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Membership Renewal - 5771/5772 (7/1/11 - 6/30/12)

Shalom Chaverim Congregant,

It's membership renewal time! We are glad you are a member of our congregation and hope you will continue to be part of our Chaverim family. The benefits of being a Chaverim member are endless, from interactive Shabbat services, social action opportunities, book club, holiday celebrations and an exceptional Religious School.

Please continue to join us and to support these important activities by completing and returning the attached Membership Pledge Renewal and Membership Information Update Forms by **May 31, 2011**. Our Chaverim records on some members are old and incomplete, so please help us to correct this.

Chaverim "Chai Membership" Donations:

These last few years have been very difficult economically on everyone, including Congregation Chaverim. Chaverim has levels for charitable giving in addition to the full dues. Please consider contributing as generously as possible so that we can continue to offer current services. Chai Membership opportunities are listed on the Membership Pledge Renewal Form. Chai Members will be recognized on our new Chai Membership Tree of Life, located in the rear of the sanctuary.

Alternate Financial Arrangements:

Congregation Chaverim never denies membership due to financial circumstances. If you have special financial needs and/or would like to arrange a personalized payment or due date plan, please check the appropriate box on the Membership Pledge Renewal Form and contact Sheryl in the office (320-1015) to arrange for a member of the Finance Committee to contact you for a confidential discussion of our situation.

Updating Our Records:

For some of you it has been many years since we have asked for information from you regarding your family, contact, professional, and interest information. Please complete the information on the Membership Information Update Form, even if you think we have this information on file.

Participation and Commitment to Chaverim:

Chaverim is a small congregation with a part-time staff. We rely on active participation from our congregants to provide all of our services. Two of Chaverim's principal goals are to encourage each member's personal involvement in congregational life, and to provide an equal opportunity for each member to participate in determining congregational direction and goals. With this in mind, we ask that each member join a committee or volunteer in some capacity. We have provided a list of committees on the following pages. Chaverim needs your help to continue our circle of friendship.

In order for us to plan financially for the coming year, it is imperative that your signed Membership Pledge Renewal Form be received by Chaverim **no later than May 31, 2011**. *Financial arrangements for next year and payments, dues and fees for this year must be settled prior to the start of the fiscal year, 7/1/2011. Please note that this form must be completed in order to receive the Early Bird School Registration discount!*

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Rick Oestreich, & Ari Ginzburg, Co-Presidents

