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To Our Congregational Community:

During the past year, we have tried to live up to our core values statement: "Congregation Sha'aray Shalom is a Reform Jewish community that practices Jewish study, worship, inclusion, and Tikkun Olam (repairing our world) from generation to generation." You have done the same with renewed enthusiasm, participation, and commitment to these values and our community.

Please add your voice to how our community runs, by attending the Annual Meeting on June 7, 2018 at 7:30 pm, with wine, cheese and socializing starting at 6:45 pm. If you cannot attend, please help us obtain a quorum by completing the attached proxy (one for each adult member, so two for each couple, whether interfaith or not) and returning it to the Temple office or giving it to your designee to bring to the meeting.

At the Annual Meeting, you will vote on the proposed slate for the Executive Committee and the Board of Trustees, which has been approved by the current Board of Trustees. A copy of the proposed slate is attached.

You will also vote on the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 (starting July 1, 2018), which has been endorsed by the Board of Trustees and is also attached for your review. This budget will allow us to meet our fiscal obligations and provide a small cushion for unexpected expenses. The budgetary assumptions are clearly identified, as are our projected membership financial commitment requests.

Our successes will continue if every member family supports our synagogue within their personal means. Our commitment to inclusion recognizes that this will mean different things for different families. But our community's continuing health rests in your hands. So please support fundraising activities, make the temple one of your philanthropic priorities, and understand that while we want to give congregants financial assistance as is necessary, we need every congregant, in turn, to be committed to the welfare of our community at large.

I look forward to another successful year with you filled with study, worship, and repairing the world. Please help us help you make the community yours.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott L. Garland

David Alschuler, Chair of the Finance Committee

Attachments:

- FY 2018-2019 Budget (Proposed)
- FY 2018-2019 Budget (Summary)
- Annual Meeting Proxy Form
- Executive Committee and Board of Trustees (Proposed)
- Minutes from 2017 Annual Meeting
- Membership Financial Commitment (Proposed)