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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. Rabbi Simcha Snaid continues as our Kashruth Administrator, and is doing a wonderful job.

R. Snaid supervises the brand new kosher kitchen at the Trager Family Jewish Community Center, where the Vaad provides daily supervision of all foods prepared in the new 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 May the Vaad supervised a booth at an event held at the JCC, an Israeli Street Fair. At the fair Noam Bilitzer, an award winning chef, prepared Israeli food, including falafel, in the JCC's kitchen under Rabbi Snaid's watchful eye, and the event and kosher food were a huge success.

In addition, R. Snaid continued to provide supervision and kosher consultation for Krispy Kreme on Bardstown Road, and at U of L Health - Jewish Hospital, where R. Snaid supervises kosher items prepared for patients requesting kosher meals, in addition to consulting relating to prepackaged kosher foods sold in the cafeteria that are available to staff and visitors.

We are continually working to improve the quality and availability of kosher meat and other kosher products in our community. The prices of kosher food have risen dramatically throughout the United States, as have the prices of all grocery items, and this is not unique to our city. One of the efforts we have taken on this past year was working with wholesalers to provide deliveries to Louisville. The most recent effort was working with Kansas City Kosher Coop, who delivered kosher meats and kosher for Passover items for this past Passover, and again made a delivery on September 12 in advance of Rosh Hashana to meet everyone's needs. If you are interested in finding out more, or want to participate in future orders please let us know.

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In addition, we participated in a review of the recent survey of the Louisville Jewish Community, and were happy to note the high number of families that keep a kosher home, but were saddened when we discovered the relatively high percentage of families that cannot afford to do so. To that end, later in the coming year, the Vaad intends on contributing a minimum of \$2,000.00 of kosher meats and products purchased wholesale before Passover, and again for the New Year, to be distributed by JFCS for qualifying families and members of the Louisville Jewish Community, and we hope to make this an annual donation.

We are also initiating a Gemillut Chasadim fund to assist member synagogues who wish to provide kosher food to members who are in the hospital or recovering from illness at home, and other similar situations.

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.

With all that the Vaad does we continue to need financial support to help maintain the Mikva 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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