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Dear Kol Rinah Family,

As we move toward the High Holidays, let me be the first to wish you Shana Tova! A Healthy, Happy and Productive New Year!

I have always looked forward to the Hagim as a way to reconnect with friends, make new acquaintances and spend time with family (so many holiday meals!). I love coming to shul and seeing the white covers on the Torahs and on the readers stands. I happily greet everyone I see and am always struck by how much the children have grown. I look around to see what is new this year – who will be davening, who will read the haftorahs. I eagerly wait for the familiar melodies and anticipate hearing something new. I wonder what the Rabbi will teach us this year.

Knowing that I have a place to worship that was built with the combined strength of our community is especially moving. It is important to me that we all continue the work that has started to keep our institution financially stable and Jewishly vibrant. We all have a role to play in this – through attendance at whatever is meaningful to each of us, through volunteering/lending a hand where help is needed and, not least, through our financial contributions.

Operating in the black depends on your High Holiday pledge. In times of rising costs, we need your support. Please be generous as you complete and return the enclosed pledge card or go to the website to submit your pledge. The office will be happy to take your call if either of those options don't suit. I thank you in advance for your support.

I want to take a moment to acknowledge the scores of volunteers whose efforts make Kol Rinah such a wonderful institution. Being President is a much easier task because of each of you. I also want to thank Rabbi Arnow for his continuing care of our congregation and the staff – Stacey Hudson, Meir Zimand, Nancy Greene, Karen Kern and Micki Kingsley – for everything they do to keep us running smoothly. Welcome to long-time member Cindy Kalachek, our new Director of Religious Education. Finally, thank you to Liz Collins and the entire Monica Lynne Neidorff Early Childhood Center staff for their commitment to educating and caring for our children and for underpinning their love of Judaism.

Thank you for being an important member of our community.

Barbara Shamir
President

