

Dear CBI Family:

It is hard to believe that the summer is winding down and the High Holidays are upon us. Clearly this year is much different as a result of COVID-19. In light of the pandemic, our synagogue has come up with many innovative and creative ways for our membership to stay connected. I, for one, am truly thankful to our Rabbi, Cantor, Professional Staff and our Board of Trustees for all their efforts. I am proud to continue to be member of the Congregation Beth Israel family and believe it is during these difficult times that our synagogue plays an even greater role in sustaining our Jewish community and identity.

So here I am, with all the challenges of the pandemic that has impacted each of us on either a personal or professional basis, that I am appealing to each of you, with the highest level of respect, for your support for the Kol Nidre Appeal campaign. On behalf of the entire congregation, I want to thank you for your kind past support of our Kol Nidre Appeal campaign. Through the collective generosity of our Congregation Beth Israel family, last year's campaign raised over \$100,000.

As many of you know and for all our new members the funds raised through this campaign helps to ensure we maintain the vital financial stability necessary for the continuation of the services that our synagogue provides to our entire congregation.

The Kol Nidre Appeal campaign is critical as the funds raised will be used for our day to day operating obligations since **dues do not sufficiently cover these costs**. We would appreciate it if you would consider a commitment as indicated within your letter that was recently sent to you or more if possible. If you choose to participate, you may pay this pledge at the time that is most convenient for you during the year.

One of our temple members will be calling and/or sending you an email in the next few weeks to discuss your pledge. Please welcome their call/email which will make this "reach out" so much easier for your fellow congregation members who volunteer to be on this committee. We would appreciate it if you can please give some thought to your commitment before you are contacted. If you prefer, you can email me directly at howardkoransky@gmail.com with your pledge.

As in the past, gifts of \$500 or more will be recognized during the high holidays, but specifics due to the format of this year's High Holiday services still need to be finalized. If you are in this category and wish to be anonymous, please be sure to let our committee member know your wishes.

Thank you in advance for your kind and generous participation and most importantly, please continue to be safe.

L'Shana Tova!
Sincerely,

Howard Koransky
Kol Nidre Appeal Chairperson