

The lesson I learned this year is one I already knew but was greatly reinforced during the Covid Crisis. Which is that good things often develop from bad situations. In this case, the changes that the Corona virus brought into my life resulted in many positives. The most important was a renewed awareness, appreciation, and enjoyment of our home environment.

In recent years, my husband David and I spent much of our leisure time in activities that revolve around music. We sang in the choir. And at this time of year, we would be spending two nights a week at TBT rehearsing for the High Holidays. In addition to choir, we have performed at local live music venues and we have also supported other vocalists by attending their gigs. We were out many nights of the week and many dinners were in restaurants.



All that changed this year. While we both miss singing, we find that we are enjoying our time at home. It's like it used to be when our daughter Susan was young and we were not as free to be out in the world. This summer was the first time in years that we had candlelit dinners on our deck listening to the music of the night. We also frequently take strolls around our property, enjoying nature, the moon, the birds, fireflies, the crickets, and our gardens. Gardening is another passion of mine that increased in importance this year. We are reaping the fruits of my labors: The visual beauty of the gardens and plantings, the scent of jasmine and moonflowers, and the taste of fresh herbs and vegetables. Our daughter Susan frequently comes home for the weekend to enjoy with us the many pleasures of being home. Our home is indeed our Blessing!

*Susan, David and I have been members of TBT for 25 years. We have been involved in many different aspects of Temple life. But David and I are mostly known as vocalists in the choir and as fill-ins for Cantor Applebaum when she takes her much needed vacations.*