COMMITMENT TO THE FUTURE BUILDING CAMPAIGN

"Be a part of our future!"

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Dear Friends,

There are times in life when opportunities for great achievement are placed in front of us with no need to search them out. Such an opportunity has been placed before us at this time. The question is: how will we respond?

Once upon a time, close to two decades ago, our beloved Shul was born as a Friday night minyan. The opportunity to add a minyan, to add Kedusha (holiness) to our community was there, and the community members grabbed it. As the community grew, the need for independence and a larger home became apparent. Again, the opportunity was grabbed and Congregation Ahavas Yisrael, (AY) was born as we moved into our current location.

Now, once again, we have outgrown our space. Under the leadership of our esteemed Mora D'atra, Rabbi Gedaliah Jaffe, our President, Zev Moskowitz our VP of Finance and Immediate Past President, Jeff Borell and an outstanding Board, we are seizing the opportunity in front of us.

We have purchased the lot located at 9 Campbell Avenue right next door to the Shul. We are under contract and await a closing date for our current building, 1587 Route 27 (Lincoln Highway).

But we are far from done!

We still need the help and participation of every single member of our Shul and from our extended families and friends, within the Edison/HP community and beyond.

A number of babies have been born into the AY family in the recent weeks and months. We have shared many Bar & Bat Mitzvahs in the past year and a half and look forward to celebrating more of them, some within the next few weeks. We need room to be able to celebrate all of our Smachot in our Shul. We need room to allow our children to grow, to have proper age appropriate Shul experiences from birth to Bar/Bat Mitzvah and beyond.

Our Shul motto is "a warm place committed to spiritual development." Right now the time has come for a physical manifestation of that spiritual development. It is time to seize the opportunity, the physical opportunity of "ועשו לי מקדש" in order to achieve the spiritual reality of "ושכנתי בתוכם".

We must grab this opportunity!

Please look through the enclosed materials outlining the direction in which we are moving. The professional renderings and sample floor plan are a vision of what our future might hold. Read the material carefully. Get Excited! Be Inspired! Our future has the potential to be awesome! This can only happen, however, with your involvement.

In the immediate future, you will see changes begin to take place within our current building and on the land next door as we start to implement the early stages of our vision. As the newly appointed chairman of our "Commitment to the Future" Building Campaign, I encourage everyone to get involved. We need your contributions, both physical and financial, for this campaign to be successful. There is much that we all can do. Please approach me or any of the other committee members listed in this packet to see how you can participate in shaping our future.

May the upcoming year be one of health, happiness, success, and growth for each and every one of us individually and communally! Ketivah VaChatimah Tova!

Sincerely,

Dani Davis Chairman "Commitment to the Future" Building Campaign