



Oheb Shalom Congregation

Scholarship Information

Oheb Shalom Congregation encourages all congregants and/or their children to attend organized programs that support and enhance Jewish identity and increase Jewish knowledge. Scholarships are available to offset the cost of programs for adults and children.

Oheb Shalom has three scholarships funds:

- Ø **The Rabbi Alexander M. Shapiro Scholarship Fund.** Established in memory of our beloved Rabbi who served our congregation from 1972 until his untimely passing in 1992, the Shapiro Fund supports programs of Jewish learning for post-high school adults. The fund was initially established through a generous gift by Sheldon (z"l) and Betty Feinberg and continues to grow from donations made by all those who cherish the memory of Rabbi Shapiro. Examples of programs funded by the Shapiro Fund include study programs (including online learning) at the Jewish Theological Seminary, Yeshiva University, Drew University, Seton Hall, attendance at CAJE and similar teacher training programs, and local congregational and communal education programs. Awards will not be made for college tuition for matriculated students in undergraduate or graduate programs.

- Ø **The Oheb Shalom Jewish Education Fund for Youth.** Over a period of many years, several families established funds for education at Oheb Shalom. In subsequent years, their relatives and friends have continued to donate to these funds. These donors are:
 - The Herbst Family
 - The Krohn Family
 - The Kussy Family
 - The Levy Family
 - The Lichtman Family
 - Fannie Schechner
 - The Ulanet Family

By a resolution of Oheb Shalom's Board of Trustees, these separate funds were pooled together and dedicated to the support of programs of Jewish learning and enrichment for children through high school. Examples of programs funded by the Jewish Education Fund for Youth include the Prozdor of the Jewish Theological Seminary, the Central Hebrew High School, the Teen Tracks program, or any other youth program that includes a Jewish educational component.

- Ø **The Camp Ramah Fund.** Over a period of many years, several families established funds that support attendance at Camp Ramah, the official camping movement of the Conservative Movement. In subsequent years, their relatives and friends have continued to donate to these funds. These donors are:
 - The Aronchik Family
 - The Besser Family
 - The Mellinger Family
 - The Silverman Family

Members of the congregation are encouraged to make donations to the Shapiro Scholarship Fund, the General Jewish Education Fund and the Camp Ramah Fund.

Eligibility and Requirements

- Ø Scholarship awards will be made to members of the congregation or to the minor children of members. Grown children of members (other than undergraduate college students), grandchildren of members or other extended family members are not eligible to receive scholarship awards.
- Ø Awards from all three scholarship funds will not be made on the basis of financial need, though members who are able to pay the full cost of their program are encouraged to do so.
- Ø In evaluating scholarship applications, the scholarship committee will give priority to the expected impact of the learning program or experience on the individual (i.e., will the program serve as a catalyst for further learning or deeper involvement in Jewish life?).
- Ø In making awards from the Rabbi Alexander M. Shapiro Scholarship Fund and the Oheb Shalom Jewish Education Fund for Youth, the scholarship committee will also give priority to programs that are known to be reputable and well run.
- Ø Recipients of awards from the Rabbi Alexander M. Shapiro Fund will be asked to share their learning with the congregation (for example by making a presentation at the annual Shapiro breakfast or a Shabbat service, or writing an article for the Review).

Application Deadlines

Applications to the Camp Ramah Fund are due in the synagogue office by the end of December of each year for the following summer. Award recipients will be notified of their award by the end of January.

Applications to the Rabbi Alexander M. Shapiro Scholarship Fund and the Oheb Shalom Jewish Education Fund for Youth are due in the synagogue office by the end of February of each year for the following academic/Jewish year. Awards recipients will be notified of their award by the end of April.

Payment of Funds

All payments will be made directly to the institution. No reimbursements will be made to applicants.

	Purpose	Award Amount	Application Due	Recipients Notified
Rabbi Alexander M. Shapiro Scholarship Fund	Jewish learning for post high school adults	Three annual awards of up to \$500 per award	End of February of each year for the following academic/ Jewish year	By the end of April
Oheb Shalom Jewish Education Fund for Youth	Jewish learning and enrichment for children through 12 th grade	Three annual awards of up to \$500 per award	End of February of each year for the following academic/ Jewish year	By the end of April
Camp Ramah Fund	Attendance at a Ramah Camp or program	Up to \$3,000 will be awarded annually	End of December of each year for the following summer	By the end of January



Oheb Shalom Congregation Scholarship Application Form

Scholarship fund to which you are applying:

- The Rabbi Alexander M. Shapiro Scholarship Fund (post high school)
- The Oheb Shalom Jewish Education Fund for Youth (children through high school)
- The Camp Ramah Fund

Name of applicant _____

If the applicant is a minor:

Parent: _____ Parent: _____

Address: _____

Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

Name of program you plan to attend: _____

Address and phone number of institution: _____

Total cost of program: _____ When is tuition/payment due? _____

Information to be supplied by applicants to the Rabbi Alexander M. Shapiro Scholarship Fund and the Oheb Shalom Jewish Education Fund for Youth:

1. Describe the content, goals and curriculum of the learning program to which you are applying: _____

2. Why do you want to enroll in this program? What are your goals and objectives? _____

