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Dear Members and Friends of Temple Shir Shalom,

I am writing to thank you yet again for your patience and generosity over the past year and a half, and now for your patience and generosity over the past month or so as we have been slowly making our way back to in-person services and events. As you are probably aware, we started the summer with Rabbi Joseph conducting two separate Shabbat services, one online at 6:00pm and on in-person at 7:00pm. We quickly learned what we needed to about combining the online and in-person experiences, and we moved to a single hybrid service combining the online and in-person elements. Though this hybrid worship is still a work in progress, we feel confident that we are moving in the right direction. We will continue with this hybrid arrangement for the foreseeable future, with in-person seating limits, masks required for anyone over the age of two, full vaccination recommended, and socially distant seating.

Our hard-working Reopening Task Force is studying how we will provide an inspiring High Holiday experience for both online and in-person participants. Guidance and recommended precautions are changing every day, but we are following CDC guidelines, considering the safety of all our members, and doing our best to maintain the sanctity of Temple Shir Shalom.

Many, many thanks for your patience and support. Thank you for your membership dues and donations, and for your continued faith in the leadership of our congregation. We will be sending up-to-date information on the High Holidays and Religious School within the next few weeks.

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President