Congregation Mishkan Israel

Brotherhood of Men and Women

**2023-2024 Annual Membership Appeal**

Dear Fellow Congregant,

The board members of CMI’s Brotherhood of Men and Women (BMW) extend best wishes to you and your family for a healthy year. As a service auxiliary of CMI, our goal is to provide support to the CMI community through fellowship, Tzedakah and performing good deeds. The BMW runs various activities to the benefit of the congregation and uses the proceeds along with membership dues for Tzedakah and the religious school support. BMW sponsored activities in the past have included the Sunday Coffee shop, Deli Night, a book club and a field trip with ties to Judaism. Finally, we award the Alan Lakin Award of Merit.

The Tzedakah and Coffee Shop program in the last year supported organizations closely associated with CMI (Chevra Hands, the religious school) and other local Jewish organizations (the Jewish Cemetery Association, the Jewish Community Alliance for Refugee Resettlement (JCARR), Congregations Organized for a New Connecticut (CONECT) and Jewish Family Services). Your generous additional contribution helps us to continue to offer this much needed support to important organizations such as these.

With CMI now open, we ran the coffee shop and had a Deli night last fall. Going forward, we are planning new activities at least partially by partnering with other organizations such as the Jewish Federation and the New Haven Jewish Historical Society. Events potentially include a book club, an adult education series on future of Judaism in a secular culture, an evening exploring Jewish music in America and, of course, another Deli night.

We are still considering a name change. The goals are to support gender neutrality and simplify the name. Based on our polling, the majority of members were open to such a change, but there was no consensus on a specific name. We will continue to work on this.

We are grateful to past members who have supported our mission with their annual membership and participation in our programs. While we invite everyone to join the Brotherhood of Men and Women for the 2023-2024 membership period, we also encourage all members to consider participation in BMW.

Sincerest thanks, Robert Homer, President

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Membership July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

Name and Address:

Membership Dues: Individual (singles only) $25.00 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Family $40.00 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Special Funds: Tzedakah (Charitable Giving) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: Mishkan Israel Brotherhood

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**Return membership form and check to: CMI Brotherhood, 785 Ridge Road, Hamden, CT 06517**