

BETHEL

The Beaches Synagogue
A REFORM CONGREGATION

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Dear Beth El Family,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. We have had some amazing accomplishments over the last year and I want to thank all members of our prior board and our staff for what they did to make a difficult year one that we can be proud of. Our streaming on Zoom has allowed us to continue to worship Shabbat each week on Friday night and Saturday morning. We helped so many people and kept so many of our activities going in the face of distancing and other challenges. We were able to reach out to all our members and see how they were doing in these trying times. We are eagerly looking forward to re-opening our Synagogue for services and our Religious School when that is possible. We will only do it when it is safe for all and will do it with the best available information guiding us.

I am excited to reach out to you as we begin our new fiscal year at Beth El and can assure you that we are in a stronger financial position than at any time in our recent past. Our finances have never been more solid and our goal of paying down our mortgage is closer to fruition than it has ever been. Thank you to all of you who have contributed so generously of your time and resources, together we will make that goal come true.

The results of our recent board elections have given us two new board members. Their terms begin today. I would like to welcome those board members who were elected by near unanimous votes, Ilyse Greene and Rachel Marcus-Hendry Mitchell. We recently had some resignations of board members that have created opportunities for members to serve in some key positions. We currently are looking for two Vice Presidents and a Treasurer to relieve our Interim Treasurer. We also have countless other opportunities to get involved. Please reach out to me, the synagogue office, or board members with your interests.

Beth El is so special to us all and we are ready to have a great year. Your participation is what makes Beth El what it is—the *home* for Jewish worship and life at The Beaches.

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