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## Thank You for Your Support

Shalom,

On behalf of the Beth Chaverim Reform Congregation Board of Directors I would like to thank you for your generous support to the Campaign for our Future. To date we have pledges totaling \$76,722. Our goal is to raise \$200,000 in contributions from within our congregation to ensure that we will be able to sustain our building and our religious school and support a permanent, ordained rabbi to serve as our spiritual and educational leader over the next two years.

Each year Beth Chaverim continues to advance its mission of "providing the Jewish community in Loudoun County, Virginia with a forum for experiencing the religious, cultural, and celebratory aspects of Jewish life, offering this experience in an organized, open, egalitarian environment where all members are comfortable with their diverse beliefs and Jewish heritage. Beth Chaverim Reform Congregation will foster the viability of the Jewish people by providing Jewish religious education to our children and providing our members with an active Jewish community in Loudoun County, Virginia." Through worship, education, social, and community outreach programs we have touched many lives in meaningful ways during our 13 year history.

In particular, our educational programs have enjoyed great success in the past year. We've seen the number of children in our religious school climb to an unprecedented 173 students! Further, the number of students enrolled in the pre-confirmation and confirmation classes (8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> grades) continues to grow. This year has also seen the newly formed "Lunch & Learn" class to include 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students in our school for the first time. In addition to educating our children, at Beth Chaverim we continue to support lifelong learning. Adult education offerings this year included the well received inter-faith Children of Abraham dialogue course in addition to the Holidays 101 series, Judaism 101, and Women in the Bible classes.

Your contributions are needed more than ever in this economic downturn to help support our temple and reach our budget goals. All of the funds raised from this campaign will help fill the gap in our budget shortfall enabling us to hire a rabbi that will satisfy the spiritual and educational needs of our community. **If you have not already done so, please make your pledge before February 15, 2010** to secure this rabbinical presence. If you have already pledged, please consider adding to your original pledge. The extra effort can really make a difference in achieving our goal. Checks should be made payable to BCRC or complete a pledge card and send it to the temple. To charge your donation or to use PayPal, please go to the Beth Chaverim website ([www.bcrcva.org](http://www.bcrcva.org)), "Campaign for our Future" donation.

Thanks again for your generous support of our efforts to do "whatever it takes" to ensure that Beth Chaverim will continue to make a difference in your life and those of other reform Jewish families and individuals in Loudoun County. With the help of donations from supporters such as you we will continue to fulfill our mission and continue to provide a Reform Jewish presence in Loudoun County for generations to come.

To Our Future,

*Tracy J. Cirone*

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