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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 renovated and settled into our Dynamite new home.

We introduced an additional Early/Family service to our High Holy Days schedule and filled the sanctuary for all our services.

Our YEP! religious school program continues to be a major attraction and driver of growth, under the guidance of synagogue Administrator Renee Joffe, Ilene Malka, Vice President for Education and their amazing team of teachers and volunteers.

A vibrant and enthusiastic Women's group (WNO) and Men's group (MOK) 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.

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.

Rabbi Bonnie Sharfman is planning an exciting family trip to Israel for May 2019 and an Adult trip for 2020.

This 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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