

My lulav and etrog are still in my fridge waiting to be assembled for Sukkot and my house is a little worse for wear coming out of this High Holiday season, but my heart is so full. This High Holiday season was definitely very different and a huge amount of work for so many of us, in both hidden and visible ways, and I am so proud of all of us for navigating this season with grace, creativity, skill, tenacity and dedication.

I didn't know how I would feel about leading High Holiday services online. Would the experience fall flat? Would we suffer technological catastrophies along the lines 'who by power outage' and 'who by Internet malfunction?'

Still, apart from a few glitches here and there, everything went really well. Even though we were in a mostly empty sanctuary, I felt all of your presence on Zoom – especially during Ne'ilah where people took the prompt to light a candle in their Zoom screen. Being in our beautiful, atmospheric,

On the topic of inscribing, please allow me on the behalf of the congregation to thank everyone who was involved in this mammoth effort.

First of all, I would like to thank all of our volunteers and service leaders. Lots of people pulled together, making the technology work, assembling and distributing the High Holiday care packages, labeling and stickering the Machzorim, baking delicious little honey cakes, helping amend the Service Script (the Google Doc from Hell), setting up the technology, operating Zoom, answering emails, erecting the synagogue Sukkah (available for one-on-one, socially-distanced congregational use), leading prayers, conducting readings and so much more. I would also like to thank our magnificent service leaders for lending their voices to God and Zoom (in that order!), adding to the beauty and spirituality of the service. I would also like to thank our amazing office team for carrying so much of this load in the background, for troubleshooting,