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Dear Temple Etz Chaim Community:

First, many thanks to those who offered feedback at the past couple of meetings that we have held regarding both the design and logistics of building our new temple home. As you can imagine, there are many moving parts, and the process of getting the different aspects working in sync with one another has been complex but rewarding nonetheless.

We know that evening meetings, particularly during the week, are not always the easiest for people to attend, and so [we are sharing a video](#) capturing many elements of last week's meeting. Admittedly, it is not a straight recording of the meeting, so the dialogue between members is not here, but it will give you a sense of the progress being made and next steps coming as we continue making progress. We have also been hard at work at formalizing some next steps and coming up with a method for communicating regular updates with the congregation, particularly as some major decisions moving forward will require action from the Board of Directors.

As the video explicitly states, we are anticipating many pieces coming together in the next several weeks. However, we also share that, while we share in everyone's excitement, we must balance that energy with a degree of patience. In Hebrew, the word for patience shares the root of the word for burden, so we understand and empathize with that suffering that occurs as we wait for a process that has taken many years to come to fruition. However, knowing full well that we have only one opportunity to do this well, it is better to measure twice and cut once than to do things hastily.

Finally, we are hoping to raise more funds in this home stretch, and we hope that many people will consider donating to the Kadima Fund, if they have not already. To that end, we hope you will also watch [this brief message](#) from one of our donor families and the impact that our community has had on them. As always, if you have any questions, comments, or feedback, or wish to set up an individual conversation, please reach out to either of us directly.

Sincerely,

Michael Rubin

Andrew Rubenstein

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