

The Year of Our Torah



YOU AND YOUR FAMILY can write your own letter in the Torah with our *sofer* (scribe) with a sponsorship at one of the following levels:

Naming / Dedication of the Sefer Torah—Name the Torah Scroll in honor of a person or persons, living or dead, who has enriched our lives individually and as a community with their Torah (teachings, service, life example, etc.).

Endowment of the Scribe—Underwrite the *sofer* who will travel to Congregation Shomrei Torah to teach us and provide us with the opportunity to write a letter in our new Torah Scroll.

One of the Five Books—Choose *B'reshit* (Genesis), *Sh'mot* (Exodus), *Vayikra* (Leviticus), *B'midbar* (Numbers) or *D'varim* (Deuteronomy).

Holiday—Do you and your family love to celebrate the holidays? Sponsor a holiday from the Jewish Calendar.

Special Passage—Do you feel a special connection to a certain passage from the Torah? Choose a passage that has special meaning for you and your family. A list of suggestions is available.

Shabbat—This is a dedication of the Seventh Day of Creation, when God finished all of the creations and set this day apart as a holy day of rest.

Parsha—On every Shabbat, a weekly Torah portion is read. Each carries with it a special significance. Dedicate a Torah parsha to commemorate a special *simcha*, major life cycle event such as a Bar/Bat Mitzvah parsha or a passage that has special meaning to you.

One of the Ten Commandments—Sponsor one of the *Aseret ha-Dibrot* that have been at the roots of our tradition for thousands of years.

One of the Mitzvot—Sponsor one of the *mitzvot*, commandments which define Jewish life. A list is available.

Verse—Each verse in the Torah tells a story, imparts wisdom and provides unique meaning. Any verse may be dedicated. A list of suggestions is available.

Name from the Torah—Many names have their origin in the Torah. Dedicating a name cited in the Torah further links us personally to our tradition. A list of Women's and Men's names is available.

Word from the Torah—Does a word from the Torah have special meaning to you? A list of suggestions is available.

Letter—We want every child to participate in the *mitzvah* of writing a Torah! Every child under the age of 13 has an opportunity to sponsor a letter in the Torah.

Scholarship—Make an additional donation to support those who wish to participate but cannot make their own donation.

Adornments

Wimple—The special sash or belt that ties the scroll together.

Yad—The pointer used by Torah readers to keep their place and to avoid touching the parchment with their fingers.

Daily Mantle—A protective covering for the scroll that looks like a cloth cylinder with two holes at the top where the wooden rollers protrude.

High Holy Days Mantle—A special white version of the mantle, which is used during the High Holy Days through Simchat Torah.

Breastplate—An ornate silver shield that is hung over the top of the rollers to decorate the Torah scroll.

Rimonim—The Torah wears either a crown, which covers the top of both rollers, or two *rimonim* (pomegranates) on each roller.

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Yes! I/we would like to write my/our own letter in the Torah with our *sofer* (scribe) and choose a sponsorship at one or more of the following levels:

- Naming / Dedication of the Sefer Torah (Scroll) (One Donor)** \$36,000
- Endowment of the Scribe (One Donor)**..... \$30,600
- One of the Five Books (One Donor for Each Book)** \$18,000
 - B'reshit (Genesis) Sh'mot (Exodus) Vayikra (Leviticus)
 - B'midbar (Numbers) D'varim (Deuteronomy)
- Holiday (Unlimited Donors)**..... \$5,400
 - Rosh Hashanah Yom Kippur Sukkot Simchat Torah
 - Tu B'shevat Purim Pesach Shavuot
- Special Passage* (Unlimited Donors)** \$3,600
 Book: _____ Chapter: _____ Verses: _____
- Shabbat (Unlimited Donors)**..... \$2,700
- Parsha* (Portion) (Unlimited Donors)**..... \$1,800
 Parsha Name: _____
- One of the Ten Commandments (Unlimited Donors)** \$1,080
 - I The Eternal Am Your God. You Shall Have No Other Gods Beside Me.
 - You Shall Not Swear Falsely. Remember the Sabbath Day and Keep It Holy.
 - Honor Your Father and Your Mother. You Shall Not Murder.
 - You Shall Not Commit Adultery. You Shall Not Steal.
 - You Shall Not Bear False Witness. You Shall Not Covet.
- One of the Mitzvot* (Unlimited Donors)** \$613
 Mitzvah: _____
- Verse* (Unlimited Donors)** \$216
 Book: _____ Chapter: _____ Verse: _____
- Name from the Torah (Unlimited Donors)** \$108
 Hebrew Name: _____ English Name: _____
- Word from the Torah (Unlimited Donors)**..... \$54
 Hebrew Word: _____ English Word: _____
- Letter (Unlimited Donors) (Under Age 13)**..... \$36
 Hebrew Letter: _____
- Scholarship (Unlimited Donors)** \$54
- Adornments (One Donor for Each)**
 - Rimomim (Crowns) \$5,400 Daily Mantle.....\$3,600
 - Breastplate \$5,400 Yad (Pointer)\$1,800
 - High Holy Days Mantle \$3,600 Wimple (Belt).....\$900

**If you have a particular passage, parsha, mitzvot or verse in mind
and do not know its name, we would be happy to try to locate it for you!*

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Send payment to Congregation Shomrei Torah, 2600 Bennett Valley Road, Santa Rosa, CA 95404

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Total Donation Amount: _____ Form of Payment: Check Credit Card Cash

Check Amount: _____ Check #: _____

Credit Card Amount: _____ Credit Card #: _____

Expiration Date: _____ Signature: _____

Cash Amount: _____ Order Taken By: _____ Order Date: _____