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Dear Friends of the Vaad,

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Shana Tova U'Metuka! Thank you for your continued support of the Louisville Vaad HaKashruth (the Vaad). With your support we at the Vaad have continued to succeed in our mission of promoting and sustaining a vibrant Jewish life within the Louisville community through the supervision and making available of kosher food options, and the supervision and maintenance of the Louisville Mikvah, the only Mikvah in the entire State of Kentucky.

Our Kashruth Administrator, Rabbi Simcha Snaid, continues supervising the kosher kitchen at the Trager Family Jewish Community Center, where the Vaad provides daily supervision of all foods prepared in the kosher dairy kitchen, including daily meals for the Early Childhood Learning Center, and the Senior meals. The Vaad also supervised the JCC's outdoor café this past summer. In June the Vaad once again supervised a booth at the 2nd annual Israeli Street Fair. At the fair Noam Bilitzer once again prepared delicious falafel platters in the JCC's kitchen under Rabbi Snaid's watchful eye, and the event and kosher food were a huge success. In addition, Rabbi Snaid continues to provide supervision and kosher consultation for Krispy Kreme on Bardstown Road.

While we are in discussion with the JCC to have meals available for kosher observant patients in local hospitals and nursing homes, the Vaad recently approved a Gemillut Chesed fund to reimburse any of our local Synagogues up to \$1500 per year for preparing and providing kosher meals to people who are home sick, hospitalized, or in other longterm care facilities. Further, while we continue to receive complaints regarding the availability of affordable fresh kosher meats and groceries in our city, we have partnered with Kansas City Kosher Co-op to bring kosher groceries to town. The Co-op delivered Kosher meat and groceries this past Passover. As an additional act of Chesed the Vaad took part in providing Maos Chitim, or money for Passover needs, by funding the Kosher for Passover order for Jewish Family and Career Services of Louisville's food pantry (JFCS), providing JFCS with \$2,000 worth of purchasing power for Kosher for Passover meats and groceries from Kansas City. JFCS distributed the Kosher for Passover foods to eligible members of the Louisville Jewish Community. Over forty families were able to take part in having a kosher Seder because of this partnership.

We also facilitated a delivery from Kansas City Kosher Co-op in advance of the Jewish New Year for those wanting kosher meats for the upcoming holidays. For those of you who are interested in participating in ordering from the Co-Op in advance of Passover 2024,

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orders are due by March 13, 2024. If you are confused about how to order from the Co-op, or how to split orders so that you don't get stuck with entire cases of foods or groceries when you only wanted a couple of items, please contact me and I would be happy to educate you to make it easy for you to order what you want and need.

In addition, we are continuing our efforts to locate local eateries, including bakeries, cafes or any other direct to consumer food venues that would be interested in kosher certification as a means of increasing sales. Certainly, if you are aware of a business you think may be interested in becoming Vaad Kosher certified please let us know.

This year, we were advised by the Mikvah's landlord, the JCC, the owners of the property where the current Mikvah is located, that we will not need to relocate the Mikvah, and that our Mikvah can stay in its current location at least for the next several years if not longer. This past year we had several major repairs, replacing our water heaters and fixing various leaks, but we had not planned on any other renovations in the anticipation that we would be moving. Now that we have learned that we will be staying in our current location for the next several years, we have determined that the current facility could use extensive refurbishment and beautification.

With all that the Vaad does, and plans on doing in the future, we continue to need financial support to help maintain the Mikvah and continue to offer kosher supervision. We hope that you will continue donating to assist the Vaad in maintaining the community Mikvah and in providing Kosher food within the Louisville Jewish Community. Please also let us know if the sponsoring of kosher supervision is something you might be interested in, and feel free to offer suggestions as to what you think that should look like.

You can submit your tax-deductible contribution in the enclosed pre-addressed envelope to the Louisville Vaad HaKashruth, P.O. Box 5362, Louisville, KY 40255-0362. In addition, this year we are again offering an online donation option. For more information about the Vaad of Louisville and/or to make an online donation, please go to our website at: <https://www.louisvillevaad.org>

We would like to thank everyone for their continued support all year long. Your financial help now will certainly benefit our continued effort to maintain our mission of promoting and supervising a vibrant Jewish life in our community.

May you be written and sealed in the Book of Merit, Good Life, and Success!



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