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To our dear members,

We hope you had a most wonderful summer. As we approach the Yomim Noraim, we ask that you participate in a special initiative that is being undertaken by Congregation Ohr Torah in memory of our esteemed and beloved gabbai, member, and friend, יוסף יצחק בן זאב הלוי, ע"ה, Joel Adler, a"h:

"Enhancing Our Tefillah Experience"

The intent of this initiative is to help each one of us to:

1. Internalize and actualize a sense of awe and show proper respect to Hashem and His sanctuary while we daven by not engaging in private conversations;
2. Respect the rights of our fellow congregants to speak with Hashem in an environment that promotes davening with kavanah (concentration);
3. Demonstrate, by example, to the children in shul the proper way to conduct oneself during davening.

A variety of material and activities are being planned to help each of us enhance our communal tefillah experience in shul both on Shabbos and during the week. Please act now and commit to being counted among those who actively participate in this all-important initiative that will bring us closer to Hakadosh Baruch Hu and enhance the power of our tefillos.

Enclosed is a commitment form for you to sign and submit to the shul online or by mail. The list of participants will be posted for all of us to share the joy of our successes and to provide each other with chizuk. Our goal is 100% participation that creates a strong bond of achdus (unity) in our shul. As you commit to this effort with your signature, please think about the value this will add to our congregation's and to our individual tefillos. If you wish to become further involved in supporting this initiative, or have additional ideas, please speak with Shelley Schoenfeld or email: TefillahExperience@OhrTorah.net.

The initiative officially starts this Shabbos, September 5, 2015, Parshas Ki Savo, which describes that Hashem heard the voices/supplications of the Jewish people. May Hashem hear each of our voices as they ascend from the depths of our hearts to the heights of the shamayim (heavens), and may our efforts make our tefillos more effective and meaningful as well as bring nachas to every one of us and great simcha to our lives as we each do our part to grow closer to Hashem.

With warmest regards,

Rabbi Yaakov Luban

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