

# AN URGENT APPEAL

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## CONGREGATION BAIS YITZCHOK CHEVRA THILIM

This letter has been added to our normal *Yamim Noraim Update*, to alert our members and friends to the urgent situation Bais Yitzchok faces. The last few years have left us bereft of long-time BY friends and participants. In terms of those who were regulars at BY, we mourn the loss those who have gone to the *Olam HaEmes*. Their legacy will continue as part of this *Kehillah*. To those who can no longer make it here due to mobility limitations, we wish them *refuah* and *chizuk* in the year to come. We welcome their support even when they are not here physically. For those who have moved from Elizabeth or who are with family or at other locations for Yom Tov and throughout the year, we are pleased to welcome your participation at any time and are overjoyed to greet you at any time.

And still others, previously regulars at BY, are now regulars at other minyanim in town for their own reasons. You should know that every Shabbos it is very difficult to get ten or thirteen or a few more for a minyan, often waiting for that tenth man to arrive. It is demoralizing and saddening, given the vibrancy once characteristic of the Shul. You may think all is going well, but it is not. The continuation of the Shul is at stake. This plea is for your physical presence when possible as well as your financial support.

With these changes in demographics comes a change in financial stability for the Shul. Aside from the slim *Minyan* margin, making every single person essential for maintaining a viable Shul, fewer people adds up to fewer regular contributions. I don't know where the proverbial "red line" is for the finances of this Shul, but we are at it. As the building ages, there are repairs which are mandated by insurance and from safety as well as aesthetic concerns. Our monetary reserves are at the lowest level in memory. Most of our funds come in around the holidays. This is your chance to help stabilize the Shul's position.

It is with this in mind that we ask you to consider how important the continuance of this Shul is for you. Whatever figure you have considered for your annual pledge, please consider that facts presented here. We cannot forecast what the next major requirement will be, but we know we need greater personal participation and financial support. Our dues and fees continue to be comparatively low and we rely on this annual appeal to make up the difference.

The leadership of the Shul thanks you for your participation and support now and in the past and trust you will be as generous as you can. *K'siva v' Chasima Tova*.

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