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"Unless someone like you cares a whole lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not."

Dr. Seuss

At GHC things get done by people who care, who try, and who give their best to what they are doing. Sometimes trying to make changes and improvements can be overwhelming. We are lucky that we have someone who cares a whole lot -- Phil Karmel! Phil stays calm and focused, no matter the task. As President, he helped to make GHC a better synagogue, a better community and a better place to be. As Executive Vice President he led the Rabbi Search Committee who brought us Rabbi Stein. Each Friday he courted Rabbi with a phone conversation which ultimately sealed the deal. Phil championed the cause of inclusiveness by recognizing the importance of adding the matriarchs to our prayers. Phil on behalf of a grateful congregation, we thank you.

Our fabulous journal was chaired by Alan Kravitz. He dedicated MANY hours to coordinating and entering the ads into the virtual journal. Even while visiting Walt Disney World, he continued to work on the journal! Alan was assisted by Caryn Kravitz and Michael and Naomi Feinkind. We thank the four of you for your dedication. Special thanks go to Steve Neuburger and George Katz for bringing in many business ads.

After six years as Fundraising Vice President, I am passing the torch to Mary Brauner. It has been a wonderful six years. My supportive fundraising committee has made a difference. Not only have we raised money, but we also have brought some changes to GHC. We decorated the front entrance with bricks that were dedicated to friends and family. We led the campaign that brought the new siddur, "Lev Shalem" to our services. Three of our biggest projects were the Art Auction, the Crafts Fair and the Antique Road Show. These events brought in people from the community. We spent many evenings laughing at Comedy Nights, Murder Mystery Nights and the Game Show. With appreciation for your hard work, ideas, and dedication I thank my committee: Naomi and Michael Feinkind, Alan and Caryn Kravitz, Nora Contract, Sheila Greenwald, Jo-Ann and Jay Lutzky, Rhonda Baskin, Robbie Goldberg, Mary Brauner, Pam Stoller, and Tracie Mondschein. It has been a pleasure and an honor to work with you and more importantly to have you as my friends. Thank you for dedicating your time to GHC.

Sincerely,

Leslie

A vibrant egalitarian Conservative Jewish community in Westchester County,
embracing our traditions while actively participating in our changing world.