



August, 2010

Dear Fellow Congregant,

We're only a few short weeks away from the High Holy Days. Rabbi Kalender, Rabbi Paskind, Debra Beland, Director of Education & Youth Activities and the Ritual Committee have done a wonderful job of planning and preparing for this year's services. Now it's up to us as members of the congregation to do our part. We all need to work together in order for our services to be a joyful and spiritually meaningful experience. Here are a few important points to note:

- ***Tickets will be checked for all services before entering the building.*** It is prudent to raise our security profile at the holidays and so you should be prepared to show your tickets before entering the synagogue. If your personal observance of the holiday excludes carrying, please call the office to let us know that you will not have your tickets. Your name will be added to a list. We ask your patience and cooperation as we check tickets to insure a safe environment. Your tickets are included in this mailing.
- ***Service times:*** The services for the first day of Rosh Hashanah and for Yom Kippur will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the sanctuary and 10:00 a.m. in the social hall, both ending at approximately the same time. Rabbi Kalender and Rabbi Paskind will be teaching at both of the services throughout the morning. **Please choose which service you would like to attend.**
On the second day of Rosh Hashanah there will be one service in the sanctuary.
There will be several children's services for ages pre-school through sixth grade on each day of Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur. See enclosed flyer for details.
On Kol Nidre: Friday, September 10, services will be held at 6:45pm in both the sanctuary and social hall.
- ***Entering the building:*** To allow for easy entrance and to lessen the noise in the lobbies, we ask you to enter the building for the **sanctuary service** through the doors from the patio and follow the hall to the sanctuary entrance. For the **social hall service**, enter the building by following the new path down to the social hall.
- ***Seats:*** We ask that you refrain from saving seats so that all of our congregants have the opportunity to be seated on a first-come basis. Tallitot and other personal items left on seats after services will be removed and placed on tables outside the sanctuary or social hall where you may pick them up upon your return to synagogue. Personal items left on seats before Kol Nidre will be placed on tables outside the sanctuary or social hall before the doors are opened.
- ***Parking:*** We encourage you to take advantage of the opportunity to park at the JCC and use our shuttle bus. If you do attempt to park in the neighborhood, please obey all driving and parking regulations as outlined in the enclosed information. Strict enforcement of parking regulations in our lot and on the surrounding streets will occur. This will include ticketing.

Jerry and I and our entire family would like to wish all of you, our Olam Tikvah family, the best in the coming year.

L'shana Tova Tikatevu
Andrea Gross
President



*Annual Kol Nidre Appeal
September 12-16, 19-21 2010*

At Olam Tikvah, our tradition is for synagogue volunteers to conduct an annual Kol Nidre Appeal phonathon. It gives us an opportunity to perform the mitzvah of tzedakah (charitable deeds) during the High Holy Day season and funds from the appeal form an important part of our annual operating budget. Your Kol Nidre pledges allow Olam Tikvah to continue to provide the full range of activities that make for vibrant Jewish life in our community.

At different times of our lives we turn to OT for different things including: the life cycle events we celebrate and the sad times during which we seek comfort, weekly services and special holidays, the daily minyan, our youth programming, and the Jewish education we and our children receive. We expect our synagogue to be there with a high level service, whenever we need it, 365 days a year.

The Board of Directors has worked hard to cut costs and keep membership dues increases to a minimum. However, our membership dues alone do not cover the costs of operating the physical plant, paying our professional staff and funding our religious school and other activities. That is why we ask every congregant to make a voluntary donation in addition to dues. Our goal is 100% participation, with each individual or household making the decision about what level of donation is best.

Many of our members have made pledges to the Capital Campaign for the expansion and renovation of our building. While Capital Campaign funds are set aside to cover the costs associated with construction, your contributions to the Kol Nidre Appeal help pay for our ongoing expenses each year. We again ask that you continue your customary generosity to our annual Kol Nidre Appeal while making your contributions to the Capital Campaign. Both are essential to the current and future vitality of Olam Tikvah.

Beginning the week of September 12, you will be contacted by a member of our Board of Directors, a fellow congregant, volunteering his or her time. When you receive the call, please take a moment to chat about the activities of our synagogue, let us know what interests or concerns you, and please give generously to this annual appeal.

Thank you.

Andrea Gross
President