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Dear Friends of the Vaad,

Shana Tova! I hope that all of you have a healthy and happy High Holiday season, and that your future is filled with good health and blessings. 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 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 Yaakov Lederman, continues to supervise 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 addition, Rabbi Lederman continues to provide supervision and kosher consultation for Krispy Kreme on Bardstown Road.

We continue to partner 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.

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.

The Vaad recently had a pop-up kosher dinner at Keneseth Israel. Our 2nd annual Schnitzel Night was a success, attended by more than 70 people. This event gave

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everyone an opportunity to socialize and enjoy a kosher meal out. We plan to have another pop-up dinner, a Deli Night at Adath Jeshurun on Sunday, October 18th. Look for information in the Community newspaper and weekly email as well as in other sources soon. This should be a great event.

There is a lot that has happened this past year regarding the mikvah and there is even more exciting news about a new mikvah. For background, the existing mikvah was built in the early 1960s and while the mikvah is halachically acceptable, the finishes were old and worn and needed extensive refurbishment and beautification to make it more attractive for its users. In February, the JCC came to the Vaad and offered us a space for a new mikvah in their phase 2 construction next to a proposed Wellness Center. With that new information, we scaled back the proposed renovation of the existing mikvah. We replaced the vanity, light fixtures, window screens, and some door hardware. We also deep cleaned the ceramic tile and repainted all previously painted surfaces. We added a dehumidifier and a panic device.

Regarding the new mikvah, we have created a Mikvah campaign and plan to raise funds for a new mikvah which will last us for years to come.

We hope that you will not only continue to support the Louisville Vaad HaKashruth with your financial support, but that you will respond to the mikvah fundraising committee later in the year.

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> and go to the "Donate" tab.

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!

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Steven Goldstein', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Steven Goldstein, President
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