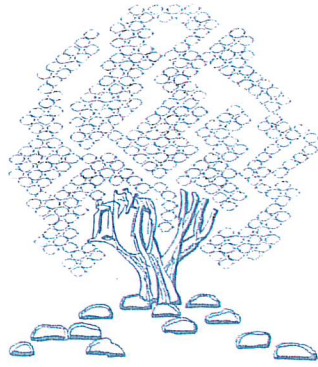


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חזק חזק ונתחזק!

Be strong, be strong and together
we'll strengthen each other!

Dear Friends,

What a long, strange trip it's been over the past 15 months! A global pandemic closed our doors in March 2020. After much planning and discussion, we slowly reopened for the Early Childhood Center over the summer of 2020 to help families who needed to work during that critical time. In the fall of 2020, we moved forward with a restructured religious school experience which allowed the children in our community to connect with each other - sometimes outside and for others virtually - to continue their education and remain in contact with their BTBJ friends. In addition, we conducted ritual and social events virtually so that our members could engage with others in the community and continue so many important traditions in our lives. Furthermore, after months of virtual b'nai mitzvahs, we were able to reopen the building and invited families (with limited guest lists) into the sanctuary for their important life cycle events.

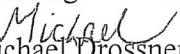
BTBJ has always been strengthened by our physical presence together, by gathering to pray, to celebrate, to learn, and to be a part of this wonderful community. While it may not have officially left, I think that I speak for the entire Board – and the congregation – when I say that we look forward to being together at BTBJ to reignite our special ruach - a feeling that we are more like a great group of friends than just members in a religious institution. That camaraderie will continue to be a keystone of our mission. The Board thanks the congregation for your patience and support during these challenging times.

As you enjoy the summer months, please know that the staff, the clergy and the Board are working diligently to prepare for the 2021-2022 year at BTBJ. We are hopeful that this year can bring us all back to BTBJ, both physically and spiritually. While the precise logistics of the upcoming year and are still being planned, we look forward to seeing you at an event soon.

Enclosed is our Dues Schedule, the **Sustaining Our Community Program** brochure, the Statement detailing your membership rate, the Member Financial Agreement form and the ACH form (if applicable) for you to complete and return. Obviously, the past year had a significant impact on our budget. Therefore, we are continuing our successful **Sustaining Our Community Program** which offers opportunities for you to make a voluntary tax-deductible contribution to help bridge the gap and allow us to continue offering services, programming, and educational opportunities that support, teach and energize our congregation. Simply choose what contribution level you feel comfortable with and we will recognize you and all contributors.

As we continue to move out of the pandemic and return to “normal,” I remind you that BTBJ is only as strong as our congregants. During this time, we are all needed to support BTBJ, to ensure that our “small-but-mighty” shul continues to live and thrive here in the community so that you, your children and your grandchildren can continue sharing our Jewish values.

We appreciate you, your membership, and your generosity over and above the basic dues amount. Thank you for choosing **BTBJ... where you belong.**


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