

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The beginning of 2021 has flown by and much of it has felt the same as 2020, we are still virtual for most of our services, events and programs. We want to do what is in the best interest of public health for our members and community and do not take these decisions lightly. As much as we wish we could come together in person, we are continuing to make it work, learning along the way and still connecting genuinely with one another. If you have an idea for a program via Zoom or event you'd like to see, please, as always, let me know!

This new year has brought some change, however, as we continue to work toward a strong financial footing. In January I applied for a second draw of the PPP loan on behalf of OZ and in February I was notified that we had received the loan. These funds will primarily go toward payroll expenses and will alleviate our projected deficit for this fiscal year. We will qualify for the same loan forgiveness as our first draw of the PPP loan! This is great news; still, our structural deficit will remain past the PPP loan term.

With the work of the Imagine 2025 group and this new loan, we are well on our way toward a stronger financial outlook.

Additionally, we have hired a new part-time administrative assistant, Andie Lowe, who will be assisting with invoices, billing, yahrzeit notices, communication and more! Please welcome her to our community at office@ohavizedek.org.

As we look toward our second Passover where we are not physically together, we are continuing to find new ways to nourish one another in mind, body and spirit. We hope to lighten the load on the many who are experiencing stress as we mark a full year of this pandemic. This year we will be partnering with Larry Levine's Kosher Meats & Deli in Peabody, Massachusetts to bring our community Pesach Seder meals to go! Please watch for the order form soon.

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