



Dear PSJC members,

With Shavuot behind us and Shabbat reaching deep into the summer evenings, we take the opportunity to reflect on an unprecedented year, to thank you for your support of PSJC, and to renew our commitment to each other and to the community we build collectively every day.

Over the past few months, we have learned new ways to study and pray together, to socialize and support each other, to celebrate mitzvot, and, sadly, to mourn our loved ones. I have been enormously proud of how our community, led by our professional staff, has responded with extraordinary resourcefulness, dedication, and compassion. We created new websites and new programming overnight. Our Hebrew School shifted to remote learning without missing a single day. We mobilized to deliver groceries and meals and to make constant calls to those who were isolated and vulnerable. It has been an extremely challenging time for many in our community, and we hope that PSJC has been a source of strength and support to you.

We have begun to plan for the fall and the High Holidays. Much is still unknown, and the context continues to evolve. What we do know is that this will not be a year like any other. We are committed to creating a month of Elul that is full of community, joy, and a deep exploration of teshuvah—individual and collective renewal and repair. We look forward to doing this together.

These days, many of us feel the value of community and of PSJC more than ever. And as we move into a summer and fall of uncertainty, PSJC needs the commitment of each of us more than ever. We understand that for many, this is a time of financial stress. Please know that above all we value your membership and appreciate your financial contribution, at whatever level is appropriate for you. If you have not been as negatively impacted by this crisis, we ask that you consider increasing your membership level this year.

We have made a few adjustments to the renewal process, which we hope will make it simpler and faster. All renewals will happen online. Just go to [PSJC.org](https://psjc.org), click on “Membership Renewal,” and fill out the short form. We are also implementing an auto-renewal process. If you choose, you can do nothing; on July 15, your membership will be renewed automatically at the same rate as last year. If you’d like to adjust that rate after the July 15 deadline, just call the office and let Piper know.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and all our membership, I thank you for your support. I hope that you and your families stay safe and well, and I look forward to seeing you virtually and in person very soon.

David Tepper  
President, Board of Trustees