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August 21, 2023

Mr. Dotan Herszage, Board President
Dr. Phil Weinerman, Chairman of the Board
Congregation Ahavas Sholom
2568 E. Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43209

Dear Dotan and Phil:

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 110th Anniversary Gala to celebrate An Evening of Appreciation, Community and Inspiration as well as deserving honorees.

Congratulations to honorees, Rabbi Moshe and Kelsey Yachnes and Inna Kinney, celebrating them with the Young Leadership Award and Ahavas Chesed Award, respectively. Ahavas Sholom is fortunate to have members who are dedicated to Jewish life, the shul and its mission, and to strengthening the broader Columbus Jewish community.

Rabbi and Kelsey Yachnes have made an impact in their first few years in Columbus through their involvement and leadership in planning dynamic programs, serving on the rabbinic leadership committee, and overall can-do approach to everything. Rabbi Yachnes is a respected CTA Upper School teacher who engages his students in Torah learning and connection to Judaism through rigorous classroom instruction and animated dialogue. Rabbi and Kelsey will also become CTA parents this week when their oldest son, Yitzy, enters kindergarten. We look forward to their optimism, energy, and enthusiasm as an example to other young leaders in helping to build community at Ahavas, CTA and the entire Columbus Jewish community.

I am also honored to celebrate Inna Kinney, who attended CTA as a young child upon first immigrating to the US. She has made an impact on our community through her ECDI small business non profit as she makes available resources which grow Columbus as a sustainable place to live, work, and raise a family. Inna's investment extends to Jewish organizations and institutions like Ahavas Sholom and CTA to pay it forward. Inna sees the importance our Jewish institutions play in our community and the role she plays as a leader for ensuring our community's survival and advancement.

I wish Ahavas Sholom's leadership all the best in their continued rabbi search and bless them with the strength to find communal and spiritual leadership for the next generation and beyond. Ahavas Sholom is blessed to have a caring, generous, and loyal membership that so many of our families call home. It is my 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Drandoff".

Rabbi Avrohom Drandoff
Head of School

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