

SHOMREI ATID FAQ'S

Q: Why have Beth Shalom members joined Shomrei Atid?

A: Here are just a few of the many reasons:

- Beth Shalom changed and enriched our lives in immeasurable ways. By joining Shomrei Atid, I've done my part to strengthen the foundation of our community, ensuring that it will be there for generations to come.
- We want to do our small part to help ensure that there will continue to be a synagogue that offers a wealth of spiritual, educational, and social justice experiences in an inclusive and respectful environment.
- Every kind of support for CBS is needed and important. I do not have the current means to give financially as much as I would like. I can, however, give through my Will.
- We never want Beth Shalom to disappear
- When I moved to Seattle to start a new life ... I found Congregation Beth Shalom was a very good fit. It became my community.
- I support Beth Shalom financially is because I see it as an agent of social change and as a place of comfort and help for many other people, not just myself.
- There is no one else out there, with a few small exceptions, to fund a synagogue other than its members.

Q: How does it work?

A: Accompanying this letter is a Letter of Intent form for you to fill out. You will see that it gives you a number of options. An important note: you can join Shomrei Atid if (1) you already have made a future gift to Beth Shalom, e.g., in your Will; or (2) you commit to doing it. You are not required to do the paperwork necessary to make the gift right now – only that you commit to doing it in the coming months. So all you do is fill out the form, return it to Beth Shalom, and you're in!

Q: What kinds of gifts do people make?

A: Here are a few of the common ways to make an endowment gift to Beth Shalom:

- Leave an exact amount, or a percentage of your estate, to CBS in your Will.
- Make CBS the beneficiary of a life insurance policy.
- Make CBS the beneficiary of an investment account.

**We strongly encourage every member to join.
Regardless of how large or small your gift is,
your participation is HUGE to us!**

