

President's Message April 2022

And the roller coaster continues . . .

Starting with our March Shabbat service for Purim, we resumed in-person services and religious school. Most adult classes continue to be available thru Zoom, but they will be live and at the synagogue as often as possible. The board voted to open the sanctuary and require masks only for those over 5 years old and not vaccinated. If you have been vaccinated against Covid, you do not need to wear a mask.

Purim was such a dichotomy of thoughts for me this year. While we had some fun at our spiel, mainly thanks to our star, Bob Margolis, we kept the levity to a minimum, as our thoughts reside with the people in Ukraine, who for no fault of their own, are enmeshed in a war they didn't ask for and do not want. Nevertheless, it felt wonderful to be in the temple and have a normal Oneg Shabbat. I was happy that most of us remembered the words and the tune for the Shabbat Kiddush, as I personally have not sung that prayer in 2 years. It felt wonderful to see people and hug them and get a reality dose of what we have been missing for the last two years.

As we move into April, we will have our annual "Bark Mitzvah" as well as Passover to celebrate.

I look forward to spring and getting back into the gardens to grow pretty flowers and delicious vegetables. We will need help tending our community garden soon, and I hope we can count on many of you to pick up a shovel or rototiller, plow the garden, plant, weed, reap and donate food to our local food banks.

Let's Pray for Peace in Ukraine and the rest of the world.

Love, Howie