



THE ANNUAL FUND

Greetings:

We wish you and your loved ones a healthy, happy and sweet New Year. Shana Tova U'Metuka!

It is no exaggeration to say that this year's High Holy Days celebrations were like none other. Yet, like every year, this was a time for reflection, renewal and spiritual growth. For those of you who joined us in-person at the Unitarian or under the Tent or online, we were grateful to be together in those ways. We look forward to the time when we can all join together in-person in prayer and fellowship.

As the country shut down this past March, we moved online our uplifting Friday services, Saturday study sessions, acclaimed in-person speaker series and religious school program. For those most comfortable at home, we delivered challahs throughout the summer and made personal phone calls to check in with every member. Throughout these challenging times, we have worked tirelessly to keep our community close and engaged.

Our mission this summer was to support the local community. We purchased challahs from Something Natural, arranged a Wine & Cheese tasting through Brix Wine Shop, held a cocktail demonstration with Nautilus and The Gaslight, and organized our first annual Nine & Dine at Miacomet Golf Club. Our New Year gift bags included honey from local producer BeeHappy Honey, and the Yom Kippur break fast in a box was supplied by Keepers Restaurant. In addition to our usual donations to the Nantucket Food, Fuel and Rental Assistance Program, Book Festival, and Swim Across America, we also contributed to the Nantucket Relief Fund established by the Community Foundation for Nantucket due to the impact of COVID-19.

Around the new year, we look to the past and think about the wonderful things we accomplished, as well as missed opportunities. We also look to the future and think about how we will continue to build on our strengths and expand our impact within the Jewish community on-island as well as the greater Nantucket community. Certainly, we face challenges – some that we never expected. We also see possibilities for innovation and engagement, and we are committed to execute on these goals in the coming years.

We ask you to consider a gift towards our Annual Fund. This fund helps support the many programs and services that educate, inspire and support our members, friends and the entire Nantucket community. Your support enables us to continue our good work, adapt to unforeseen circumstances and realize new initiatives.

May our congregation continue to flourish with your support and gather in health and peace

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