

HOUSE COMMITTEE  
Semi-Annual Report  
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Even as the Temple building remained closed through these challenging times the work of the House Committee continued without pause. Beginning back in March of 2020 we reconfigured the building operations to reflect the new requirements of maintaining a vacant but still functional physical plant. Changes such as resetting heating and air conditioning requirements, renegotiating outside vendor maintenance agreements, and even curtailing refuse removal resulted in considerable financial savings through far lower operating costs for TBC this past year.

At the same time, the Temple added significant technical capabilities that enabled us to observe the High Holidays as one congregation but from our individual homes. Contributing countless personal hours for the preparation, rehearsal, and production time fellow congregants Simon Curtis, Kiki Kahn, Valerie Rosenson, Cindy Baulsir, and Valerie West-Rosenthal helped deliver via the internet live services from the Sanctuary.

Now that the resumption of “new normal” operations is in sight the House Committee is coordinating with the Re-Occupancy Task Force to comply with CDC guidelines to safely re-open the building for everyone’s benefit.

In addition to worshiping together at the Temple, we will continue to livestream services (and select special events) via the internet. The House Committee is actively evaluating a variety of platforms to make available the best online experience.

*Respectfully submitted:*

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