

Cantorial Message

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“For now the winter is past, The rains are over and gone. The blossoms have appeared in the land, The time of pruning has come...” Song of Songs, Chapt. 2, v. 11-12. Spring is here and is so welcome. The time of pruning has definitely begun! I haven’t quite embraced the love of gardening, but I do like when everything is in bloom. Being outside enjoying the warmth of the sun, the beauty of new buds, birdsong, and the thought of summer being right around the corner, brings a renewed feeling of being alive. Vivaldi’s, Spring, musically infuses you with the feeling of excitement and sense of beauty of this time of year. Nothing like music to enhance the beauty of nature. I can’t imagine a world without music. We are blessed with many talented musicians in our synagogue and Harvey Snitkin is one of them. Wanting to help ease the loneliness of Covid, he created a once a week program called Lox-Down Lunch. This program brought music into the homes of those that tuned in. Food, music, and friends. It doesn’t get any better than that. We loved the program and would like to give a big thank you to Harvey for sharing his time and talent with us. The other program I loved was after our weekly Havdalah service. I want to thank those that spoke with us and shared stories. We learned about some of the trees and areas in the Connecticut College Arboretum, Judd Rosen shared a story that happened while he and Dale lived in the Bahamas, and Hali Keeler shared stories from her book, Ghosts on Groton Bank. Many of you shared songs, read poetry, and did skits, at our monthly, informal, cabaret. Of course, I am hoping that our Cabaret will be in person next year. Won’t that be great! Barbara Senges oversaw our Trivia night and also our Questions evening. I have to say they were a lot of fun and I learned a lot. A very big thank you to Barbara for all of her help and to all of you who join us. Though these programs have ended, I hope to revisit them next Winter and am very grateful to Harvy and Barbara. They helped make the Covid Winter go by quickly. Here’s to being able to spend more time outdoors in the sun.

Wishing all of you a lovely Spring!

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