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Dear PicoEgal Community,

Nearly three years ago, a group of friends gathered on a holiday morning for an intimate and experimental minyan. The energy infused them with a focused spirituality, and the niggunim lingered in their ears long after the service ended. Everyone agreed, *We have to do this again*. Before long, the gathering transformed into a welcoming community, and the uplifting spirit extended to Shabbat meals, holiday events, and educational programs.

From the beginning, PicoEgal has relied on your participation. Volunteers lead services and deliver divrei Torah. Your suggestions inspired our monthly Friday night services and potlucks, which bring together over 70 people to celebrate Shabbat. Most importantly, you build our community by welcoming newcomers and inviting guests to your Shabbat table.

Your continued participation will help PicoEgal expand in the coming year as we embark on exciting new endeavors, including our first High Holy Day services and a new committee system which will allow you to shape PicoEgal programs.

Contributions of spirit and labor, however, are not enough to sustain our community. PicoEgal's services and programs cannot survive without your financial participation. **We request that each person contribute one-half of one percent (0.5%) of your income to sustain and expand our dynamic community.** Your donations will enable us to create a unique High Holy Day experience, rent space for Shabbat davening, and provide food for kiddush and events. We welcome donations of any size and encourage those who can give more to do so. PicoEgal believes we are all members of the community regardless of financial ability.

To make your tax deductible donation, please visit our website at www.picoegal.org and click "Donate." You may also send checks, made payable to PicoEgal, to: PicoEgal, c/o Robbie Hurwitz, 1537 S. Wooster St. Apt. 107, Los Angeles, CA 90035.

Thank you for your generosity and commitment to the PicoEgal community.

Sincerely,

PicoEgal Gabbaim