

## **Fund Definitions:**

**Building Maintenance Fund** = Donations to the Building Maintenance Fund are used to pay for expenses incurred in connection with the upkeep, maintenance and enhancement of our synagogue building and the land around it (excluding landscaping), including the repair and replacement of equipment.

**Chesed Fund** = Donations to the Chesed Fund are used to pay the expenses of or otherwise provide meals, incidentals and other services to members of our synagogue in time of need.

**Community Security Fund** = Donations to the Community Security Fund are used to pay for expenses incurred in connection with maintaining the security of our building and grounds, such as the purchase of security-related equipment (e.g., cameras and lighting), costs related to ongoing security monitoring, the use of contract security and/or off duty police officers for on-site security patrols, or training that directly relates to the security of our community.

**Cultural Arts Fun**d = Donations to the Cultural Arts Fund are used to provide funding for cultural events held at or sponsored by our synagogue.

**Jekabpils Fund** = Donations to the Jekabpils Fund are used to support a small Jewish community in Latvia by sending them packages of needed supplies, placing phone calls to remind them they are not forgotten, and helping them in various other ways.

**Landscaping Fund** = Donations to the Landscaping Fund are used to pay for expenses incurred in connection with the upkeep, maintenance and beautification of the landscaping and grounds surrounding our synagogue.

**Library Fund** = The Library Fund is used for the purchase of new books to add to our library collection or for the repair of books currently held in our library. It may also be used for supplies or maintenance related to the library and both our book and art collection.

**Mortgage Reduction Fund** = Donations to the Mortgage Reduction Fund are used to repay the principal of and interest on the mortgage on our synagogue. Once the mortgage is retired additional funds shall be maintained as an endowment pursuant to agreements made when the fund was established.

**Oneg Supplies Fund** = Donations to the Oneg Supplies Fund are used for purchasing food and other supplies for Onegs held in connection with Shabbat and other services.

**Playground Improvement Fund** = Donations to the Playground Improvement Fund are used to pay for expenses incurred in connection with the upkeep, maintenance, and beautification of the playground within the grounds of the synagogue. It may be used to purchase/repair new equipment, fencing, or games.

**Prayerbook Fund** = The Prayerbook Fund is used for the purchase of new prayerbooks or for the repair of prayerbooks we currently own. It may also be used for any expenses related to the maintenance of our prayer book collection.

**Preschool Fund** = Donations to the Congregation Beth Shalom Preschool Fund are used for providing and enriching a weekday program of Jewish and secular education for young children. It may be used for purchasing supplies and/or paying for special events not normally included within the budget of our Preschool.

**Rabbi's Discretionary Fund** = Donations to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund are used to anonymously help members of our congregation and community in need and to support social and religious causes deemed important by our Rabbi.

**Religious Fund** = Donations to the Religious Fund are used to pay the expenses of and otherwise support religious programs and activities of our synagogue, and for the payment of expenses related to the holding of regular and holiday services and special events of a religious nature.

**Religious School Fund** = Donations to the Religious School Fund are used to support the Jewish education of our children. It may be used for purchasing supplies and/or paying for special events not normally included within the budget of our Religious School.

**Scholarship Fund** = Donations to the Scholarship Fund are used for providing scholarships for participation in programs at camps and other locations outside our synagogue in Israel and elsewhere – thus encouraging young people to further their Jewish educations beyond the scope of our Religious School.

**Tikkun Olam Fund** = Donations to the Tikkun Olam Fund are used to pay the expenses of and otherwise fund or support activities and events focused on the healing of our world (whether locally, in our country, or for the global community), including feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless and supporting interfaith activities.

**Torah Fund** = Donations to the Torah Fund are used for the purchase of new Torah scrolls and accessories (such as atzei chayim (wooden handles), gartels, mantles, crowns and yads) and/or the repair or replacement of our current Torah scrolls or accessories.

**Youth Programming Fund** = Donations are used to support programs for youth groups including parties, outings or community projects that are not fully covered in the Congregation budget.