

Mi shebeirach avoteinu v'imoteinu, hu yevarech et kol mi she-oskim betzarchei tzibur b'emunah.

May God who blessed our ancestors bless all those who devote themselves to the needs of the community in a true spirit.

As always, our thanks are due to the many people who contribute so much of their time and of themselves to the life of our congregation: the staff, the voluntary leadership and all those who participate in creating a community for each other, a community that is resilient and goes from strength to strength, and of which we can all be proud.

As members – we are co-creators of community – we each form our own connection, or rather connections, to the community and to each other, across a diversity of ages and locations, this past year entirely online, we have worked hard at maintaining and growing connection. Because our members participate in different aspects, those connections between others are not always obvious: the AGM is an opportunity to step back and appreciate how much we achieve and offer, but also how in the future we might deepen/broaden those connections and do more.

A challenge in the past year has been for our members who love to sing, and have only been able to do so on MUTE in their own home. Recently, we've offered two In Person services and one is coming up this Tuesday for Simchat Torah. Hearing your voices in our sanctuary, even with masks on, has filled my heart and grown my longing to get back to making music with many of you. Special thanks go out to our quartet who prepared beautiful pieces that we shared over the HHDs. We said Good-bye to our accompanist and musical maestro, Jordan Abraham. We wish him a Mazel Tov on his recent marriage and move to North Bay. God-willing we will soon be able to gather and get back to creating a 'new song' unto God. As your Cantor, I am very excited about beginning to hold In Person services this October.

As your Program Director I'm delighted to let you know that our Fall Programs include a wonderful series of Breakfast Club offerings ONLINE beginning Sunday, Oct 17th at 11AM, a very interesting Adult Education series with Rabbi Cohen focusing on The History of the Jewish People Mondays at 7PM, another fun series of Hebrew through Song on Thursdays at 7PM with myself, an In Person Chanukah Paint Night, a special Chanukah Workshop by Rabbi & Cantor for Grandparents, Parents, Children on how to get the most out of the Festival of Lights this year. Celebrating Chanukah together this December will be a sweet reminder of how each of us brings a unique flame to our congregation and we want to light up all of Hamilton with our joy and resolve to move ahead together.

As we move into 2022 we will continue to offer programs and services both online and in person to reach and connect with as many of you as possible. We are already working on a hilarious PURIM SHPIEL for March, the launch of a New Book Club, special Musical Shabbat Services (such as Jazz Shabbat & Shabbat Shira), Social Events and learning opportunities. We cannot do this alone though...more than anything, we need you to help us make TAS the centre of our

strength, the foundation of our connection and the place where magic happens. CHAG
SAMEACH.