

**BERNARD A. and R. LORRAINE MOREWITZ CHARITABLE FOUNDATION**

July 10, 2025

**RE: Bernard A. and R. Lorraine Morewitz Charitable Foundation**

Dear Guy, Jenny, and Martha:

We write this letter to the congregants of Rodef Sholom Temple through its current president, its president-elect, and its immediate past president. We are the trustees of the Bernard A. and R. Lorraine Morewitz Charitable Foundation, a private 501(c)(3) foundation. The initial funding for the Morewitz Foundation came from the bequests of Bernard and Lorraine Morewitz's wills and trusts. Since its initial funding, we have been privileged to support the Temple while we have grown the Foundation substantially. During this time, we have offered material support to the Temple through funding of the Bernard A. Morewitz Rabbinical Chair, by other contributions to meet additional needs of the Temple, and, of course, participation in the building campaign for our new synagogue.

As each of you know, Rodef Sholom Temple was critically important to Bernard and Lorraine and a major part of their lives. Bernard was a past-president and, for years, he swore in the elected directors in a ceremony, which by its solemnity emphasized the importance and responsibility of being a Temple leader. Lorraine served on the board, and in her estate planning, she wanted to join Bernard in his efforts. He memorably blew the shofar on high holy days for decades.

The major message of this letter is to advise you that the Morewitz Foundation has defined its primary mission to support Rodef Sholom Temple. The Morewitz Foundation expects to be a significant part of the financial backbone of Rodef Sholom Temple in lock-step with the members' participation. The Foundation will meet the congregation more than halfway to assure its success in all that it attempts to do.

The role that Rodef Sholom Temple and its members play in the larger Jewish and non-Jewish community is important. Bernard and Lorraine and the Morewitz family played such a role. Independent of the Foundation's commitment to Rodef Sholom Temple, but nonetheless supportive, the Morewitz Foundation makes an important gift to the annual campaign of the United Jewish Community of the Virginia Peninsula. The Morewitz Foundation's expectation is that will continue unabated, as well as being available to support other Jewish and non-Jewish causes, not only locally, but nationally as well.

Fundamental to the success of Rodef Sholom Temple is a membership that supports the Temple, not only with their money, but their presence and involvement as well. We have the institutional memory that, when the endowment was established, the understanding that was clear to the leadership was that, without an endowment, the members would not be able to support what we built at Whealton Road, and that an endowment was critical. The annual contribution that comes from the endowment to

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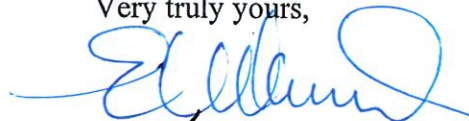
support the budget clearly vindicates that observation. Going forward, a strong endowment is undoubtedly going to be required. To that end, we are pleased to advise you that we are going to make a \$150,000 commitment of unrestricted funds to the endowment of Rodef Sholom Temple, provided the funds are matched by new money, even if that new money is in a restricted fund. The necessity of a strong endowment is something that was recognized forty years ago and will continue to be needed going forward.

The Temple's pivot from a dues-driven annual campaign to a personal solicitation offers a tremendous opportunity to allow a one-on-one personal conversation that not only invites "giving from the heart" with a targeted pro-rata share of expenses, but also the opportunity to solicit for the endowment and for greater involvement in Temple life.

As you know, the Morewitz Foundation funded the rabbinical chair named after Bernard with an initial gift of \$25,000, and subsequently increased it to \$30,000. We are pleased to advise you that the Foundation will increase its gift to \$50,000. Hopefully, this will give your campaign a jumpstart.

The Morewitz Foundation assists active, vibrant and impactful charitable organizations supported by their membership. We want to make sure Rodef Sholom Temple continues its tradition of being just that – vibrant and impactful. Finally, if the synagogue and its leadership have ideas or suggestions as to how we could help, we will be open to such ideas and suggestions. We look forward to a long, never-ending relationship.

Very truly yours,



E. D. David, Trustee



Howard P. Smith, Trustee



Irving B. Goldstein, Trustee