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Dear Friends,

We're about to enter an unprecedented High Holiday season. The last few months have been dominated by concern for our health and safety, and planning how we can continue and revamp our social connections amid a global pandemic.

As we will soon turn the page to a new Jewish year, we are challenged with maintaining sacred community. We won't have the same opportunities to see congregants and friends like we have in the past, at least not yet.

But I'm confident that we'll be able to find creative ways to be together during these Fall holidays. We'll need to adjust some of our expectations and yearly habits, to be sure. Yet the core of this holy time of year — filled with reflection and resetting the ways we treat others and ourselves — will remain constant.

I realize that I am new to Temple Beth Tzedek, and in any other year, I might have expected a "normal" Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. I assure you that most if not all of the differences you'll see in our worship and communal activities will not be changes for change's sake; rather, they will be with enriching our holiday experience given the need to physically gather separately.

One thing that stays the same is the need to support the financial endeavors of the synagogue. On the enclosed pages, you'll be invited to contribute to our High Holiday fundraisers. Please be as generous as you can. Because at a time when it's easy to be disconnected, we need a synagogue to connect us more than ever.

Speaking of which, I look forward to connecting with as many of you as I can in the weeks to come. Thank you for making Temple Beth Tzedek your spiritual home.

B'shalom,

Rabbi Adam J. Rosenbaum