



Yom Kippur 2023/5784

L'Shana Tovah,

As we approach the new year, 5784, I look forward to praying with each of you. I am continuously taken aback by the strength of this *Kehillah K'doshah*, this Sacred Community, and how we have been able to remain together spiritually and physically. We find ourselves in a transitional year, looking for our new spiritual leader. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for how you have supported and committed to everything we do at Congregation Beth Tikvah. We are strengthened by everything each person brings to our *Kehillah*.

Although this is an unprecedented time for our congregation our programming is strong. We continue to welcome new members, and our Tikvah Learning Community continues to offer a wealth of Jewish learning to our community's youth. What better time than this High Holiday season to give thought to our past and consider Congregation Beth Tikvah's future. We are grateful for every one of you and your membership.

This year we needed to increase our dues somewhat. However, it has been the deliberate and longstanding goal of the Board of Trustees to keep our annual membership dues as low as possible so that payment is not an obstacle to being part of our Kehillah. Dues, even with this year's slight increase, only cover approximately 60% of our total operating budget (i.e. professional staff, utilities, building repair and maintenance, programming, etc.). Each year at this time we appeal to our members to help meet the financial needs of our congregation, which includes funding engaging, unique programs and the continued costs associated with a comprehensive rabbinical search.

Please take a moment as you reflect on the past and help envision the future of Congregation Beth Tikvah and what CBT means to you and your family. If your answers include the relationships you have built, the value your fellow congregants have added to your life, and your desire to support *your* Jewish community, then a contribution to our Kol Nidre Appeal goes a long way to add to our future.

This year there are a few ways in which to donate:

- 1) Scan the QR Code below and follow the prompts to make your donation.
- 2) By returning your donation or pledge in the enclosed envelope.
- 3) [CLICK HERE](#) to make an online donation or pledge and to add your name to our Kol Nidre Tree of Giving. You will have the choice of making your online donation by PayPal, credit/debit card (+3% fee for online transactions), check, or by pledging an amount to pay immediately or over time.

No amount is too small and makes a huge impact. Help us reach 100% membership participation in this year's drive, so we can continue to do great work and elevate our community. Be a part of our bright and exciting future!

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Donna Snyder, President



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