

As of April 2010

Underwriting Opportunities

Congregation members may fund new initiatives or provide budget relief for costly projects so that more funds will be available for education and other activities. A donor can either totally or partially underwrite a project.

Ongoing Opportunities

1. Religious School Scholarships – A donor can provide assistance to youth for attendance at Religious School and/or for B'nei Mitzvah process as part of religious education at Rodeph Sholom. Gifts may also be used for Confirmation class fees. For example, a gift of \$10,000 will help three B'nei Mitzvah children complete their full course of study; a gift of \$1,500 will allow one fourth grade child to attend Religious School, including all textbooks, materials, snacks, and special family programs; a gift of \$500 would cover Confirmation fees for a 10th grader.
2. Young Families dinner – CRS sponsors two dinners a year for our Young Families, for which we must charge each participant. Your gift of \$4,000 would make it possible to offer these meals without charge, a much more “inviting invitation” for this important group representing the future of CRS.
3. Family B'nei Mitzvah Program dinners – As children attend this important and required program after school, and parents often come directly from work, the evening would be much more pleasant and productive for all with “real food” offered, rather than just the cookies and a beverage as budgeted. A gift of \$15,000 will provide possibilities such falafel or pizza to @ 75 individuals over the five weeks of the program.
4. Rodeph Sholom Story project (Archival Display project) – the almost one and a half century of this congregation covers a remarkable array of historic activities that have made this congregation as special as it is. A gift of \$100,000 will make it possible to display the many archival materials on file, including Confirmation class photos.
5. *Shabbat Shalom* for 2010/2011 – underwrite the materials and set-up charges for this weekly publication that is distributed to all who attend Shabbat services on either Friday evening or Saturday. (\$5,000 for the year)
6. Adult Education Program – help underwrite one year's worth of Hebrew, or other continuing education opportunities for the synagogue and community. (\$30,000). A gift of \$10,000 will help underwrite a multi-week course of other significant Adult Education event. A gift of \$5,000 will underwrite a Shabbaton with one of our outstanding guest lectures.
7. Our Youth programs continue to grow, especially popular trips like CRuSTY spring and fall conclave, our High School trip to the Religious Action Center (RAC) in Washington DC, the Boston trip for our 8th graders, and our SNL all night outing for the recruitment of freshmen. Your support can help us cover ever increasing costs of retreat centers/hotels, transportation, and meals so that every child can participate regardless of family finances. (\$25,000 for the year)
8. Tuesday night Religious School dinners – help provide variety for religious school students once a month, in place of the usual weekly pizza. (\$4,500 for the year; \$500 for one month).
9. A Projector for use by the Adult Education classes (\$3000)
10. **Angels** – Become an “Angel” for a production by “CRS Theater Company” providing vital up-front funds that will ensure the financial success of this community project. For your Angel gift, you will receive two tickets and an invitation to the post-Saturday evening event. The “Angel” levels are: (\$1,000) (\$500) (\$250) (\$100)
11. Individualized Hebrew Learning program – to computerize the Religious School's Hebrew program, giving greater flexibility for children to learn at their own rate. Funds will cover purchase of additional computers and adaptation of current program. (\$25,000)
12. Dictation Machine – for clergy's use in composing sermons, articles, and correspondence (\$1,000)
13. Main Sanctuary Seat plaques: Each plaque, \$10,000
14. Chapel Chair plaques (each plaque \$5,000)
15. High Holiday babysitting – With ever more families with young children attending High Holiday Services, we want to be sure that adequate staff is available to accommodate all who require this service (\$9,000)
16. High Holiday Children's programming –help provide child-friendly and age-appropriate programming for the two days of Rosh Hashanah and two sessions on Yom Kippur. The programs are staffed by Religious School teachers and camp counselors and include learning about the Holiday, gym time, snacks, and craft projects. (\$7,500)

17. Special Holiday Oneg Shabbat (\$600)