

~ TORAH FUND ~

The concept of the new Torah Fund pin is Hiddur Mitzvah - beautifying a mitzvah. It is attributed to a Midrash on a verse in the Song of the Sea: "This is my God and I will glorify Him (Exodus 15:2)," and is thought to be the source of Jewish aesthetics. The pomegranate imagery of the pin has multi-layered meaning. Not only beautiful, the pomegranate (*rimmonim*) is one of the bountiful fruits of Israel. *Rimmonim* is also the term used for the silver adornments (finials) on the *atzei chaim* (Torah rollers) of the Sefer Torah (Torah scroll) — just a little something extra that has adorned our land, our Torah, our rituals and our mitzvot for centuries, and added meaning to our daily lives.



We have the new pins as a gift to anyone wishing to become a Benefactor or higher level contributor (see below).

Through your contributions, students' Jewish education can be furthered in the hope they will one day be our rabbis, cantors and educators in the Conservative Jewish movement.

And please save the date Sunday, January 22, 2012 to attend the Torah Fund Dinner with guest speaker, Rabbi Ben Herman. Watch your mail for your invitation!

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Please see other side.

Women's League/Sisterhood of CAI ~ TORAH FUND 5772 CONTRIBUTION FORM ~



Yes, I/we wish to ensure the future of Conservative/Masorti Judaism
by making a contribution to Torah Fund at the following level:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Benefactor (unadorned pin)	\$180
<input type="checkbox"/>	Guardian (pin w/faux pearl)	\$300
<input type="checkbox"/>	Associate Patron (pin w/faux ruby)	\$600
<input type="checkbox"/>	Patron (pin w/faux diamond)	\$1,200



I wish to contribute \$_____ to Women's League Torah Fund, and not receive a pin.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____

Make checks payable *CAI Women's League Torah Fund* and return completed form to:
Women's League Torah Fund c/o Congregation Anshei Israel
5550 E. 5th St., Tucson, AZ 85711

*Visa, MasterCard, American Express,
and Discover accepted.*
Call Judy Fishman at 520-730-7393 to charge.

Pins will be distributed at time of pledge.
Partial payments accepted.
Full payment not due until June 2012.

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to the following contributors to the
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2010-2011 TORAH FUND CAMPAIGN
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MYTHS ABOUT TORAH FUND

- Torah Fund buys new Torahs.
False: Torah Fund supports our institutions that train teachers of Torah.
- Torah Fund does not benefit the Jewish community of Tucson.
False: Torah Fund helps educate teachers, rabbis and cantors, who help all of us, and are important to the continuation of Judaism.
- Torah Fund is only at Congregation Anshei Israel.
False: Torah Fund is an international program. Canada, South America, Puerto Rico and Israel raise funds to help train future educators, rabbis and cantors.
- You have to be a woman or a member of Women's League to contribute.
False: Anyone can contribute!
- Payment needs to be in full.
False: All amounts are welcome and you can pay in installments.
- You don't personally know anyone who has benefited from Torah Fund.
FALSE: CAI's own Rabbi Kelley Gludt and Rabbi Ben Herman are graduates of The Jewish Theological Seminary in New York!
- It is a mitzvah to give to Torah Fund.
TRUE: It feels good to give!