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To the members of the Congregation Kehillath Israel family,

For the past forty years, I have been privileged to act as a *Hazzan* for the *Yamim Nora-im* at K.I. I have always been grateful for the opportunity but over the years this experience has taken on greater meaning as I bond with colleagues and congregants and we join in prayer and song together.

By any reasonable standard, K.I. is one of the truly great congregations of the Diaspora. Blessed for much of the time with outstanding professional and volunteer leadership, the congregation has charted new and innovative paths to respond to the dynamics of Jewish life. In its recent history, this has been the fruit of the creative efforts of the Mara d'Atra, my friend, Rabbi William Hamilton. Working with the outstanding team which currently serves the congregation, and with the support of committed volunteers, the Congregation continues to offer innovative programming while focusing its attention on the core values of Jewish religion—*Torah, Avodah,* and Gemilut *Hasadim*. It is both a joy and a challenge to be part of this team, if only for the *Yamim Nora-im*, while appreciating the work of the congregation as a member for the entire year.

My profound thanks to all who worked to develop the heartwarming tribute I experienced on *Shabbat Shuvah*. To those who organized the event, gave gifts; to those who contributed their talent and wisdom; and to all who wrote the lovely messages, I can only say, "Katonti mui-Kol ha-*Hasadim*" Your kindness exceeds my deeds. I am convinced that with its volunteer and professional leadership, Kehillath Israel is moving towards another Golden Age and I thank God that it been my lot to be part of the story of this *Kehillah Kedoshah*.

May we all be blessed with a good year in which we will see peace here, in Israel and throughout the world.

Shanah Tovah!

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