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Dear TBT Families,

I am honored and humbled to be the incoming President of TBT. I am proud that despite the numerous challenges over the past year and a half, TBT has continued to thrive, while keeping the health and the safety of congregants as a primary concern. Pikuach nefesh, preservation of human life, is among the most valued mitzvot. Last year, we made the difficult decision to offer only remote services for the High Holidays. The pandemic has taught us to value our health, togetherness and spirituality. As we again prepare for the High Holidays, we strive to offer options for prayer that specifically address those values. **Together@TBT** will be offering unprecedented options for access that do not compromise safety, yet maximize togetherness and inclusiveness. This will enable those who are eager to pray together in person to do so, while allowing others to choose to pray remotely. Hopefully, the recent increase in local COVID cases and the Delta variant will not cause us to alter our plans.

Most of our services will be labelled B'Yachad (Hebrew for together). Those who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19, or those who can prove immunity to COVID-19, will be allowed to pray from the main Sanctuary, and masks will be optional. Those not fully vaccinated will be allowed to pray safely from a separate space in the building on large screens with masking required. For families with children under 12 years old who are not yet eligible for vaccination, we encourage attendance at our 12:15 pm Collage services on both the first day of Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur day. While open to all congregants, these services will be more family-friendly, masking will be required, and distancing will be recommended. Children's services both on the first day of Rosh Hashana and on Yom Kippur, are intended for those families with nursery school children and will be fully masked services as well. For all services, we will continue to require screening for symptoms of illness and for COVID exposure. All of this is subject to change based on changes in regulations. Of course, we will continue to offer live streaming for each service to accommodate those who chose to join remotely. Each congregant will need to consider their own health status and risk tolerance when making decisions about which services to attend.

Enclosed is all the information you need to celebrate the High Holidays at Temple Beth Torah. Please take time to review everything to help ensure a smooth and fulfilling holiday for you and your family. Please choose the services you would like to attend when requesting tickets. Paper requests may be sent directly to the Temple office or you can complete the requests digitally (links can be found on our website or in our emails). If you are fully vaccinated, please indicate so on your ticket request.

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Our Kol Nidre appeal this year is more important than ever. Many of our congregants have been financially affected by the pandemic. Historically, Kol Nidre donations have supported those congregants in need, allowing them to continue to pray, take advantage of our incredible programming and keep their children enriched in our schools. Please include your Kol Nidre pledge card with your ticket request.

Our level of security will remain at a high level during the High Holidays. Please be patient and respectful with our security measures as they are for the safety of all congregants. Ushers and security staff will be collecting tickets at the door. Each member, regardless of age, must present a ticket with their name on it. Tickets are non-transferable.

PLEASE NOTE: You need to be current with your dues, fees and tuition to receive your High Holiday tickets. You may call the office to make your payment arrangements.

Please contact Kathy in the Temple office at 631-643-1200 x310 with any questions or concerns. If there are any special situations or needs we will be happy to accommodate.

Again, I am proud of our Temple family and all we have accomplished together. We will continue to carefully monitor the local case trends and any government restrictions. I look forward to hopefully seeing many of you in person at High Holiday services this year. I hope you and your families are well and that we continue to grow together as a Temple community as we establish our post pandemic new normal.

Kind Regards,
Stay safe,

Brian Goldstein, MD
President, Temple Beth Torah