



May 14, 2021

Shalom Chaverim,

On behalf of your fellow members of Congregation Kol Ami, we write to thank you for your participation in our Jewish community over the past year and the financial support that you have offered.

We trust that you share our enthusiasm for maintaining Kol Ami as an institution central to sustaining Jewish life in our community and our hope that these trends will continue.

As you may have noticed from our dues form and hardship application, our minimum dues structure is a flexible estimate of the fair share contribution to sustaining the congregation sought from families with differing resources. Its purpose is to maintain the financial viability of Kol Ami, while ensuring that no one who makes a good faith effort to contribute is denied the opportunity to be part our community for financial reasons.

To date, that end has been well served by our dues policies in which the generosity of our members in pledging more than their fair share and making additional contributions has not only allowed Kol Ami to thrive, but also to be an inclusive institution in passing down our Jewish heritage.

As you may know, during fiscal year 2020/21 (and as a result of the pandemic), we incurred some additional costs, but a larger portion of our costs have been lower because the building was closed. As we hope to be back open for fiscal year 2021/22, we will certainly see our expenses return to a higher more normalized level. As was approved at the 2021 Annual Meeting, we are facing a significant deficit in fiscal year 2021/22.

Accordingly, to provide for our present services, programs, and activities, and ensure the long-term soundness of Kol Ami's finances, we ask you to pledge more than the minimum dues if possible.

We also encourage you to give serious consideration to remaining or becoming a member of the Council of Chai if your circumstances permit. Information on giving opportunities and recognition offered by the Council of Chai may be found on the enclosed dues chart.



Please review the enclosed dues form and:

- Confirm that we have your household in the correct income category.
- Fill in the appropriate blanks on the form and consider whether you may be able to pledge a little extra.
- Designate a billing schedule, and
- Sign the form.

Your return of the form as soon as possible, and in any event by Monday, **June 18, 2021**, will greatly aid our financial planning for the coming year.

Be advised that you may submit your dues commitment confidentially ONLINE at www.kolami.org.

To ensure the confidentiality of your due's commitment, you may want to return it by mail or hand deliver to the office in an envelope marked "Confidential - Dues," or by email to execdirector@kolami.org. You may also fax your form to 813-968-2219, but, unfortunately, **confidentiality of faxed commitments cannot be guaranteed.**

You may also pay all dues, fees, and other charges using your Visa, Mastercard or Discover Card by using the attached authorization form or by going to kolami.org and clicking on the "Donate & Payments" option. Credit Card Payments may not be made over the phone.

Be advised that, beginning July 1, 2021, there will now be a 2% convenience fee on ALL credit card payments.

Payment of your dues commitment can also be done using appreciated stock. Please contact Mitch Weiss for information.

If your form is not received in the office by June 30, you will be billed the greater of your dues amount in effect for 2021/21 or the minimum dues for your category, using the same payment plan as you had in effect last year, in the hope that your fervor for Kol Ami and its contribution to our Jewish heritage has not diminished.

On behalf of Kol Ami, please accept our sincere appreciation for your continued involvement in our wonderful congregation.

Todah Rabah,

Kalman Pila
President