

June 2023

Dear Members of Kehillah,

Thank you for the privilege of continuing to being your President this past year. As our current fiscal year will soon be ending and we embark upon the 2023/24 year, I wanted to point out a few highlights of the past year that we can celebrate together:

- Congregation Kehillah is the proud winner of two Jewish News Reader Choice categories. “BEST” Hebrew School for our Youth Education Program (**YEP!**) and Young Adult Programming: Congregation Kehillah Young Adults (**CYKA**). Our name will be featured in Jewish News “BEST OF” Magazine, publishing in October.
- We connected not only to our members but also our community through personal outreach and social action work and Rabbi Sharfman’s leadership in the community as President of the Board of Rabbis, Vice President of the Arizona Faith Network and Vice Chair of the Jewish Community Relations Council. Rabbi Sharfman has been a highly requested speaker throughout the community and offered the Invocation at the State Inauguration in January.
- We have held in person and Zoom services to accommodate the various needs of our congregation’s members.
- Our High Holy Day services, which were well attended in person as well as on Zoom, were inspirational, and uplifting.
- **CKYA** (Young Adults) programming started with great success and is a meaningful addition to our community.
- **FYC** (Families with Young Children) enjoyed Sippy Cup Shabbats that were creative and fun.
- The 2nd Annual Purim Carnival and the unforgettable CKYA Purim Shpiel with actors from CKYA were both huge successes, and we look forward to both returning for Purim celebrations next year.
- Rabbi led two wonderful trips to Israel and is taking another group in October, connecting our members to their Jewish heritage.

Once again, I would like to recognize how our wonderful Rabbi, Renee, our cantorial soloists, and the Board of Directors continue to operate and improve every aspect of Kehillah’s environment. The amount of hard work and dedication is appreciated by all.

On a personal note, I am energized by the resilience of our community. We have embraced the challenge and grown stronger with continued participation and enthusiasm. We created momentum as we enter our new fiscal year which begins July 1st. Kehillah's wellbeing depends on your continued support. The Board of Directors has voted to not raise the dues for the 2023/24 fiscal year. Dues helps us pay our Administrator, Cantorial Soloists, CKYA staff 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.

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 **Financial Form** and let us know if any personal information has changed, so that our records are up to date. Please return this form and payment.

I look forward to growing Kehillah with you.

L'Shalom,

Jane Neely, President