

Coming out of an intense period of communal prayer for brachot, one bracha we might take note of is that of the steady growth of our community itself. This growth is something manifested more than ever during the Tishrei holiday season -- not least because of the ever-more-difficult logic puzzle of fitting everyone into our pre-expansion facility, but also because the number of people needed to maintain, improve, and manage the YIOT and its holiday programming seems to grow in tandem. On behalf of all of us, and in no particular order, we would like to thank the following members for their fantastic contributions to the shul and the full-service Yom Tov experience it provided.

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The number of people on this list is staggering, and it reminds us all that every bit of help is valuable in creating our inspiring communal experience. As we soon celebrate what makes the YIOT community unique and strengthens its bonds further still, on Community Shabbos, let us appreciate the individuals who helped make this experience what it was.