



IMPACT STATEMENT

Sharei Chesed (Gates of Kindness) Congregation has played a very special role in our community for over 100 years. Since the time of our 2 founding synagogues – Sharei Zedek and Gemelus Chesed – thru our merger and on to the present day, we have always been a place to gather, to meet, to share, to care, to learn, and to pray. It's where families come together to celebrate important life cycle events. It's where our children go to prepare themselves for Jewish adulthood and community service by learning and practicing the traditions and rituals of Judaism. It's where strangers feel a warm welcome and have the opportunity to meet new friends. And it's where we go to find meaning and purpose in our lives, alleviation of our sorrows, and simple explanations for the profoundly unexplainable.

Sharei Chesed Congregation is proud to take on the task of meeting the needs and diversity of our congregants and friends. We pride ourselves in being egalitarian in nature – a place where both men and women are equally involved in all aspects of synagogue life. Our synagogue is also home to a large immigrant community, primarily from the former Soviet Union – people who were unable to fully live as Jews until they came to this country. Our services and other programs have given them a life where they are able to freely and joyously celebrate their Jewish heritage.

We also welcome 'Jews by choice' – those who seek to become fully participating members of our community by studying, practicing and embracing the laws, rituals and precepts of the Jewish people. Our adult education programs have gone a long way in making this possible.

In addition, Sharei Chesed is committed to life-long Torah study. We actively engage all of our members, from the youngest to the eldest. We challenge all members of every age to strengthen their knowledge of Judaism and the ways in which our Jewish values shape our daily lives.

Furthermore, we connect with one another by performing mitzvot that enhance the physical, spiritual and social lives of members of our congregation, our local community, the nation and the world. Our unwavering support of the State of Israel and the Jewish people brings us together and links us in a common bond.

Our Legacy donors are members, like you, who are making a promise to future generations that they will have a thriving Jewish community to embrace and enrich their lives as Jews. They acknowledge the value, importance and centrality of our synagogue in the lives of our congregants and choose to join in creating a legacy to ensure its future. We hope you will join them today in making your own Legacy gift.

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