

Dear Members of Kehillah,

Thank you for the privilege of being your President this past year. As our current fiscal year will soon be ending and we embark upon the 2022/23 year, I wanted to point out a few highlights of the past year that we can celebrate together:

- We remained connected not only to our members but also our community through personal outreach and community service.
- We opened our doors to be together again both in person and via Zoom to accommodate the various needs of our congregation's members.
- Our High Holy Day services, via YouTube, were inspirational, high quality and well attended.
- Sippy Cup Shabbat for infants and their families kicked off and is a great addition to our community.
- The First Annual Purim Carnival was a huge success, and we look forward to the next one.
- Our YEP! program and Teen *Tzedek* Initiative program for our post *B'nai Mitzvah* students continued to thrive, both online and in person.
- We enclosed our patio and immediately began to use it as a classroom, meeting, and social space.

Once again, I would like to recognize how our wonderful Rabbi, Renee, our cantorial soloists, and the Board of Directors continued to operate and improve every aspect of Kehillah's environment. The amount of work and the time pressures were incredible. We upgraded our Zoom capabilities and plan to continue to offer multi access (in-person and Zoom) services and classes to accommodate the needs of all congregants.

On a personal note, once again I am energized by the resilience of our community. We have embraced the challenge and grown stronger with continued participation and enthusiasm. We created a momentum as we enter our new fiscal year which begins July 1st. Kehillah's well-being depends on your continued support. For the first time since 2019, we have slightly increased dues and the security fee has been rolled in. This increase will help us pay our Administrator, Cantorial Soloists and YEP! staff and keep our doors open.

For those who can, please consider increasing your financial commitment to Kehillah. Kehillah Community Supporters (**KCS**) represent the financial pillars of our Kehillah (community), contributing beyond their basic membership commitment, helping to ensure our financial stability, safeguard our ability to retain staff, add additional clergy and staff as the need increases, and allow us to continue to deliver the high quality of care, programming, and services that you have come to know with Congregation Kehillah. In addition, **KCS** helps to make certain that those who face financial challenges can still be members of our community, and those with children are able to raise them at Congregation Kehillah.

We also recognize that the financial commitment may be difficult for some, and we will continue, as we always have, to work with you so that you can remain members of our community, and for those with children, to educate your children here. Please contact Renee. All conversations are strictly confidential.

We ask that returning members please fill out the **Membership Renewal Form** so that our records are up to date. Please return this form along with your financial commitment form and payment.

I look forward to growing Kehillah with you.

L'Shalom,

Jane Neely, President