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Dear Kol Nefesh Members and Friends,

We are nearly halfway through the Jewish year 5783! It's been a wonderful year so far and there's much more to look forward to, including social events, monthly worship services, and learning opportunities for all ages. I'm writing to you now to invite you to consider participating in an exciting initiative celebrating the Kol Nefesh community.

Last fall, during the High Holidays, Kol Nefesh invested in 100 new prayer books. We received terrific feedback from members about the books and we're delighted that you found them meaningful. To commemorate this important addition to our religious offerings, the Kol Nefesh Board of Directors is asking you to participate in *Kol Nefesh's Prayer Book Drive*, a fundraising effort to honor the prayer books and memorialize your family's connection to Kol Nefesh. We don't have a building, or even a room that is ours alone, so the prayer books are our best opportunity to recognize our members!

Please consider a gift of \$36 to “sponsor” one book. With a gift in this amount, a personal message of your choice will be inscribed in a prayer book. How fun it will be to arrive at High Holiday services next year and search for your book! Or, even better, share the book with your personalization with another member — perhaps even someone new to our congregation. Seeing the prayer books personalized will further help connect our members with one another and with the larger Jewish community.

The Board of Directors has set a goal to get all 100 books dedicated. **Will you join us today and help us reach our goal?** Every dollar raised directly supports our Kol Nefesh community and ensures our congregation stays vibrant and strong. With less than 35 families, we are a small but mighty congregation, and your participation and generous contributions keep us thriving. My husband and I have pledged to participate by honoring our children who became B'Nai Mitzvah in 2021 and 2022. I hope you will consider making a dedication that is meaningful to you. (You may choose to dedicate more than one book!)

To make a donation and reserve your book, please send a check to Kol Nefesh, or [donate by credit card by clicking this link](#). Please complete [this form to](#) indicate the message you'd like to inscribe in the book. For questions, please contact us at kolnefeshofd@gmail.com.

Thank you for your generous consideration.
Sincerely,

Debbie Ellinghaus
Kol Nefesh Board Treasurer

PS: Gifts of all amounts are welcome!