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FOOD BANK

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Rabbi Steven Carr Reuben  
Temple Kehillat Israel  
16019 Sunset Blvd  
Pacific Palisades, CA 90272

Dear Rabbi Reuben,

As Executive Director of Westside Food Bank I'd like to express our deep gratitude for the 23,478 pounds of food collected on our behalf at Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Once again, the congregation at Kehillat Israel has broken its own record and brought in more food than any other local food collection, an accomplishment that is all the more remarkable given the rain on Yom Kippur. With costs for basic needs such as food, healthcare, energy, and housing rising at astonishingly high rates, more local families than ever before are seeking food assistance. The food gathered during Kehillat Israel's High Holy Days will go a long way toward meeting the increasing local need for food assistance.

Please also extend my gratitude to Rachel Jeffer for her efforts in putting the spotlight on the food collection at the Temple, and for her tireless efforts in making the food drives such a success. The generosity shown by the folks at Kehillat Israel never ceases to astound me. We are so honored by the many ways your congregation supports the work of Westside Food Bank and our member agencies. Kehillat Israel is making a profound difference in the lives of those in need in our community.

Please pass on Westside Food Bank's appreciation to everyone who contributed to this year's record-breaking food collection, and thank you again for all the wonderful work that is being done at Kehillat Israel.

Yours truly,

Bruce Rankin  
Executive Director