THE NORTH SHORE SYNAGOGUE

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Dear Congregant,

In these harrowing times, as antisemitism rises both domestically and internationally and we approach the sacred High Holy Days, our thoughts turn to what truly sustains us: heritage, community, and the bonds that unite us. For many Jewish families today, the question of where we belong and feel secure has taken on new urgency.

The North Shore Synagogue stands as more than a spiritual centre — we are your extended family. Here, you are valued, your presence matters, and you have found your true home.

Our Kol Nidrei Appeal this year focuses on fortifying the foundations of our shared life — community bonds, Jewish pride, and collective mission. In times of uncertainty, we choose to be a beacon of hope and strength.

Nurturing Our Future

Through your partnership, we are creating lasting impact across generations:

- 1. **Developing our long-term community roadmap** for resilience and growth
- 2. **Listening deeply** to understand what our members truly value and dream of achieving
- 3. **Growing our programs for children and teens** that instill Jewish pride and a sense of belonging, making Hebrew learning engaging and meaningful
- 4. Creating gatherings that forge deeper relationships and community spirit
- 5. **Improving how we connect** with clarity and authenticity
- 6. **Enriching our adult learning opportunities** that inspire and challenge participants, bringing ancient wisdom into modern life.

Beyond our building, we actively engage with our broader community through

collaborative partnerships, social justice work, and conversations across faith traditions — demonstrating our values through action and showing the next generation how to make a positive difference.

A Home for Every Jewish Journey

Whether you were born into Judaism or chose this path, whether your family follows traditional practices or blends different approaches, whether you're just starting your career or sharing a lifetime of experience — you belong here. In moments of joy, during difficult times, or when seeking greater purpose, our community embraces you completely.

Your Investment Makes a Difference

Contributions of any size — from modest gifts to major investments — directly support our vital work. Your generosity enables pastoral care when it's needed most, maintains our sacred texts and traditions, keeps our doors open for daily prayers, and provides assistance so every family can fully participate regardless of financial circumstances.

Throughout history, when Jewish communities have faced adversity, we have responded by deepening our commitment, strengthening our foundations, and growing our roots even stronger. United, we possess remarkable resilience and power.

This community is your legacy. This sanctuary is your spiritual home.

As we welcome 5786, we invite you to join us not just as a contributor, but as a true partner in creating the next era of Jewish life on the North Shore. Your engagement helps us **cultivate**, **protect**, **enhance**, and **secure** a thriving Jewish future in our region.

Working together, we will ensure that coming generations experience the warmth of Shabbat traditions, discover the richness of Jewish learning, and feel the deep satisfaction of belonging to something transcendent.

This year, we're aiming higher than ever—with a bold goal of raising \$150,000 to fuel our mission and expand our impact. Every dollar brings us closer to meaningful change. **Let's make this vision a reality - your contribution drives hope, action, and lasting progress.**

Hope triumphs over despair. Community conquers isolation. Please come join your family — we are eager to embrace you.

L'shanah tovah u'metukah — may this new year overflow with joy, wellness, and deeper dedication to our shared sacred mission.

With appreciation and warm wishes,

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President

The North Shore Synagogue

We thank you in advance for your generous support of the Kol Nidrei Appeal. Your generosity helps us cultivate, protect, enhance, and secure a thriving Jewish future in our region.