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Dear Anshe Emeth Family,

What a year. By the end of Rabbi Miller's emotional Rosh Hashanah sermon last September, we knew we were in for something special in the coming months. It was the first of many meaningful moments with our soon-to-be Rabbi Emeritus. The Shabbat services with Assistant Rabbis from years past, the Congregational Breakfast honoring Rabbi Miller's family, the Yankee game, the Purimshpiel, the Golf Outing, and of course, the Celebration weekend were all a fitting tribute to Rabbi Miller's 44 years as our rabbi and a recognition of the strength of our community.

As we all take a breather this summer from a very fulfilling, but busy year, there's still much to do at the temple. Be sure to mark your calendars for these important dates:

- **Monday, June 25th through July 24th** – Drop-off for the Rummage Sale
- **Friday, July 20th and Friday, August 17th** - Our popular Shabba-B-Qs , not to be missed
- **Saturday, September 22nd and Sunday, September 23rd** – The weekend of Rabbi Bazeley's installation as our new Senior Rabbi. Festivities will include a concert and dessert reception with Michelle Citrin on Saturday night, and a dinner followed by the Installation service on Sunday evening.

We also have some staffing changes taking place over the summer. As you know, our new Assistant Rabbi, Maya Glasser, will join us on July 1st. We will officially welcome her to our congregation with a special Shabbat service in October. In addition, Matthew Vogel will join our staff in August as our Director of Youth and Member Engagement. Matt joins us with prior youth director, camp counselor, and teaching experience. In addition to working with our youth, Matt will be playing an important role in our efforts to reach out to a broader population in new and creative ways to expand our membership.

On the financial front, after considerable work by our Budget and Finance Committee, our Board approved a fiscally responsible budget for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. After three years of no dues increases, the Board approved a 3% increase, which averages to between \$2-\$11 per month per family. Modest increases for the GAN and Religious School were also approved, while High Holiday tickets and B'nai Mitzvah fees will remain flat to last year. As part of our ongoing transition in the coming year, I will convene a task force to review alternative dues structures to ensure that we are doing everything possible to accommodate the needs of our membership while remaining financially sound for future generations.

Thank you again for helping to make the past year such a success. I look forward to the coming year. Have a safe and relaxing summer.

L'Shalom,

Daryl Lipkin
President