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Dear Friends:

It's that time of year again for us to ask you to renew your membership with Congregation Kehillah:

This past year has been one of tremendous growth and dynamic progress for our community, and I am extremely excited as I look to the coming new year.

Among the many things we can celebrate as accomplishments:

We purchased property at 5858 E Dynamite Rd to be our new home. We have begun to use the facility and will continue to do so while renovations take place, which should begin very soon.

Our YEP! religious school program has become a major attraction and driver of growth, under the guidance of synagogue Administrator Renee Joffe and her amazing team of teachers and volunteers.

A vibrant and enthusiastic Women's group (GNO) and Men's group (Brotherhood) continue to grow and develop new relationships for participants.

A consistently strong and enriching musical presence continues to make itself felt at Kabbalat Shabbat and High Holy Day services.

Rabbi Bonnie Sharfman once again led a group on a 14-day pilgrimage to our Jewish homeland. Highlights were so numerous that it's difficult to isolate any one thing as THE highlight. From Tel Aviv to the Golan Heights, to Tzfat, to the Dead Sea, and finally to Jerusalem, it was magnificent from start to finish. A family trip to Israel is in the planning stages for the next year or two.

These are just some of the many exciting things we can look back on with pride and they will inspire us to build upon them and improve even more.

Of special mention to our members is the extraordinary leadership of Rabbi Bonnie Sharfman. Her vision has fostered a communal culture where she knows everyone's name and has a personal relationship with each congregant. The opportunity is always there for those who seek to grow and learn with Rabbi Sharfman as a teacher and spiritual guide. The 18 Core Values that define Congregation Kehillah are the center of her teachings.

The coming year will be an opportunity filled one for our congregation. I am asking that all of you respond to this call to renew your membership with the knowledge that you are part of something truly enriching. You will notice there are slight increases to our dues structure, which are needed to sustain our operations. I deeply believe that the benefits derived from being a part of our Kehillah community far exceed the added financial cost we are asking you to bear.

As always, I am happy to answer any questions and discuss any concerns if you have any.

Wishing you a peaceful and restful summer.

L'shalom,

Rich Goldman
President
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