

Dear Members and Families of Congregation Sha'arei Tzedek Mishkan Yair,

With the *Yomim Noraim* rapidly approaching, it is time again for our annual membership drive. First of all, thank you for your support of CSTMY. The vibrancy of the *shul* is due in large part to the warmth, commitment and, yes, financial support of its membership. We are proud of the community and institution that CSTMY represents, and hope that you are too.

Even though its costs continue to rise, in recognition of the continued difficult economic climate, the *shul* is not raising its membership rates this year. It also remains CSTMY's policy that no one will be denied membership for financial reasons, and we will work with any individuals or families who need accommodation in this regard. For this reason, we remind you to please enroll for the membership option (*i.e.*, Family, Individual, or Associate) that best reflects your level of participation, not what you can afford.

We would also like to emphasize the availability of the **monthly payment option** for membership dues and/or other donations to CSTMY. If this is a more convenient option for you, please do not hesitate to elect to pay monthly. We are able to process credit card payments automatically, making this a low-maintenance choice.

The Financial Picture

To put CSTMY membership dues in perspective, the *shul's* annual budget is approximately \$250,000. We work hard to keep costs down – indeed, this letter is about 10% shorter than last year's. Our budget covers our mortgage, salaries, utilities, custodial care and upkeep, supplies, *Kiddushes*, events, and essentially everything else (aside from capital expenditures). Given our membership of roughly 136 families and individuals, this is approximately \$2,500 per family. We appreciate that a significant number of our member families cannot afford this sum, and our dues structure reflects that reality. Thus, the year-round contributions CSTMY receives in the form of Appeal pledges, *Kiddush* and event sponsorships, *Simchas Torah* auction bids, and other donations are not only appreciated, but provide essential funding that the *shul* must have in order to continue operations.

Help Us Grow Our Shul

Obviously, we members of CSTMY believe that we have something special and well worth sharing. You may have noticed a number of new faces in *shul* recently – please don't forget to welcome them to the community with introductions and *Shabbos* meal invitations. We also encourage you to continue to reach out to new neighbors and guests with the warmth, hospitality, and inclusiveness for which our *kehilla* is known. Please be sure to let us know if you have met someone who you think is a good match for CSTMY so that we can extend an official welcome.

We have enclosed membership renewal forms on which you can specify the number and location of the *Yomim Noraim* seats you would like to reserve and, if necessary, update your contact and family information. We have adjusted the process slightly this year. We will do our best to reserve your seats from last year if you respond by **September 16, 2011**. After that time, the remaining available seats will be distributed on a first-come-first-served basis, without regard to previous years' reservations, so please get your forms and payment in by then.

You will also find membership profile forms enclosed in this packet. Please review the information we have for accuracy. If there is missing or incorrect information, please correct and return to shul. This information is used by our gaba'im and the SKIP program, among other uses. This information never leaves the shul.

Shana Tova U'Mesukah and Ksiva VeChasima Tova!



Daniel A. Shmikler
President

Your Name: _____
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Membership and Yamim Noraim Seats – 5772 (2011/2012)

Membership Levels	
Family	You, your spouse, or your children frequently attend STMY on Shabbos or Yontif
Individual	You are single or the only member of your household to frequently attend STMY on Shabbos or Yontif
Associate	You are a member of another shul, but attend STMY programs, shiurim or minyanim occasionally

Membership Options	Rate	Amount Due
Membership with Yamim Noraim Seat(s)		
Family (includes two seats)	\$650	
↳ additional seats for others in your household	\$20/seat	
↳ additional seats for guests/non-members	\$150/seat	
Individual (includes one seat)	\$395	
➔ New Member Special (includes two seats) ←	\$100	
Upgrade to Front Row		
Upgrade of seat(s) in men's section	\$75/seat	
Upgrade of seat(s) in women's section	\$50/seat	
Membership Only (seats not included)		
Family	\$595	
Individual	\$375	
Associate (not eligible for seat)	\$295	
Building Maintenance Fee		
All current members (waived for new members)	\$25	
Grand Total:		

Payment Options (please check one)

- I am including full payment today by check (made out to "Sha'arei Tzedek") or by credit card number below.
- I am including full payment today in the form of post-dated checks.
- I am providing my MasterCard/Visa number below. Please spread out my payments over the year (monthly).
- I have already made partial payment by credit card on STMY's secure website. Please charge the outstanding balance over the year.

Full payment (or payment arrangements outlined above) must be included when submitting this form.

Sha'arei Tzedek Mishkan Yair's policy ensures that no one is denied membership for financial reasons.
 Any concern regarding fees will be addressed on an individual basis.

Please call Sue at the shul's office with any questions at 773-274-2223.

➔ In an attempt to honor all seat reservation requests, please return completed forms to the shul office by Friday, September 16th. But there's no need to wait until then. ←

If the office is closed, completed forms and payment (in sealed envelopes) can be left in the shul's mailbox or slid under the office door.

MasterCard/Visa # _ _ _ _ - _ _ _ _ - _ _ _ _ - _ _ _ _ <i>Please print clearly.</i>	Expiration: ___ / ___ <i>Security code NOT needed.</i>
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MISHKAN YAIR
MEMBER INFORMATION

LAST NAME: _____
Home Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Home Phone #: _____

MAN

English First Name: _____ Hebrew Name: _____
Date of Birth: _____ E-mail Address*: _____
Bar Mitzva Parsha: _____ Would layn: Parsha Haftora
Hebrew Name of Father: _____ Cohen Levi Yisroel
Hebrew Name of Mother: _____
Cell Phone #: _____ Date of Anniversary: _____

WOMAN

English First Name: _____ Hebrew Name: _____
Date of Birth: _____ E-mail Address*: _____
Hebrew Name of Father: _____
Hebrew Name of Mother: _____
Cell Phone #: _____

* With the exception of monthly calendars and special event invitations/flyers, all Shul communications and announcements are sent via e-mail. Please don't send general Shul communications to my e-mail address

CHILDREN

English Name	Hebrew Name	Date of Birth	Bar Mitzvah Parsha (if applicable)

YAHRTZEITS

English Name	Hebrew Name	Relationship	Date