

Presidential Message

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I'm writing this between the two big High Holy Days and just a day after taking the kids to the beach for the second time this week – because they had such a good time the first time they pretty much demanded we go again. For those who missed it, the Rosh Hashana family service followed by Taslich was at Hole in the Wall Beach in Niantic. On Baptist Lane as the Rabbi likes to point out. Our very own Susan Cramer put together a creative idea of having large open pallettes in the sand representing the days of creation. The kids (and some adults) dug, drew, and placed items representing those days in quite a creative fashion. The best part was this was outdoors and not in front of a computer screen.

As I said in my Rosh Hashana speech, the leadership has been watching and must continue to closely watch and be guided by science in how we go forward. Science right now is telling us that vaccinated people can get sick and end up in the hospital, so we all need to remain vigilant in our daily lives and in the interactions we have with others.

As for the Community Campus, we are working diligently to make this important project a reality. In the coming months we hope to have informational meetings on the Campus and on Temple finances so that members are educated on these important topics. Since we are all virtual at the moment, when rumors spread it is difficult to get a hold on them. The Board and the Religious School teams are working very hard behind the scenes to not only keep things running right now, but with an eye to the future to be able to sustain what we are doing. So there are a lot of moving parts at the moment. Please feel free to reach out with any questions, concerns, or suggestions. Take care and stay safe.

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