



Congregation Shaarie Torah MEMBERSHIP PACKET

SHAARIE
TORAH

IN THE HEART OF NW PORTLAND

Congregation
SHAARIE TORAH

WELCOME

ברוכים הבאים



There are many paths of entry into Shaarie (Gates of) Torah, to discover and engage your core Judaism. We welcome you, new or newly activated, in through any of these seven gates that resonate most strongly with you. We hope you will engage with us through one or many of these pathways.

- **We seek insight** from the spiritual heritage of the Jewish people and make its values real in lives informed by Torah and mitzvah.
- **No matter where a person finds themselves** in their familiarity with Jewish practice or teaching, our community will be a gateway to deeper engagement with the tradition.
- **The Torah and the Jewish tradition** guides us in asking fundamental questions about the meaning and purpose of our lives and our personal and communal Jewish responsibilities.
- **We are taught that one of the great principles of the Torah** is "Love your neighbor as yourself." Grounded in the belief that each person is created b'tzelem elokim, in the image of God, we strive to grow a community where people are treated with respect, dignity and love.

· **Jewish teaching and practice can remind us to discover joy in our lives** - and our Jewish practice can be shaped by our joyful attitude. With an appreciation of the rich musical Jewish tradition, in celebrating together with food and drink on Shabbat and holy days, and in our approach to finding new approaches to Jewish tradition, we give life to the mitzvah of living our lives with joy.

· **We cultivate and foster the spirit of innovation and creativity**, aware that in each generation courageous Jewish leaders and communities have found new approaches to Jewish teaching and new expressions of Jewish life.

· **What happens in our world helps determine what questions we ask of our tradition.** The Torah inspires us to act in the world - in our synagogue community, in our local community and beyond - informed by its values of responsibility, compassion and justice.

We are grateful that you are considering Congregation Shaarie Torah. If there is some way that I can be a part of your deliberation, or can aid you in finding a place here, please don't hesitate to contact me at the office.

Shalom,

Rabbi Joshua Rose / rabbirose@shaarietorah.org / (503) 226-6131 ext. 101



Shalom!

Since 1905 Congregation Shaarie Torah has been inviting people into the community, into the shul and into this very special family. Our close-knit kehillah cares for one another, reaches out with loving hands ready to help and maintains a quiet strength that has sustained us for nearly 120 years. We welcome you to join us and explore that many facets of CST. Please feel free to call or email to arrange for a tour, meet with me or Rabbi Rose, discuss opportunities for study or worship ... or whatever else is on your mind. We look forward to getting to know you soon.

Warmly,

Jemi Kostiner Mansfield

Executive Director / executivedirector@shaarietorah.org / (503) 226-6131 ext. 105

Why Become A Member?

We invite people to “try us out” for a while. If we are the right fit, becoming a member means you are joining with others to support the growth of our Jewish community, and ensure its future. You are planting seeds, as others planted for you.

Membership supports the following:

An open and egalitarian prayer space in Northwest Portland, with minyanim throughout the week.

Educational opportunities for every age group

- Shabbat School (K-5th)
- Wednesday Night School (6th-12th)
- Weekday discussions with Rabbi Rose
- Adult learning programs at Shaarie Torah and in member homes
- B'nai Mitzvah preparation for children and adults
- Pathways to conversion
- Year round holiday oriented learning

A joyous and spirit filled Shabbat experience

- Different approaches throughout the month for Friday night services
- A delicious monthly Friday night dinner – a great opportunity to connect with people
- Weekly Shabbat services followed by a delicious Kiddush lunch
- High Holiday tickets included for members
- Cemetery plot for each adult member after 3 years of membership
- An extensive Library
- A community to support you in times of joy, of challenge, and of loss
- A community in which to explore our traditions, and our opportunities to innovate
- A community that can multiply your individual opportunity to act with responsibility, compassion and justice, locally and beyond
- Fun, with old friends, and new friends

We welcome you to join us. We welcome the opportunity to answer any question or concern you may have.

*Cost of cemetery plots are reduced after each year of membership in good standing. After 3 years of membership, in good standing, each adult member receives a plot free of charge. Free plots are contingent on active membership at time of burial. To learn more about our cemetery policy, please call our office at (503)226-6131 or email info@shaarietorah.org.

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Office Hours

Monday-Friday 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Diane Nemer Gift Shop Hours

Monday-Thursday 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Friday 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Or by appointment.

All proceeds go to our Education Programs.

OUR CLERGY & STAFF

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Irina Burlay
Kitchen; Head Chef

WHO WE ARE

Shaarie Torah is an inclusive, multi-generational Conservative synagogue, nestled in the heart of Northwest Portland. This warm and welcoming Jewish community has been around since 1905, and looks to the future by balancing contemporary and traditional Judaism. We strive to ensure that every voice is heard and that every member is counted. At Shaarie Torah, we offer extensive programming and activities that work to foster Jewish values of social justice through: Torah/Learning, Avodah/Service and Chesed/Loving Kindness.

TAKE A TOUR & LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!

Visit us for a tour of our Religious School, and our building/grounds!

Tours are available by appointment, Monday through Friday, 10 am to 2 pm. Call our office to set up a tour of our Education department, or of our building and grounds.

Like us on facebook at www.facebook.com/shaarietorahpdx

SERVICES

Morning Minyan:

Mondays & Thursdays at 7:25 a.m.

*7:00 a.m. if Minyan falls on Rosh Chodesh

*8:30 a.m. if on a National Holiday

Sundays at 8:30 a.m.

*During school year, Sunday minyan is followed by bagels & nosh.

Shabbat Services:

2nd Friday @ 6:30 pm: Kabbalat Shabbat services & dinner.
Please visit our website or call office for required RSVP*

4th Friday @ 6:30 pm: B'kol Echad/Musical Shabbat
includes oneg after services

Saturday Morning Services @ 9:15 a.m. followed by open and free Kiddush lunch

**All Shabbat services are free except if for our 2nd Friday Kabbalat Shabbat & Dinner.*