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Dear Ohav Emeth members;

It is a true honor and privilege to serve as your president and I thank you all for the trust you have placed in me.

Ohav Emeth is in many ways our second family. We celebrate simchas together, we grieve together when someone experiences a loss, we come together for Yom Tovim, and we communicate with each other, and Hashem, frequently. The Shul has a compelling family dynamic to it and that's one of the reasons we consider it our spiritual home.

Like in all healthy families, we take pride in the accomplishments of our members. We have seen time and time again, many men and women in this shul stepping up to serve and to make sure that the davening, the youth activities, and the educational events in the shul go smoothly. In this vein, we are especially pleased to welcome our new youth director, Esther Greene; to thank the new members of our fundraising team; and to note the election of four new leaders onto our board of trustees. Our shul family has gotten stronger as more people have gotten involved.

At the same time, we all recognize that a family's capability to do what they would like to do – for each other, and for their neighborhood – is shaped by the resources they have at their disposal. Ohav Emeth is well-known for offering multiple minyanim, creative and fun youth groups and children's events, and thought-provoking Torah learning opportunities for the Highland Park/Edison community. Yet there is much more we could be doing.

In recognition of our growth, and in support of our potential to provide more services to our members and the surrounding community, I ask that you consider increasing your Kol Nidrei donation by 10% this year. Your continued support allows us to make sure our shul is as vibrant as it can be and it continues to expand, to serve the needs of those who join and those who frequent our kehillah.

All donations or pledges received by Thursday September 28th will be gratefully acknowledged in the Roster of Donors to be featured on a poster in the shul lobby on Kol Nidre Night and to be printed in the shul bulletin. Special recognition will be made to all those who increase their donations by 10% or more.

Let me wish you all a G'Mar Chasima Tova.

Yours truly,

Steve

Steve Deutsch
 President