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Dear Congregation Agudath Israel Family,

We are so grateful to our clergy and all of our staff, both in the Main Office, and in the Educational Department, for the effort they have shown and the unrelenting pace they have had to maintain as they worked to adapt and meet the needs of our community. They have managed to provide programming and communication to our community as our needs have evolved, allowing us to maintain our connection during these exceptional times.

We acknowledge that this has been tireless work, requiring longer hours than typical. We want to make sure that our staff takes time to care for themselves, in order to perform their best in both their personal and professional lives. Additionally, as there have been some significant staff transitions, this is a time for reflection and intentional planning on the part of the staff and lay leadership.

To that end, we will close the office August 2-4, 2021. Our staff will be provided a personal day for self care to be followed by two days of team building and visioning exercises. We hope this will provide some additional clarity and focus to our team's future actions in service to our community. Our ECC Summer Camp will continue as scheduled on these days.

To support and honor this time, we ask that you try and refrain from sending emails and leaving voice messages during these days. Obviously, should there be any life cycle emergency, you should call the main office at 973-226-3600 and press 6. Leave a message and a member of our clergy will return your call. Additionally, if you have High Holy Day related inquiries, please email hhd@agudath.org or leave a voicemail for Sue Och at extension 115 and she'll get back to you as soon as she can.

We appreciate your understanding and support of this effort to fortify our staff.

With appreciation,

Shani Drogin
President