

Dear YIOZ members and friends,

It is hard to believe, but Rosh Hashana is just a few weeks away! The past year has been a year of tremendous growth for our shul. In 5778 YIOZ provided more services and programs to more congregants (including 10 new families) than ever before. The Yamim Noraim Appeal is a most meaningful way to express your appreciation/Hakarat Hatov for what our Shul provided this past year: daily, Shabbat and holiday services; stimulating adult education classes and scholars-in-residence programs highlighted by the Lauterbach Memorial Israel Lecture with David Makovsky; a wide array of youth activities including outstanding, educational Shabbat morning groups and special events; pastoral care and bereavement meals; social programming including community dinners/lunches, an evening of art and culture, Graduation Kiddush, and so much more. It is important to note that much of the growth of the past year was facilitated by the expansion of professional services in our administration and accounting.

Plans are well underway for 5779 to be a year of even more robust programming and increased member services. Your participation in the High Holiday Appeal is crucial to sustaining and growing our shul. Membership dues cover approximately 30% of our operating costs. In order for us to continue servicing our growing community while remaining a fiscally responsible institution, the Yamim Noraim appeal must raise another 20%. Your generous gift will help us achieve this ambitious but necessary goal. For members and non-members who benefit from the services YIOZ provides, we welcome your response to the appeal at ANY LEVEL. All we ask is that you participate.

To make a pledge or payment, please email YIOZ's office manager Yael Monselise: yiozshul@gmail.com or pay directly through our secure website: <https://www.yioz.org/payment.php>. You can also pay via check and mail to YIOZ at 6015 Riverdale Avenue, Riverdale, NY 10471.

On behalf of our officers and trustees, we also ask that you consider further investment of your time and resources to help our shul thrive! Attend classes, participate in davening, volunteer for one of our committees!

With Rosh Hashana just around the corner, we want to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you and those dear to you a Shana Tovah and a Ketivah V'Chatimah Tovah.

Sincerely,

Gur Roshwalb, President
Lee Botnick, Vice President
Josh Neuman, Treasurer
David Birnbaum- Chair, Yamim Noraim Appeal
Rabbi Shmuel Hain