



Dear Members,

Greetings and Blessings,

We are pleased to share with you some of the highlights of our 27th year at Chabad of Plano.

You may have noticed that we have made changes and upgrades to the security of our facility. We were able to make these changes thanks to a grant from Homeland Security. New fences, gates, cameras, outdoor lights, security film on the windows, and enhanced access control are all part of our efforts in keeping our community secure while at Chabad.

Boris Safir and his family have generously agreed to sponsor a new outdoor play space for the children in our camp, preschool and on Shabbat. This playground will be named **"Alla's Playground"** in memory of their dear wife and mother who left them too soon. We are grateful for their generous response to their loss. We know it will bring lots of joy to the many children who use that space.

Further back in the year, we had a history making event at Chabad of Plano, with Eva Schloss, the step-sister of Anne Frank and our featured speaker at the annual Evening of Entertainment. The Eisemann Center was filled to capacity with over 1,500 people who represented almost every part of our community. They came to honor the memory of those lost in the Holocaust and to be inspired by her strength and optimism.

Enclosed you will find our "**Year at a Glance**" which reflects new programs and well received long-standing programs and classes as well. We look forward to sharing and building community together.

As we begin our 28th year of service, inspiration and community to Plano, Texas, we anticipate a year of continued growth and excitement for all Chabad will offer in this new year.

We thank each and every one of you for your continued support as a member of Chabad of Plano. The Chabad Center is truly dependent upon the financial resources provided through the support of a committed membership base. In addition, we would like to thank the committed volunteers who help Chabad in countless ways, large and small, with their time, efforts and talents.

OF NOTE: Due to the recent rate of attacks on religious institutions, you will notice on the membership form, a mandatory security fee. This extra support will enable us to have an armed security guard on all Shabbatot, Holidays and major programs.

With the High Holidays rapidly approaching, please take a moment to return the enclosed forms by **Monday, August 26th.** Upon receipt, we will email you a confirmation letter for your High Holiday seats and a schedule of services.

If you would like more information, please do not hesitate to call Chabad at (972) 596-8270. For questions regarding finances, please call our Finance Chair, Stan Rothstein at (972) 931-0150.

Rivkie and Rabbi Yehuda and Esther Horowitz join me in wishing you and your family a year filled with abundant blessings, and a Shanah Tova Umitukah, a Good and Sweet New Year.

Rabbi Menachem Block Executive Director Membership Committee: Carla Beren, Karen Glanger, Alex Lederman, Sharona Ohayon and Stan Rothstein

P.S. Once again, all of the enclosed membership renewal forms can be completed online at www.chabadplano.org/membership.