



SISTERHOOD

TEMPLE GATES OF PRAYER



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Dear Friend(s),

Each of us has the opportunity to participate in preserving, promoting, and perpetuating Conservative Judaism through active giving to the Torah Fund Campaign of Women’s League. The monies raised support The Jewish Theological Seminary in New York, the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies in Los Angeles, and the Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies in Jerusalem. One hundred percent of the proceeds go to further the various programs Torah Fund supports.

The Torah Fund campaign was first launched in 1942 as a scholarship fund. In 1963, it combined with the Mathilde Schechter Residence Hall campaign that provided housing for undergraduate students. Since then, Torah Fund has been a vital source of support for JTS and its students, raising more than 66 million dollars. Thousands of dedicated volunteers have contributed to the spiritual, esthetic and material well-being of the JTS community by supporting Torah Fund projects. Major gifts of Torah Fund include scholarships, the Keter Kavod award, support of the Women’s League Seminary Synagogue, the Mathilde Schechter Residence Hall, Goldsmith Hall, the JTS Quad, the Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies Garden, Library bookshelves, and the Residence Hall at the American Jewish University.

Donors who give \$180 or more will receive the new Torah Fund Pin for 5779 (2018-2019).



‘*Atid*’ means future in Hebrew. As Women’s League for Conservative Judaism enters its second century, Torah Fund enters its 77th year, and the State of Israel enters its 71st year. We look forward with joy to our future together with you our Sisterhood members and supporters of Torah Fund. When the classical Rabbinic texts speak of the future using the word ‘-,’ it usually appears in the phrase “*le’atid lavo*,” which means in the future to come. By this, they mean either the day when the Messiah will come, or *olam haba*, the afterlife. Israelis, referring to this life, are known to say with optimism, “*Yesh atid*,” which means “there is a future!” How do you envision your future: your personal future, the future of your family, the future of your community, of the United States, Canada, and Israel? When you dream of a bright future, is it in the next world or this one? The seminaries of the Conservative/Masorti movement, which we support through Torah Fund, are doing the great work that helps us navigate our future together, as one people. Our Sisterhoods provide the social and educational networks – the extended family – that help us go forward into our future, as Jewish women, with confidence. The 5779 Torah Fund pin envelopes the Hebrew word for “future” (*atid*) with a stylized *Magen David*. It represents our wish for a distinctly Jewish future, for ourselves as individuals, for our families, and our communities.

As we support the programs of the Jewish Theological Seminary, Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies, and Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies, we proclaim that we as women in all walks of life are proudly shaping the future of the big, three-thousand year old Jewish family.

Torah Fund Levels

Keter Kavod	\$5,000	Associate Patron	\$2,500
Scholarship Patron	\$2,500	Guardian	\$ 300
Patron	\$1,200	Benefactor	\$ 180

Please send your generous donation to support the worthy causes of Torah Fund by October 1st. Make your tax deductible check out to Sisterhood Temple Gates of Prayer and write Torah Fund on the memo line.

Bonnie Panzok, President

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I am pleased to contribute \$ _____ to support Torah Fund. My check is enclosed.

Name: _____ Telephone: _____