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“If you want to go quickly, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.”

When I think about who we are at GHC, where we came from, where we are going, and how we get there, I always come back to our powerful sense of community as the foundation of it all. We celebrate an amazing milestone this year – our 75th anniversary! We have so many things to be thankful for, especially with all that is going on in the world and in our community today.

As we celebrate the amazing history, people, events, and really look back at how GHC became what it is today, I cannot help but think of the next 25, 50, 75 years. The names will change, the world will change, yet, I can only hope that our community remembers how we got here, and most importantly how we navigate challenges together and continue to grow. At the end of the day, it is our people, the value of our relationships and friendships as well as the strength of our community that defines us.

Commitment to our community can mean different things to different people. As the VP of Fundraising, there is always an element of the financial aspect, but as I have always emphasized, for me it is all about participation. Participate as best you can. If each of us can “give” just a little more to GHC in whatever capacity, our GHC community and spiritual home will be that much stronger for those contributions of money, time, innovation, and leadership.

Tonight, we celebrate us, The Greenburgh Hebrew Center! We celebrate our identity, our history, our community, our people.

As I lead our Fundraising committee at GHC, I am challenged by maintaining the amazing work of those who came before me and how to bring innovation and meaning to the role as we continue to evolve. The Fundraising Committee, as well as those who have stepped up to participate by supporting this event have all given that much more in support of us all. I am so lucky to have them all by my side to help make tonight a memorable and fun evening.

I want to thank all on the Fundraising Committee involved in planning and executing this fabulous evening and creating 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 event chair Leslie Liss. I would not have succeeded without Leslie or the committee by my side. Thank you to our Journal co-chairs Alan and Caryn Kravitz, whose attention to detail for the ads, contributions and timelines was impeccable. Thank you to Mara-Lee Bierman for her concept of creating the L’dor v’dor video bridging our earliest members with those new to GHC. Thank you to Naomi Feinkind for her leadership in creating our “Memorabilia Exhibit”. Naomi came to the committee with the idea and took it upon herself to work with a team of volunteers to execute this amazing display of our history. I am grateful to all of the committee members for this event, and for supporting all of our initiatives throughout the year – Becky Lazar, Karen Greenbarg, Nora Contract, Rhonda Baskin, Howard Baskin, Jay Lutzky, Jo-Ann Lutzky Davin Milun, Sheila Greenwald, Andrea Anger, Ellen Lebofsky, Sharon Rabinowitz, Bruce Segall, and Debbie Jagoda. A special thank you to Shiran Pasternak, for our amazing Journal cover. My sincerest appreciation to all who have helped our fundraising initiatives this year. This doesn’t happen without everyone’s contribution.

To Andy Lewit, Madaline Bruno, Wellington Castro, Jacqui Walker, and Rabbi Stein, thank you for supporting all our fundraising efforts.

We thank all our congregants, vendors and friends who sponsored ads for our journal, for their continued support and generosity.

Sincerely,

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David Luftig – VP Fundraising

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