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"The Torah begins and ends with acts of tzedakah, caring and loving kindness." Talmud: Sotah 14a

Dear Congregant,

I wish you a happy and healthy 5772. In past years, this letter has been an opportunity for the president to ask you to open your hearts and wallets to help us deal with our financial issues. You can be assured that this year is no different! Our tradition teaches that the world is sustained by three things: **Torah, Worship** (avodah) and **Loving Deeds** (g'milut chasadim). Reform American Jewish congregations must follow the same precepts. This year the Board of Directors agreed to continue the direction we adopted last year and to once again focus our High Holy Day Appeal on these three areas. We need you to help us "bridge the gap" between our income and our costs of operation.

Ensuring access to our **Religious School** has always been and must continue to be of prime importance to our congregation. Since we have no fund targeted specifically for school scholarships adjustments to tuition have always been funded directly out of our operating budget. Why not consider supporting the future of Judaism by giving in support of our ongoing scholarship effort?

We could not offer all of our meaningful worship opportunities without maintaining our building. **Building maintenance** is a huge piece of our annual budget. Please consider helping us offset the costs of operating our beautiful facility through your donation to the High Holy Day Appeal.

We at Congregation B'nai Shalom have always prided ourselves on our excellence in programming. We need your help to maintain the high level of programming that we have become accustomed to over the years.

Consider what our congregation means to you, what it has been for you over the years, and what it can be for you and your children for years to come. Please take this opportunity to experience the personal satisfaction of sharing, as you are able, with the congregational community you care so much about.

לשנה טובה תכתבו
L'shanah tovah tikatevu

Paul Silverman
President

Please return this along with your donation/pledge to the temple office. Please indicate amount and method of payment and to which area (if any) you would like your donation to go.

\$36 \$100 \$500 \$1,000 Other _____

Religious School Scholarship **Building Maintenance** **Programming Excellence**

I/We would like to be acknowledged in the bulletin as follows:

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