

Dear TAA Community:

At the July 17 meeting of the TAA COVID Task Force we thoughtfully discussed potential possibilities for the High Holy Day services this September. Due to the continuing pandemic, we felt it was our obligation to ensure Pikuach Nefesh (saving a life). We reluctantly decided that we cannot gather in person on Middle Street this year. Nor can we plan on gathering in an outdoor setting.

As a result, our High Holy Days will look different this year. The Rabbi, Phoebe, our lay leaders are working very hard to bring us an experience that will be meaningful, innovative and especially spiritual.

As you will see in this bulletin, we believe 2020/5781 is an opportunity to try new things and new approaches. Yes, we will be “Zooming” services each day and we will hear the shofar. But, there will be more, particularly in the lead into Rosh Hashana in the month of Elul.

Phoebe will continue to be in contact with the parents of our children. She will continue making our school a place that the children will want to attend even if virtually.

We are planning a Zoom Open House. Rabbi and I will be available to answer any questions you may have about the COVID Task Force and our High Holiday plans.

We understand this is a difficult time for all of us. With your support and understanding we will move forward and eventually be able to reopen our building safely and responsibly.

Thank you for your consideration,

Eric Kaplan