

My heart is full, my cup overflows. What an unbelievable Rosh haShanah we got to spend together! I echo the President's words in gratitude for the wonderful turn-out, the heartfelt engagement and the untrammled sense of fun and connection we all shared. I was blown away by the attendance at the Drinks Reception, the services, the wonderful Oneg and delicious lunch. Our sanctuary was full again and bursting at the seams with song and good cheer. Y'all came through!

I will admit that preparing for the High Holidays felt like a shot in the dark. There were so many unknowns and contingencies, as we tended to details and rhythms of communal organization that were a little, well, rusty and underused after three years. But I need not have worried: everything went off without a hitch. And more than that: it was a truly festive, joyous and healing experience.

And now... the lull after the peak. Today, I noticed the auburn and bronze crowns on the trees as the leaves are starting to turn. The sun is still bright but

to highlight some ongoing and new things tied in with this sacred season:

1. Please note that our **Fundraising Campaign** is still ongoing. We have already raised a really lovely amount and we are confident that with our newly created Venmo account, we can raise even more. Every (small) dollar amount is welcome – we really hope this can be a grassroots endeavor to ensure the health and viability of our synagogue community. Thank you so much for your support and generosity!
2. Our Tikkun Olam Chair, Mallory Hellman, is spearheading our **High Holiday Food Pantry Drive** this year. We have brown paper bags at the synagogue – make sure you fill 'm up! More information about specific items needed can be found in the High Holiday bulletin.
3. **Song Circle** with Cantorial Soloist Lea Haravon-Collins and Karen Charney, at 4:00 p.m. before Yizkor services on Wednesday, October 5. We have had the honor of being beautifully led by