

Underwriting Opportunities

Congregation members may fund new initiatives or provide budget relief for costly projects so that more funds will be available for education and other activities. A donor can either totally or partially underwrite a project. Contact Deborah Siegel, at 646.454.3050 or dsiegel@crsnyc.org if you would like to make a contribution or have questions.

Ongoing Opportunities

1. **Youth Center** – The youth of our Congregation are acutely in need of a dedicated space for their meetings and other gatherings. Plans are being drawn up to convert space on the synagogue's 5th floor into a new Youth Center. A gift of \$50,000 will allow us to convert and furnish this space. A Naming Opportunity is also available for this new space.
2. **Rabbinic Suite** – Once the Youth Center conversion is undertaken, the Associate Rabbinic staff offices will need to be relocated to the synagogue's 2nd floor. A gift of \$200,000 will allow us to convert the Hahn Chapel to the new Rabbinic space. Naming Opportunities are available for the entire new space or for individual offices.
3. **Board Room Conversion** – Once the Rabbinic Suite has taken over the space of the current Hahn Chapel, the Board Room will be used more often for religious services. A gift of \$20,000 will cover immediate changes such as window coverings, new lighting and chairs. A gift of \$250,000 will cover more extensive changes such as a portable Ark and a Reading Table.
4. **P. J. Library** – our partnership in this award-winning Jewish family engagement program, created by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, will deliver free, high-quality Jewish books each month to 400 CRS families and prospective members raising children aged 6 months to 6 years. A gift of \$30,000 will ensure that Rodeph Sholom can fulfill our commitment for the initial three years of the project.
5. **Confirmation Class Display** – We have installed the many Confirmation class photos we've collected (more than 70). A gift of \$10,000, or donations toward this goal, will help fully cover the costs of this project.
6. **Synagogue Façade, 83rd Street** – During a recent inspection, a number of issues were uncovered that required immediate attention during the summer in order to maintain our lovely building and ensure continued safety of the community. A gift of \$200,000 (or a portion towards this amount) will cover money spent on such things as testing and repairing the limestone blocks, columns and arches and repairing and sealing window reveals and surrounds.
7. **Youth Director's Office** – the Youth Director plays a crucial role in steering and mentoring Rodeph Sholom's various youth. A gift of \$40,000 will cover recent modification to an existing space for the Youth Director, providing a more appropriate office than currently being used. A Naming Opportunity is available for this project.
8. **Adult Education Brochure** – the 5772/2011-12 Adult Education brochure provides a comprehensive list and description of the year's Adult Education offerings. Your gift of \$5,000 will underwrite the production and printing of this important congregational tool which will be distributed at the beginning of the synagogues year of activities in September.
9. **Sign Language Interpreters** – Can you help CRS offer Sign Language Interpreters at Erev Shabbat services once a month? A gift of \$5,000 covers a full year's calendar of services.
10. **Religious School Scholarships** – A donor can provide assistance to youth for attendance at Religious School and/or for B'nei Mitzvah process as part of religious education at Rodeph Sholom. Gifts may also be used for Confirmation class fees. For example, a gift of \$10,000 will help three B'nei Mitzvah children complete their full course of study; a gift of \$1,500 will allow one fourth grade child to attend Religious School, including all textbooks, materials, snacks, and special family programs; a gift of \$500 would cover Confirmation fees for a 10th grader.
11. **Baby Boomer and Empty Nesters Shabbat dinners** -- We know that as our members' lives change, engagement in the community evolves as well. For Baby Boomers and Empty Nesters who might be looking for a new type of connection within our synagogue, we schedule a series of special Shabbat dinners throughout the year. A gift of \$1,500 will underwrite a full year's schedules of dinners.
12. **Young Families dinner** – CRS sponsors two dinners a year for our Young Families, for which we must charge each participant. Your gift of \$4,000 would make it possible to offer these meals without charge, a much more "inviting invitation" for this important group representing the future of CRS.

13. **Family B'nei Mitzvah Program dinners** – As children attend this important and required program after school, and parents often come directly from work, the evening would be much more pleasant and productive for all with “real food” offered, rather than just the cookies and a beverage as budgeted. A gift of \$15,000 will provide possibilities such falafel or pizza to @ 75 individuals over the five weeks of the program.
14. **Shabbat Shalom for 2011/2012** – underwrite the materials and set-up charges for this weekly publication that is distributed to all who attend Shabbat services on either Friday evening or Saturday. Your gift will be credited weekly.(\$5,000 for the year)
15. **Adult Education Program** – help underwrite one year’s worth of Hebrew, or other continuing education opportunities for the synagogue and community. (\$30,000). A gift of \$10,000 will help underwrite a multi-week course or other significant Adult Education event. A gift of \$5,000 will underwrite a Shabbaton with one of our outstanding guest lectures.
16. Our **Youth programs** continue to grow, especially popular trips like CRuSTY spring and fall conclave, our High School trip to the Religious Action Center (RAC) in Washington DC, the Boston trip for our 8th graders, and our SNL all night outing for the recruitment of freshmen. Your support can help us cover ever increasing costs of retreat centers/hotels, transportation, and meals so that every child can participate regardless of family finances. (\$25,000 for the year)
17. **Tuesday night Religious School dinners** – help provide variety for religious school students once a month, in place of the usual weekly pizza. (\$4,500 for the year; \$500 for one month).
18. Help enhance the **Adult Education classes** by underwriting the purchase of a projector. (\$3000)
19. **Angels** – Become an “Angel” for a production by “CRS Theater Company” providing vital up-front funds that will ensure the financial success of this community project. For your Angel gift, you will receive two tickets and an invitation to the post-Saturday evening event. The “Angel” levels are: (\$1,000) (\$500) (\$250) (\$100)
20. **Dictation Machine** – for clergy’s use in composing sermons, articles, and correspondence (\$1,000)
21. **Main Sanctuary Seat plaques:** Each plaque, \$10,000
22. **Chapel Chair plaques** (each plaque \$5,000)
23. **High Holiday babysitting** – With ever more families with young children attending High Holiday Services, we want to be sure that adequate staff is available to accommodate all who require this service (\$9,000 for September 2011)
24. **High Holiday Children’s programming** – help provide child-friendly and age-appropriate programming for the two days of Rosh Hashanah and two sessions on Yom Kippur. The programs are staffed by Religious School teachers and camp counselors and include learning about the Holiday, gym time, snacks, and craft projects. (\$7,500 for September 2011)
25. **Special Holiday Oneg Shabbat** (\$600)

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