In 1823 Abraham Touro left a $10,000 bequest “for the purpose of supporting the Jewish synagogue [in Newport].”

His generosity and foresight ensured the survival of Touro Synagogue.

Today, the Synagogue needs a new generation of dynamic leaders to step forward and sustain Abraham Touro’s vision.

We invite you to follow in Abraham Touro’s footsteps by becoming a charter member of the Abraham Touro Society. As a charter member, your $10,000 gift will help create a permanent endowment to protect Touro Synagogue. Income generated from the endowment will be used exclusively to help Touro Synagogue:

- Maintain and preserve the synagogue and grounds,
- Remain open for services, and
- Ensure the synagogue has a Rabbi in residence.

Your generosity will be recognized with your name inscribed on a plaque that will be mounted on the synagogue grounds.

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PROVERBS 4:2

It is a tree of life for those who grasp it and its supporters are praiseworthy.
Dedicated in 1763, Touro Synagogue is the oldest synagogue in the United States and considered one of the ten most architecturally distinguished buildings of 18th century America. It became a National Historic Site in 1948. Each year, thousands of visitors cross Touro’s threshold to see its magnificent sanctuary and hear its inspiring story.

The congregation was founded in 1658 by descendents of Marranos who fled the Inquisitions in Spain and Portugal and who themselves fled the Caribbean seeking greater religious tolerance offered by “a lively experiment” in Rhode Island. Today, Touro Synagogue continues to be a home of an active congregation.

Touro Synagogue stands as a testament to the strength of character, enlightened thinking, and generosity of our forefathers and our founding fathers. Your gift will help ensure that it remains a beacon of Judaism – and a symbol of religious freedom for all Americans.
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Yes, I would like to become a founding member of the Abraham Touro Society. Please accept my commitment of $10,000.

Name(s)___________________________________________________________

Address __________________________________________________________

Additional donor options are available to support Touro Synagogue. We will gladly discuss them with you.

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Name as you would like it to appear on the plaque _______________________

☐ Check enclosed, made payable to Congregation Jeshuat Israel.