



Congregation Beth Tikvah

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L'Shana Tovah,

One of Judaism's greatest strengths is to provide an oasis of stability in the shifting sands of history. It is in trying times that the constancy of our connection to one another and the eternity of our community is so important. Indeed, the current pandemic has highlighted just how inter-reliant we all are.

At times like these, we must consider our priorities and how we will support our synagogue so that we can continue being Congregation Beth Tikvah — A House of Hope, Thank you for being part of our cherished CBT community!

While 2020 was fraught with challenges we could never have imagined, CBT had a remarkable year. We rode the momentum of 2020 into 2021 and have not looked back. While still challenging and, by and large remote, programming was strong, membership grew, and our *haimish* community has continued to be there for one another. We are grateful to each and every one of you and your membership.

It has been the deliberate and longstanding goal of the Board of Trustees to strive to keep our annual membership dues as low as possible so that payment is not an obstacle to being part of our kehillah. Dues cover approximately 60% of our total annual operating budget (professional staff, electric, programming, etc.). Each year at this time we conduct an appeal to help meet the financial needs of **our** congregation, including funding engaging and unique programs and initiatives.

Please take a moment and reflect on what Congregation Beth Tikvah means to you and your family, the relationships you have built, the value your fellow congregants have added to your life, and your desire to support our community. For those of you who are able, challenge yourself to increase your generous gift from last year. We hope you will add your name to our Kol Nidre Tree of Giving by going to btikvah.org/kolnidre and making a donation. You will be given the option to pay by Paypal, credit card/debit card, or check, or pledge an amount to pay immediately or over time.

During the past few years, we have demonstrated that we are a community of giving — help us reach 100% participation in this year's drive, so we can continue to do great work and elevate our community. No amount is too small to make a difference. Be a part of our bright and exciting future.

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