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Dear Haverim,

What a year we've had together! Despite the **limitations** of a global pandemic, we've remained a close community—worshipping together and celebrating life cycle events through the modern miracle of Zoom. We've joined with local synagogues, Rabbis and Jewish educators nationwide to offer virtual programming on topics ranging from ritual observance to entertainment to the pursuit of social justice. Our Religious School (Sunday and Hebrew classes) pivoted to an online platform so students and their families could continue their studies and social connections. We also took on the challenge of keeping Gan Haverim Preschool open, allowing parents to work and children to learn and play.

CBH is blessed with a roster of dedicated volunteer committees and a hardworking, flexible staff who pushed through the difficulties of a pandemic to keep our community functioning. Now, with a largely vaccinated population, we are actively working on re-opening plans and are looking forward to being truly together once again... the light at the end of the tunnel grows ever closer and it's a welcome sight!

### Partnership Pledges This Year

As always, CBH is committed to being a welcoming home for all Jews in Yolo County and its surrounding areas. Historically we have asked partners to pledge 2% of their yearly household income to CBH; two years ago, following the lead of many congregations around the country, we transitioned to a voluntary pledge model and began asking partners to *themselves* determine the amount of their pledge. To help our partners make this determination, we endeavored to clarify and illuminate our annual operating costs.

This year we have again calculated the minimum revenue required to run CBH in 2021-22, and then divided that amount by the total number of partner households. Based on that calculation, we are able to report that to maintain a balanced budget, pledges will need to average **\$2250** per household, in addition to a **\$275** contribution to the *L'Dor v'Dor* fund towards the maintenance of our campus facilities.

Again, these amounts represent a baseline average, not a floor and certainly not a ceiling! We know that CBH households vary quite a bit in size, income level, age/stage, etc. **Ultimately, we simply ask each of you to contribute an amount you believe to be both meaningful and just, based on a consideration of your own personal circumstances as well as those of the entire CBH community.** We are grateful for all contributions, and value all of you as equal members of our sacred community.

You may be wondering why your family might choose to give more than the minimum average if that amount would suffice. Foremost, those of greater means will be directly providing for the religious and spiritual needs of those less financially secure, thus accomplishing our core mission to be a welcoming home to all Jews. More than a mitzvah, this is an expression of our most basic shared value.

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As you contemplate your pledge, know that the baseline average may sustain our current level of programming and physical maintenance, but it's not sufficient to support our dreams of growth and improvement. By pledging to CBH some of the reserves you may have saved during the pandemic, you would be championing the fulfillment of projects that have dwelt on our backburner for several years. These could include energy performance improvements, landscape and irrigation projects, parking lot resurface and redesign, and improved outdoor seating and shaded classroom areas. You would also be augmenting our "reserve" funds – moneys we set aside now for predictable capital maintenance in the future. Finally, your increased pledge could be used to support expanded presence of hired security for events, and for topical educational programming as we witness an era of increasing antisemitism and global conflict. Let us fortify our Davis home together.

Your generosity in giving at one of these suggested levels will allow us to continue to be a center of Jewish communal life and inspiration in Yolo County for many years to come.

Sustainer	\$2250
Builder	\$3000
Guardian	\$3600
Pillar	\$5000+

Please be assured that whatever level you decide to pledge, the amount of your contribution will remain confidential and will not be shared with anyone but designated office staff.

### How to Pay

You will soon receive our annual partnership form detailing ways to make your contribution. For those over 70½, please consider a qualified charitable distribution from your IRA, which could allow you to give directly to CBH and at the same time reduce your tax liability.

### Thank You to Volunteers

We effusively thank the dedicated volunteers without whom our community would not exist; your energy and efforts have been the greatest assets of our congregation for almost 60 years. For those looking for a way to join the volunteer family in 2021-22, please contact Partnership Committee Chair Raychel Kubby Adler ([raykub@gmail.com](mailto:raykub@gmail.com)) who will find a role that both interests you and helps others.

### New Partners Welcome!

Know anyone interested in joining the CBH community by trying us out with a low-cost introductory membership? Connect them with Executive Director Pia Spector ([director@bethaverim.org](mailto:director@bethaverim.org)). Pia will be happy to answer questions and give potential partners a socially-distanced tour of our beautiful campus.

From all of us to all of you, thank you so very much for your support of Congregation Bet Haverim.

B'Shalom,



Mitch Singer, CBH co-President



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