

# POLICY FOR LOANING OF SEFER TORAH

Adath Shalom Congregation

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1. Under most circumstances none of our sifrei Torah will be available for loaning.
2. If approved by the Board as in the interest of the congregation and to increase kavanah of the recipient(s) of the loan, one sefer Torah may be loaned under the following conditions:
  - a. The loan shall be for no longer than one day, on a day when the sefer is not otherwise required for use by Adath Shalom, and ideally the loan will be only for the time needed for the service at which it will be in use.
  - b. The sefer Torah shall not leave the grounds of the Jewish Community campus.
  - c. Appropriate arrangements shall be made for protecting the sefer Torah during movement away from the ark where it normally resides and during any services, and such arrangements shall be approved by the Chair (or co-chairs) of the Ritual Committee.
  - d. Normally, such loan would be made only to someone who has been a member in good standing of the congregation for a minimum of two years.
  - e. Should the Board approve such loan to someone who does not meet criteria "d" above, a donation to Adath Shalom equal to one year's family membership at Adath Shalom will be expected, plus any amount required to reimburse Adath Shalom for the cost of any additional insurance for the Sefer Torah during the period of the loan; those funds would be treated as General Revenue.
  - f. As Adath Shalom is not in the business of renting out Torah scrolls, the recipient of the loan must undertake to exercise discretion as to the source of the Torah scroll they are borrowing from Adath Shalom.