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Rabbi David Claman  
Congregation Ahavas Sholom  
2568 E. Broad Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43209

Dear Rabbi Claman:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, our parents, students, faculty and staff, the CTA community extends our sincere Mazel Tov to you on the special occasion of the Congregation Ahavas Sholom 107th Anniversary Gala. Even in these challenging times, when we can come together as a community we are empowered to persevere.

Congratulations to honorees, Ed & Lily Friedman who you are celebrating with the Ahavas Chesed Award and Gary Covell who will receive the Lev Tov Award. Ahavas Sholom is fortunate to have members like Eddie, Lily and Gary who are dedicated to the shul and its mission in addition to the broader Jewish community.

Eddie and Lily have been members of Ahavas Sholom for many years and their contributions throughout the community are to be applauded. I had the opportunity to get to know them during my early years in Columbus working at the Columbus Community Kollel where Eddie was a chavrusah of mine and served as president of the board for 10 years. Eddie and Lily are CTA alumni parents and grandparents. They have consistently demonstrated the value of Jewish education and Jewish living by how they raised their sons and continue to support the institutions that make a Jewish community whole. Lily has shared her love and knowledge of cooking in the community and specifically with our CTA students to create lasting memories. We are grateful at CTA to count them among our supporters and friends.

I am equally honored to celebrate Gary's honor and to share how delighted we are, on behalf of CTA, to see him get this recognition from the shul. We are grateful for Gary's long standing involvement throughout the Jewish community. His care and interest in Jewish learning as well as his honest approach to life's challenges and successes are commendable and a great role model for our community. Lev Tov - a good heart - more than describes Gary. It brings us all a burst of joy.

Ahavas Sholom is fortunate to count these individuals as supporters and we are all honored to know them as friends and community leaders. It is our pleasure to continue to partner with Ahavas Sholom to strengthen our community through Jewish day school education at Columbus Torah Academy.

Hatzlacha Raba - wishing you much success in the coming year.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Avrohom Drandoff  
Head of School