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Dear TAY Family,

As we emerge from the extraordinary challenges that we have faced over these past few years, we look forward to safely gathering again as a community in the Goldberg Sanctuary and hallways of our beloved Temple. The hallways wrap around like arms embracing our children and grandchildren in the religious school where they learn a love of Torah, thousands of years of shared history, stories and customs of our Jewish people. The kitchen, where our desires, hopes and dreams are mixed into our favorite family recipes as we smell and taste the richness of our *simchas*. And the sanctuary, where the sound of prayer pulses and beats from the ground to the ceiling and fills us with meaning and purpose – reminding us of our identity – past, present and future.

The word "facilities" does not begin to describe the building in which we reside, and those dedicated to make it function properly every day. It is an extension of ourselves – the very body in which our community lives and thrives – a gathering place of learning, friendship, and ideas that only has life breathed into it by us – a community filled with diversity, compassion and unique life experience – a beautiful mosaic.

Giving generously will help prepare for the welcomed stresses we intend to put on it once again – to keep it running and fill it with shared experiences for generations to come – and to fulfill our commandment as a people.

In addition to monetary donations, we need your help. This year marks the 150th Anniversary of our state charter as Congregation Adas Yeshurun, 100th Anniversary of our incorporation as Temple Adath Yeshurun, and the 50th Anniversary at our current location on Kimber Road. To celebrate and honor the history and achievements of the TAY Community we are planning a number of events and celebrations punctuated throughout the year and culminating in the enshrinement of a time capsule which will embody our past, present and future. This is a monumental effort and we are looking for everyone's participation to gather pictures, stories, family histories and Temple memories, and volunteer at these events throughout the year. We will kick off our celebration on November 12, 2022 as we welcome Nefesh Mountain, the renowned Jewish bluegrass band. That evening, we will be honoring tradition, and embracing new beginnings by formally welcoming Rabbi and Meira Saks to our family, and honoring Barbara Simon for her years of dedication and service to our congregation.

As we celebrate 5783, we look forward to meeting this new beginning with a reinvigorated spirit and enthusiasm and hope you will consider giving generously through the gift of *tzedakah*, a gift of thanksgiving to ensure we have books to educate, teachers to teach, spiritual leaders to guide, and a home to continue to gather and grow as a people. We also hope you will consider taking an active role in participating in events and continuing to make the TAY Community special.

Please show your commitment to our Temple community by returning the enclosed golden pledge form to the TAY office by mail, email, or in person. A fillable, printable copy of the form is also available on the TAY website; simply click the "Pledge Form" button. You may also donate online by using the contributions page on our website: www.adath.org/contribute. In addition, please keep an eye out for an email regarding the committee list and how to sign up to be in the loop.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to the Temple Adath Yeshurun community. May you be inscribed in the Book of Life, *G'mar Chatimah Tovah*! And may you and your family have a very happy and healthy new year - *L'Shanah Tovah*!

B'Shalom,





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