

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

It Takes a Village!

It is August 1 as I am writing this article. We are in the process of planning a full year of services, holidays, Sinai Circles, Adult-Ed, Retreats for Women, Men and Gaming, and Religious School programming.

The Delta variant has taken over the news and I am asking myself, "Do we continue with our plans? Do we pivot and change the plans?" What is good today for the safety of our members, might not be good tomorrow or in September.

As a society, over the past 18 months we have learned to adapt to working from home, distance learning for our children, online shopping and having our groceries delivered. Some of us will never set foot back in a grocery store, as it is just easier to use Instacart. One of my duties as the Director of Operations is to make sure that all the t's are crossed, and the i's are dotted, and that the building is running smoothly. So, we are moving forward. The JCC has moved out of our building, and we are preparing for our new Early Childhood Education Center. Our classrooms will be receiving a fresh coat of paint at the end of August. The floors in our school wing will be upgraded with new tiles. The atrium bathrooms will be completed. We are on our way to welcoming back everyone to our building. We are moving forward, and I am so excited for all that is to come.

The staff of Temple Sinai could not do this all alone. With the help of our COVID task force, we are all working together to opening our building back up, to letting our children back in for classes, to allowing our weekly Mah Jongg and Canasta players to return to play. We are making sure everyone is as safe as possible as we follow the most up-to-date CDC and CT guidelines. Moses' father-in-law, Jethro, suggested that Moses set up a commission of advisors instead of taking on all the problem-solving himself (Exodus 1 – 20:23), we do the same here at Temple Sinai. None of the staff can do this all alone. There are so many details along the way that I am truly grateful to have such a dedicated team who helps with crossing those t's and dotting the i's!

I wish everyone a very happy and healthy new year!

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