23)	Walter Hineck (27)
Alicia Klein (3)	Alexander Kisler (11)	Pam Savitz (17)	Monica Cellio (23)	Deborah Firestone (28)
Jordan Block (3)	Brock Glimcher (11)	Ruth Fauman-Fichman (17)	Freada Jaffe (23)	Alex Preus (28)
Connie Smolar (5)	Alan Papernick (11)	Pamela Parker (17)	Gregory Weingart (23)	Scott Sobol (28)
Lynn Gleiberman (5)	Abigail Cohen (12)	Marjorie Sachs (18)	Alexandra Jaffe (24)	Daniel Nizhner (28)
Marnin Fischbach (5)	Shira Berkovits (13)	Oren Gilboa (18)	Madison Zunder (24)	Lev Sheynberg (29)
Lindsey Horvitz (6)	Laurie Weingart (13)	Samuel Spatt (18)	Arnold Caplan (24)	C. Daniel Askin (29)
Bev Klein (7)	Ilene Lederer (13)	Karen Kornblum (19)	Phyllis Caplan (24)	Rhonda Letwin (30)
Judith Perlow (7)	Dana Engel (13)	Tamara Dubowitz (19)	Jason Weinberger (25)	Jay Aronson (30)
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Michael Neft (5)	Ellen Garvin (10)	Sarah Gamble (16)	Victor Mizrahi (23)	
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Elana Kolko (1)	Brian Cohen (12)	Jonathan Schechter (18)	Audrey Silverman (25)
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Matthew Grindle (4)	Judy Palkovitz (14)	Julianna Mestre (21)	Anne Schiff (27)
Keren Raz (5)	Joseph Jolson (14)	Marissa Karp (21)	Carolyn Slayton (28)
Aviva Lubowsky (5)	Mark Horvitz (14)	Hope Nathan (21)	Rosanne Levine (28)
Sarah Weissman (5)	Ruvim Lofenfeld (15)	Lawrence Weber (21)	Adam Ennis (28)
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Deborah Gilboa (6)	Edward Friedman (16)	Arita Gilliam (23)	Irene Kaplow (29)
Cindy Tauberg (7)	Beth Jacobs (16)	Mark Goodman (23)	Ariel Levavi (30)
Ilene Fingeret (8)	Rina Chudnovsky (17)	Myriam Gumerman (23)	Debbie Kramer (30)
David Weinbaum (9)	David Heit (17)	Andrea Cassis (23)	Eydie Moses-Kolko (30)
Bryce Tallon (9)	Jenny Swerdlow (17)	C. Paul Svoboda (23)	Helen Feder (30)
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Rush Howe & Sarah Weissman (2)
Andrew & Pamela Parker (2)
Saul Shiffman & Joan Wagman (2)
Andrew & Rebecca Gamble (3)
Bruce & Deborah Horvitz (3)
Michael & Alicia Klein (3)

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Daniel & Sarah Diner (6)
David Heit & Rebecca Green (6)
Michael Jolson & Shoshanna Barnett (6)
Daniel & Ellen Leger (6)
David Slesnick & Gerri Sperling (6)
Jonathan Arnold & Hadassah Max (7)
Gary & Nancy Tuckfelt (9)
James Busis & Maureen Kelly Busis (24)

October

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Howard & Barbara Goldstein (6)
Boris & Bella Chudnovsky (7)
Shelby Schrier & Brett Teplitz (9)
Jay Aronson & Tamara Dubowitz (13)
Max & Erin Sussman (14)
Boaz Munro & Emily Silverman (15)
Aaron Morgenstern & Donielle Stile Morgenstern (16)
Christopher Hall & Jessica Hammer (17)
Bruce & Bev Klein (18)
Timothy & Bryce Tallon (18)

Alexander & Helen Kiderman (19)
Lee & Marnin Fischbach (20)
Martin & Linda Supowitz (20)
Elliott Blum & Michele Scott-Blum (24)
Paul Munro & Avi Baran Munro (24)
Stanley Kirshenbaum & Diane Silberg (25)
Clifford & Rosanne Levine (25)
Joel & Pamela Greenhouse (27)
Richard & Suzanne Wagner (27)
Adam Kolko & Eydie Moses-Kolko (29)

November

Lucas Heller & Rebecca Pomerantz (1)
Howard & Nicole Valinsky (3)
Robert & Lynn Gleiberman (4)
Aaron & Lauren Ruben (10)
Joel & Stephanie Pomerantz (11)
David & Melissa Seldin (11)
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Kiddush Sponsors

June 1, 2026 — August 31, 2026

June 6, 2026

sponsored by **Ari and May Chester** in honor of Sara becoming a bat mitzvah.

June 20, 2026

sponsored by **Debby Firestone** in celebration of Nate's special birthday-his 39th.

June 27, 2026

sponsored by **Rabbi Judy Bardack** in honor of her birthday. Also, the kiddush dessert was sponsored by **Meira Russ & Nahum Shalman** in honor of their son Ayal's bar mitzvah celebrated in Israel.

July 25, 2026

sponsored by **Ronna and Dan Askin** in honor of their 16th wedding anniversary.

August 1, 2026

sponsored by **Mimi and Jack Halpern's children, Ilene, Jon, Neil, and their families** in honor of Mimi and Jack Halpern's 90th birthdays.

August 8, 2026

sponsored by **Manola Handler Marchal and Cary Marchal** in honor of Sadie becoming a bat mitzvah.

August 15, 2026

sponsored by **Liz and Aaron Smuckler** in honor of Sammy becoming a bar mitzvah.

August 22, 2026

sponsored by **Sara Morrison and Ben Miller** in honor of Nathan becoming a bar mitzvah.

Nihum Avelim (Comforting Mourners)

June 1, 2026 — August 31, 2026

Ilene Lederer on the passing of her husband, Jeffery Lederer, on Friday, May 29, 2026.

Jessica Durkin on the passing of her mother, Olga Adams, on Thursday, June 4, 2026.

Ann McDonough (Michael) on the passing of her mother, Clarice Katz, on Thursday, June 18, 2026.

Mark Perlin (Ria David) on the passing of his mother, Dr. Rita Perlin, on Friday, June 19, 2026.

Avi Baran Munro (Paul), Joseph Munro, Boaz Munro (Emily Silverman), Isaac Munro (Jonah Taylor), Eliana Munro on the passing of their sister and aunt, Bella Baran, on Monday, July 6, 2026.

Dan Leger (Ellen) on the passing of his brother, Paul Leger, on Monday, July 13, 2026.

Iris Nahemow on the passing of her son-in-law, Jonathan Phillip Young, on Wednesday, August 5, 2026.

Alan Maglin on the passing of his wife, Judith Maglin, on Saturday, August 8, 2026.

Lauren (Dr. Brandon) Tauberg on the passing of her grandmother Elaine "Lainey" Sokol, on Friday, August 14, 2026.

Connie Smolar and Barbara Schneider (Michael) on the passing of their husband and father, Harold Smolar, on Monday, August 17, 2026.

Robert Russman-Halperin (Wendy) on the passing of his mother, Minna Halperin, on Sunday, August 23, 2026.

Barukh Dayyan Ha'Emet

June 1, 2026 — August 31, 2026

We are saddened to share the news of the passing of our member **Melvin Luterman** on Sunday, June 14, 2026.

OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY

Milestones – *Mazal Tov!*

June 1, 2026 — August 31, 2026

Jimmy & Rochelle Wagner proud grandparents to their newest grandson, Adam Henry Wagner, who was born on Tuesday, June 9, 2026. Mazal Tov also to proud parents David & Rebecca Wagner and big brothers Ari and Aaron Wagner.

Marylyn Baker who celebrated her 90th birthday on Sunday, June 21, 2026.

Daniel Rosen who took over on July 1, 2026 as President and CEO of the Jewish Healthcare Foundation.

Lorraine and Aaron Mackler on the birth of a granddaughter, Ruti, daughter of Yaelle Goldschlag and Daniel Mackler.

Neila & Danny Bendas on the birth of their granddaughter, Ivy Chaya, on Friday, July 31, 2026. Mazal tov also to parents Alon & Stephanie Bendas and brothers Aden & Eli Bendas.

Mike Yoffee on the birth of his newest grandchild, Charles (Charlie) Brooks Yoffee. Mazal tov also to parents Eric and Abigail Yoffee and big brother Joshua Yoffee. Charles's grandmother is the late Carol Beth Yoffee (z"l). He was born on Carol Beth's birthday and is named in her memory.

Andie Askin on her recent marriage to Ted Livant. Andie is the daughter of the late Donna LaBorwit Askin and Dan & Ronna Askin.

Hannah Bein and Aaron Balleisen who recently got engaged.

Virtual Third Meal Sponsors

June 1, 2026 — August 31, 2026

June 6, 2026

sponsored by **Stan Kirschenbaum** in loving memory of his mother Marilyn Kirshenbaum.

June 13, 2026

sponsored by **Gil Schneider** in loving memory of his grandfather Abraham S. Meltzer Schneider.

June 20, 2026

sponsored by **Shari & Rick Sweet** in memory of the yahrzeit of Rick's beloved mother, Shirley Sweet.

July 4, 2026

sponsored by **Diane Silberg, Stan, Michael and Sarah Kirshenbaum** in loving memory of Diane's father's parents and grandparents Sam and Gertrude Silberg.

July 11, 2026

sponsored by **Diane Samuels & David Sufrin** in commemoration of Diane's father Irving Schwartzman's yahrzeit.

July 18, 2026

sponsored by **Diane Samuels & David Sufrin** in commemoration of mother Joan Schwartzman's yahrzeit.

July 25, 2026

sponsored by **Paul Teplitz** in memory of his parents, Phillip & Iris Teplitz.

August 15, 2026

sponsored by **Gil Schneider** in loving memory of his mother Gloria Meltzer Schneider.

August 22, 2026

sponsored by **BJ and Stan Friedman** in honor of their 49th wedding anniversary.

OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY

**Check out the full list of Congregation Beth Shalom endowment and funds.
You can donate to any ones of these funds.
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Operations Endowment

Providing long-term support for synagogue operations

Rabbi Adelson Discretionary Fund

Supporting Rabbi Adelson's Philanthropic Ideals

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Mildred & Isadore Berkowitz Memorial Fund

Supporting synagogue operations

Beth Shalom Judaic Museum Fund

Providing funds for Judaic Museum purchases

Bregman Minyan Endowment

Supporting morning minyan social activities

Bunny and Marvin Morris Family Arts Fund

Providing support for art

Cemetery Endowment

Providing cemetery maintenance

Etz Chaim Chumashim Fund

Purchasing of Chumashim

Andrew & Minnie Cohen Operations Fund

Supporting synagogue operations

Reuben A. & Selma W. Cohen Youth Endowment

Supporting Youth Department activities

Harry & Jean Davis Operations Endowment

Supporting synagogue operations

Max Elinoff Youth Scholarship Fund

Supporting Beth Shalom youth welfare

J. Leonard Frank Early Morning Minyan Endowment

Supporting Shabbat and Yom Tov services

Goldberg Endowment Fund

Financing Shabbat & family programs for Religious School (J-JEP)

Lynda Herer Goldsmith Camp Ramah Fund

Funding scholarships for youth members in need

Lillian & Leo Gross Sisterhood Kesher Fund

Underwriting Kesher annual cost

Bernard & Ethel Halpern Young Leadership Award

Paying the expenses associated with the Halpern Young Leadership award

Lillian Halpern JTS Weekend Lectureship Endowment

Bringing Seminary students to Beth Shalom for shabbat weekend

Mimi & Jack Halpern Event Assistance Fund

To provide financial assistance to CBS members wanting to attend or participate in a CBS event

Morris Henderson Yahrzeit Fund

Supporting synagogue operations

Hoffman Library Fund

Establishing and maintaining the Hoffman Library

Israel Experience Scholarship Fund

Funding scholarships for dependent children of Congregants to offset costs for trip to Israel

Allan & Betsy Kanarek Shabbat Alive Endowment

Offering programming for Shabbat Alive events

Joan & Larry Lasday Memorial Education Fund

Assisting deserving youth of Synagogue members

Mark Lasser Memorial Scholarship Fund

Providing an annual scholarship to enable an Israel experience for a member in need

Darrell H. Lazarus Hear O Israel Fund

Providing hearing devices for those who are hearing impaired

Arnold H. Lazarus & Belle G. Lazarus Endowment

Supporting synagogue operations

Arnold H. Lazarus & Belle G. Lazarus Annual Remembrance Fund

Providing funding for annual kiddush honoring Belle and Arnold Lazarus

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Bessie & Aaron Maharam Education Endowment

Providing books & other educational materials for preschool

Ma'ot Hittin Donation Fund

Supporting people in need during Passover

Max Elinoff Fund

Hebrew School Technology Fund

Mazerov Scholarship Endowment

Providing scholarship support for children of Beth Shalom members

Moscov Scholarship Fund

Providing scholarship support for Preschool students

Preschool Enrichment Fund

Supporting preschool programming

Philanthropic Fund

Supporting charitable causes as defined by the Philanthropic Committee

Prayer Book Fund

Providing funds to purchase New Prayer Books

Preschool Scholarship Fund

Providing scholarship support for Preschool students

Lynne Robins Memorial Scholarship Endowment

Providing First-time Israel travel support for young female members

Rose K. & Harry Rosen Confirmation Class Endowment

Financing education programs and activities

Thomas Mordechai and Simcha Rosenstein Memorial Fund

Supporting synagogue operations

Dolores Rubin Prayerbook Fund

Providing funds to purchase New Prayer Books

Schiffman Music Fund

Supporting music programming

Arlene Shapiro Memorial Fund

Supporting synagogue operations

Samuel T. & Jeannette B. Shear Youth Lounge Endowment

Establishing and maintaining youth lounge

Sisterhood Flower Fund

Providing flowers for the Bima & our Rabbis for the High Holidays

Sisterhood Torah Cover Endowment

Purchasing of Torah Cover in honor of every Congregation President

Sigel-Mandel-Cohen Scholar in Residence Shulabration Endowment

Supporting Scholar-in-Residence Program

Albert & Anita Smolover Scholarship Fund

Supporting Preschool operations

Pearl & William Stark Humanities Library Fund

Establishing and maintaining the Starks Humanities Library

Harry Steck Primary Enrichment Endowment Fund

Providing books and other educational materials for Religious School Enrichment

Taubé Endowment Fund

Supporting synagogue operations

Early Childhood TEACH Fund

Supporting Professional Development of our Preschool Staff

Wagner-Klein Preschool Playground Fund

Maintaining and replacing Preschool playground equipment

Alvin and Shirley Weinberg Preschool Scholarship Fund

Providing scholarship support for Preschool students

YAD Carol Beth Yoffee Fund

Giving the gift of a yad to all bar/bat Mitzvot students in the Pittsburgh community

Youth Fund

Supporting youth programming

Zukerman Sukkot Endowment

Providing Sukkot decorations and kiddushes and Sukkah construction/repair

Zweig Library Fund

Establishing and maintaining the Zweig Library

Samuel & Mollie Zytnick Endowment

Supports synagogue operations

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