

Congregation Tikkun v'Or

Ithaca Reform Temple
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April 1, 2025

Dear Fellow Congregants,

Each spring, we as members of Congregation Tikkun v'Or are asked to make a donation “from the heart” during our annual Nediv Lev campaign.

This year, our donations will be directed towards supporting and developing our congregation’s spiritual leadership.

A generous group of donors has pledged \$7,000 in matching funds, which will be fully “unlocked” when donations from our members reaches that level. There won’t be a better time to show your support for our spiritual leaders than during April 2025, when your donation will be matched dollar for dollar. This will help us reach our budgeted goal of \$15,000.

To make your donation, you can go online to:

<https://tikkunvor.wildapricot.org/donate>

Check off “Nediv Lev” on the donation reason list, and enter your donation amount to pay by credit card or PayPal.

To pay by check, make your check payable to Ithaca Reform Temple and send it to:

Congregation Tikkun v'Or
Nediv Lev
PO Box 3981
Ithaca, NY 14852

Please make your donation by April 30th, 2025.

Congregation Tikkun v'Or has been blessed to have Jeff Bercuvitz, Rabbi Lenore Bohm, Lauren Korfine, Michael Margolin, Miranda Phillips, and Faith Rogow lead our High Holiday, Shabbat and other services. Sue Horowitz has helped lead some special services, Rabbi Lenore has offered Torah study and other educational programs, and Michael is creating inter-generational Jewish learning experiences. This “tapestry of spiritual leadership” is a very significant part of what makes Congregation Tikkun v'Or such a special community.

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We are fortunate to have this team, plus our many other volunteer service leaders, continue this spiritual leadership model for the coming fiscal year, which starts in July. Whether we continue in the same format for future years – or adjust in response to the needs of the community – supporting and developing our spiritual leaders will take financial resources. The Nediv Lev campaign is a critical piece of our annual revenues supporting our spiritual leadership.

These past few months have been tumultuous for all of us. We are seeing long-held values in our country challenged. The very lives of immigrants in our community have been put at risk. Funding from the federal government for research and other projects has been cut off, at least temporarily. Relationships with the country's international allies have been turned over. Environmental policies have been reversed. "Diversity, Equity and Inclusion" have become words of division and derision.

How can TvO help? One of our Board members recently said it well: "Our congregation literally offers a Sanctuary, where there is a safe place to go and quietly be with your community."

Congregation Tikkun v'Or continues to offer many opportunities for our members, and guests, to gather, to pray, to sing, and to learn together.

This month, in addition to our weekly Shabbat services, Tuesday Morning Minyans, and Jewish Learning Experience classes, we will have our annual Community Seder, led by Rabbi Lenore and Miranda Phillips.

If you believe, as we do, that in these challenging times, it is more important than ever that Ithaca has a vibrant, welcoming Jewish community, led by a talented group of service leaders and educators, please make your donation to our Nediv Lev campaign by April 30th.

Our best wishes to you and your family for a joyful Passover,

Sincerely,

Martha Armstrong
Co-President

Mitch Grossman
Co-President