

Rosh Hashanah 2008/5769

Dear OJC Family,

Our tradition teaches us that God prefers prayers recited in public, in community. This concept can be confusing, especially since we believe in the benefits of prayer, private and public, individual and communal. Nevertheless, we provide strength and comfort to each other when we pray together. Sometimes, just being there for another person in prayer is an answer to their prayers and a new beginning for us. We are indeed powerful; we can offer comfort, strength, support and strength. Hopefully, by entering into dialogue ourselves, we too come to appreciate God's transcendent and imminent presence in our lives.

Please consider a commitment to regular prayer with your community. By committing to a certain day each month, we know that we are assured of a *minyan* each day. Hopefully, you will come to know your community, the service, and the power of prayer a little better as well. Tear off the bottom portion of this letter, fill it out choosing a certain day of the week and week of the month that you will attend, and return it on *Kol Nidre* evening or drop it at the office. You are certainly not limited to one night, and are welcome and encouraged to come as often as possible! A few days prior to your committed evening, you will receive an automated call from the OJC reminding you of, and thanking you for, your commitment.

May we bring many blessings to each other in the year ahead!

Shanah tovah,

Rabbi Craig Scheff

Rabbi Paula Mack Drill

Cantor Vadim Yucht

WE ARE / I AM HAPPY TO MAKE A REGULAR COMMITMENT TO THE OJC EVENING MINYAN! PLEASE ADD OUR/MY NAME TO THE MINYAN CALENDAR AS FOLLOWS:

_____ (Name(s)) commits to attend the OJC evening minyan on the

first / second / third / fourth / fifth (circle one)

Sunday / Monday / Tuesday / Wednesday / Thursday (circle one)

of each month, and thank you for the automated reminder!