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“Embracing our traditions while actively participating in our changing world.”

This is the part of GHC’s mission and vision that comes to mind when I connect our Celebration of Israel’s 70th Anniversary to our congregation. As a GHC family, we strive to stay socially connected to each other and to the Jewish world at large. Our GHC family welcomes and includes people from all walks of life and different communities, much like Israel has done since its inception. Let us continue to embrace our traditions and Jewish heritage, with joy and exuberance, as we join in the celebration of the remarkable achievements of the State of Israel over the past 70 years. We are the beneficiaries of the vision and dedication of those who came before us, who started and built our Jewish state in spite of the challenges that arose along the way. Just as we are committed to seeing GHC continue to grow and thrive for future generations, so too should we be committed to our support of Israel as it continues to navigate adversity and opposition. Today, Israel is stronger than ever. It remains a powerhouse of high tech innovation, continues to have a strong economy and has one of the world’s most powerful militaries. As Israel continues to strive for permanent peace and security, it remains a nation of promise, optimism and joy. Tonight, we celebrate the achievements of our Jewish state and our spiritual home, GHC.

As I step into the shoes of those before me, as Vice President of Fundraising at GHC, I take the torch from an incredibly dedicated and hard-working group of individuals. It is because of this creative and supportive committee that I have accepted the responsibilities of this title, for I know that together, we will work to enhance our programs and events to include ALL members of GHC, of all ages and interests. We welcome your creative ideas as we move forward with planning the year’s events. Join us, share your thoughts on programs, attend events and most of all, enjoy the company of the wonderful members that GHC is so very lucky to have.

On behalf of the Fundraising Committee, I want to thank all of those who were involved in planning and executing this fabulous evening, and our terrific journal. It is the dedication of so many that allows us to raise funds throughout the year for GHC’s multitude of programming and events. THANK YOU to: our amazing journal creators Alan and Caryn Kravitz [co-chairs], Nora Contract and Jacqui Walker; our amazing event leaders, Naomi Feinkind and Leslie Liss [co-chairs], Michael Feinkind, Lynne Ecker; Sheila Greenwald and Madaline Bruno for organizing our guest list; Tom White for handling the bookkeeping; our own amazing artist, Suzy Neuburger, for designing our beautiful Journal Cover; Suzanne Newman for her creative work on our Journal flyer; Naomi Feinkind for the elegant invitations; Steve Neuburger and George Katz for bringing in many business ads; Jo-Ann and Jay Lutzky, Marcie Schneider and Stephanie Luftig for assisting with the mailing; and to our President, Lori Sloane, for her support and advice throughout this process. As always, we thank Pat Conlan and Kirk Langhorn for their constant assistance and expertise, and to ALL who assisted with the many details that were necessary in planning this evening, we are grateful for your continued involvement. To all our congregants, vendors and friends who sponsored ads for our journal, we thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Warmly,
Rebecca Lazar – VP Fundraising

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embracing our traditions while actively participating in our changing world.