

## The Dr. Aaron Lazar Brain Cancer Solid Future Fund



At the annual meeting in April, Congregation Beth Shalom launched the **Dr. Aaron Lazar Brain Cancer Solid Future Fund Campaign**, to raise funds needed to invest in the structural integrity of our synagogue and the financial strength of our community.

Dr. Aaron Lazar is a longtime member of Congregation Beth Shalom who was diagnosed with a highly malignant brain tumor in early 2019. Aaron was initially in shock, but with his wife's help, he has become at peace with this diagnosis. He is convinced that God set him on this path so he can heal the house he worships in, so he can help support a community that will last for many generations to come.

Aaron's vision: he will heal, and his community will heal with him.

Our synagogue faces over \$500,000 in needed building repairs over the next 10 years, with many immediate needs. These repairs include relocation/wrapping of plumbing, repaving of the parking lot, insulation of the interior and exterior of the building, possible repair to our foundation and replacement of aging HVAC systems. We need to raise enough money to solve our building needs and to rebuild our reserves for the future of our synagogue.

Aaron came to us with an idea to help secure our building, our finances, our future.

For this campaign to succeed, and for Congregation Beth Shalom to secure financial security, it will take support beyond the Naperville Jewish Community. Like his Biblical namesake, our Aaron has chosen to speak for us and spread the message of our need far and near.

Under Aaron's leadership, we are fully engaged in this effort. With his full support, we are dedicating this fundraising drive in his honor.

Aaron is excited to begin his healing journey. He is not on this journey alone.

We need your commitment now, so that we can begin and properly stage our work efficiently. Because our work will be staged, so can your donations. So we are asking you to commit to giving twice:

- Donate half in 2019 to fund the immediate work
- Donate the same amount again stretched out over 2020, 2021 and 2022

Please support Aaron, and the Solid Future team, in our efforts to strengthen and sustain Congregation Beth Shalom as a vibrant community for generations to come.

Payments can be made via check to Congregation Beth Shalom

(772 W. 5th Avenue, Naperville, IL 60563)

or via Credit Card on the synagogue website at

<http://www.napershalom.org/draaronlazarbraincancersolidfuturefund/>

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