

WE HAVE STEPPED UP

Can you believe it has been about 5 weeks since we closed Temple and went virtual.

During this time, so many people have stepped up—really our entire community.

Whether it has been:

- All of you here tonight attending service and other activities offered by Temple;**
- Judy and our religious schoolteachers continuing with religious school and post-Mitzvah adults;**
- Saragail continuing our activities for pre-K children;**
- Members of our Committees and the Board who have continued the work of Temple Sinai;**
- Our newest working group created to apply for PPP money and address other contingencies resulting from COVID-19;**
- Our Social Action Committee's efforts and the efforts of others to reach out to the broader community beyond Temple Sinai in this time of need;**
- The tireless work of Rabbi to provide programming, contact members, and reach out to other Rabbis and communities across the country all while maintaining our spiritual life here at Temple; and**
- The work of Stacie to keep us focused on what is really important—the health and safety of our members and our**

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community—while still performing the essential functions of her job.

I also want to acknowledge the many new donations made by members – in one case, even simply forwarding the amount of the stimulus check provided by the government. Thank you.

Members are contributing in all the ways we need and, in a perfect world, we would all hope for. You know, we have all, in a way, been taught and trained to be good people. But it is not often that we are tested on such a large scale like we have been by the COVID-19 pandemic. For me to witness first-hand that the reality of our response matches our hoped for and expected response is magical.

When we look back at this time, we will each be able to look each other in the eye and truly know that our response to COVID-19 has been powerful both in terms of the level of humanity experienced and our commitment to a better world. This has been truly amazing and wonderful for me to be a part of and is something I will be able to remind my kids about n years to come.

And the magnitude and generosity of our response makes me so proud to be part of this Temple.

Thank you. Thank you to each of you; and thank you to everyone.

Just one more thought which I feel compelled to express. Although we don't know when the pandemic and the ensuing isolation will be over, there is now routine talk about getting back to business. I just want to say that despite how tempting this is, please be careful.

Please proceed with caution. Please look to your own health and safety and continue to consider the health and safety of everyone within arm's reach before deciding to venture out once again.

Shabbat Shalom.