

# Cantorial Message

July 2021

L' hayim! To life, being vaccinated and getting outdoors!

I don't know about you, but I feel like you do when you open your windows on the first warm spring day after a long winter! It has been an interesting transition back into life. I went from being petrified to be out with people, to getting vaccinated and feeling less stressed out, to love being outside again, meeting people, and feeling alive. I'm thoroughly enjoying my summer freedom and the low numbers Connecticut has at the moment. Thanks to those low numbers, I'm writing this in June, we are just beginning "in person", Shabbat Evening Services in the sanctuary beginning this Friday. I'm looking forward to hearing your beautiful voices fill the space! I also loved our outdoor Shabbat Service, it was wonderful. I know that we are not totally back to "normal", but it feels like we are close.

I'm excited to announce that we will have Lay Led Shabbat Services in July and August. So, I'm putting out the call for people to help lead them. I'm always happy to help in any way you need. If you are interested, please contact me for dates and times at [shirie3860@aol.com](mailto:shirie3860@aol.com) or 860-443-3005. Shabbat Summer Services will be at 7:00 pm.

If you are vaccinated and interested in singing in the choir for the High Holy Days, I'd love to hear from you. I'm always looking for male voices, tenors, and altos. If you are a soprano, that's fine too. Rehearsals will be starting in July, possibly Thursday, July 8, or July 15, at 7:00 pm.

I hope you will join us when Or Zohar visits at the beginning of July. It is always a pleasure to have him visit, share music, and hear news from the Galilee. On July 17, we will have our Shabbat Walk at Bluff Point, and hopefully some other outdoor activities over the summer. Make sure to check the Temple Calendar.

I wish you an enjoyable summer after such a long year of being cooped up. I know that I will be looking for lots of outdoor concerts, walks, and vegan ice cream! Be safe, get vaccinated if possible, and hope to see you at summer services or maybe bump into you around town.

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