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Rabbi Peltz – *Ha'azinu*

What an incredibly meaningful, inspiring, and uplifting Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. It is so wonderful to have the whole TBS *mishpaha* (family) together in person and on the livestream. I hope that, over the course of the holidays, you found meaning in the words of our prayers, the commentary in our new *mahzorim*, Cantor Cohen's beautiful melodies, and Makhelat Bet Sholom's accompaniment at Kol Nidre. These were days to reconnect with God, our traditions, and our values, as well as our family, friends, and community. Now we are ready to begin what we hope will be a good and sweet new year for us all. I also hope that you feel inspired to keep being inspired by the many opportunities we have for you to connect with our TBS community in the coming year. Please make sure to go through our Community Life Book that you received, as well as keep an eye on our emails and website for the many spiritual, educational and social experiences this year. There are so many great ways to connect to Jewish learning and living, and we hope that you will find your connection point. We are only as strong as our members, and we need your help to keep our vibrant community strong.

A wonderful example of this is our High Holy Day services. They run smoothly because of the hard work of many different people. Thank you to Allyson Pollack, Robin Kaufman, Gregg Bannett, Joanne Sutkin and the Ritual Committee for all their work coordinating honors. Thank you also to all of our daveners, Torah readers, Haftarah readers, shofar blowers, and those who joined Cantor Cohen for meaningful musical moments. And of course there is Alvin, who we thank for all the work he does in his role as Alvin. Ron Safier helps coordinate the many details that take place behind the scenes that allow everything to run smoothly. Thank you to our office staff Susan Aaronson, Allison Borenstein, Ruth Brodnick, Laura Leibman, Laura Padersky, and Patty Trichon, our maintenance staff Steve Magowan, Joe Stewart, and Sonia Lopez, and our security guard Bob Riemer. Michele Hasit Waxman works tirelessly to engage our community on the holidays and all year long. Alex Weinberg, Annie Siegel, Harriet Baker, Jared Kaufman, John Imhof, Amanda Kaufman, Karen Malmud and our many teachers provide excellent family services, teen experiences, and make sure our little ones are cared for. We also want to give a huge *todah rabah* to Steve Borenstein for his months of hard work in setting and coordinating the operation of our livestream and sound systems. Additionally, thank you to our president, Marty Chazin, for his words on the first day of Rosh Hashanah, and to the Ushering Committee of Adam Pollack, Howard Sukinik and Jeff Brenner, along with our TBS Board of Directors, for helping to coordinate ushers and greeters throughout the holidays.

We have always been fortunate at TBS to have exceptional lay and professional leaders who work in close partnership. It's true for the High Holy Days, and it's true all year long. We hope that you'll find your way to connect this year, and that it is a year of Jewish learning, growth, and fulfillment for us all.