

YK Appeal 2025

G'mar tov and welcome to 5786. A warm welcome to all whether members or guests who are here and to those live streaming.

I am here to ask you to listen and hopefully hear what I will be saying tonight.

I am standing here humble, overcome by the task of asking you to do something that is really not compatible with the spirit of Yom Kippur asking for your monetary support – sounds better than saying asking for your money.

The year may seem to be starting with uncertainty, but we must, this community of ours continue, and we must be realistic to the financial commitments that are part of our existence.

Electricity, food, repairs and maintenance continue to rise. Rabbi Ron generously agreed to a contract far below what he could and should be getting. The hours he has put into preparing the amazing high holy day services we all are enjoying so much, you wouldn't believe. You don't know this but even though his contract did not start until July, he already was doing articles to send out and advice to give out in June. His commitment to CAH is boundless. Thank you does not nearly cover our appreciation. He has acceptance of all, love and compassion for this community.

We may be small but even with our deficit budget, we do so much. Rabbi Ron will be having special learning sessions on zoom, Fran Lande has her special Mussar sessions on zoom practically every Thursday which helps to deepen our inner character through Jewish ethical teachings, we have a significant book club led by Fran Lane that fosters rich discussions on thought provoking texts and since food is an essential part of Jewish life, we have a sit down kiddish meal each shabbat.

As antisemitism continue to run rampant, we will be bringing speakers to speak on the subject and will support Jewish students on local college campuses. The united synagogue of conservative Judaism will help with a grant.

We need your help with our physical space to be one in which we feel good when we gather together. I don't believe you would be here today if you did not feel the same way.

In the Untanneh Tokef prayer, we are reminded of 3 things that are necessary to convince g'd to forgive our sins: Teshuvah (repentance), Tefilah (prayer) and Tzedakah (charity). Now is your opportunity to fulfill this prayer by contributing to CAH.

We are open to all. Accepting all. A community offering love, help, prayer, helpfulness, warmth & love. A safe place.

Violence today has become way to prevalent, and no matter which side you may be on it has got to stop. Violence needs to be condemned period! Our democracy, at its roots and core, is undermined by violence. And this must end now!

Love, kindness and acceptance are what we need in our lives. And if it is not important to you, it should be. These are not words that should be just mouthed. They need to be acted on.

Sometimes a simple hello is all it takes. Sometimes all it takes is to be there. Words are not necessarily needed - a hug, a hand held, a bowl of soup, a warm meal. Just being there.

CAH needs to be here to continue to foster all of this. It is up to us to show the world how to be kind and accepting of all. Teach all to disregard comments on gender, race or religion.

October 7, 2023, was devastating to us and is still affecting our daily lives. We need the hostages sent home. We need the war in Gaza and Ukraine to end.

4 years ago, my great niece who was 8 at the time started talking about wars and wondering out loud why countries and people start them? She then asked don't understand-why do some people treat black & brown people differently? Why does skin color matter so much?

We here at CAH have learned and hopefully will continue to learn to be kind and loving with each other. Let us follow the creed that we have been

taught that all are created equal. Am Hayam is here for us-to guide us on the paths of kindness, love and acceptance. Please make sure we are here to continue teaching these values.

In your yizkor booklets, as you open to the first page, you will find a pledge card in an envelope addressed to CAH. Take it home, turn down 1 or more of the tabs, mark your name on the pledge card and mail it back to CAH. You don't need to send a check with it. You will be billed for what you pledge, and payments can be made. We do not accept credit cards, but PayPal can be used. If you are reading this on-line, please use the link below to donate and remember to check the box to help cover fees.

Please always remember

We are family!!!!

G'mar Chatimah Tovah

