

July 2021

**Welcome current and future Temple Israel Brotherhood members!**

Happy Summer! We hope the routine of daily life for you and your families is beginning to return to normal! Hard to believe but before you know it, the High Holidays will be here!

For those who may not know, we have been consistently acknowledged by the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs (FJMC) as one of the most celebrated clubs in North America. At the virtual 2021 FJMC Biennial International Convention this June, we received two Torch Awards, a Bronze for Overall Club Activity, and a Silver for our outdoor 'Paid Up' Movie Night. We appreciate the national recognition and accolades but, in the end, the best reward is the camaraderie and spirit that we have built while having a great time supporting the Temple Israel community.

And what a year it has been!! While the pandemic certainly altered every aspect of daily life, our Brotherhood persevered. We held board meetings both via Zoom and outdoors when the weather permitted while complying with proper social distancing guidelines. Thanks to the leadership of Norm Tabroff and Matt Zinno, our Hearing Men's Voices program, "COVID 19: Dealing With..." gave members the opportunity to discuss and share personal experiences they were dealing with in times unlike any other. Similarly, our Jewish Routes series, "Magefot: The Struggles and Survival of the Jewish People Through the Plagues of History", led by Rabbi Fish and coordinated by Motti Pupkin, was particularly timely given the more modern plague we were all being forced to endure.

While COVID did force us to cancel last year's annual Combined Temples Charity Golf Tournament, we are well on our way toward re-establishing our largest annual fundraising event. Happily, we will be teeing off on August 2<sup>nd</sup>, at Brookmeadow Country Club in Canton. Brotherhood Shabbat Weekend last January came together nicely on Zoom with a full slate of events! On Shabbat, we heard from Dr. Laurent Layani, MD, Head of Bariatric and Advanced Laparoscopic Surgery at Al Shariq Fujairah Hospital / Consulting Surgeon for the UAE Ministry of Health: "Living in the UAE: A Jewish Perspective". On Saturday evening, we reimagined our annual "Lift Your Spirits" event with "Taste of Boston", a live tasting event from home hosted by Rhonda Kallman of Boston Harbor Distillery. And on Sunday morning, Rob Leikind, Regional Director, AJC New England led an engaging discussion: "AJC Insights and Implications of the Abraham Accords for Israel".

Last summer, in what turned out to be the pandemic's early days, we had a chance to meet Jared Firestone who is training to hopefully represent Israel in the Winter Olympics skeleton competition. Once again, we successfully came together while maintaining social distancing guidelines to package and distribute Yellow Candles in advance of Yom Hashoah. Later in the year, we held an informative session on "Bitcoin and Cryptocurrencies" and finally, at long last, we were all able to raise a glass for a virtual Zoom toast to our Brotherhood Man of the Year, Harold Waisel.

As you can imagine, however, despite our persistence, it was not a great year from an economic standpoint. Your membership and support help sustain our programming. Our Brotherhood is one of the best in the nation, and with your involvement, it will only get better. We welcome you! And if you know of any men who are members of Temple Israel but not to the Brotherhood, please encourage them to consider joining us. We're really a great group of guys! And finally, please consider becoming more active in the Brotherhood. We do lots of good and can always use more help.

Sincerely,

**Michael Getz, *President***

**Gary Keimach, *First Vice President***

**Steve Rafsky, *Treasurer***

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<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if this is your first year as a member of Temple Israel ( <i>Brotherhood dues are free</i> )	If you have a child that is graduating High School in 2022, please enter their name below to be enrolled in our annual graduating senior scholarship: Name: _____ High School Name: _____
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### REMINDERS

*There's still time to register to play, sponsor, or volunteer at the Combined Temples Charity Golf Tournament on August 2<sup>nd</sup>*  
Visit [www.combinedtemplesgolf.org](http://www.combinedtemplesgolf.org)

*Save The Date: Thursday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> – Burgers & Beers in the Hut (Sukkah)*

*Save The Date: Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup> – Brotherhood Paid Up Supper*