



# NANUET HEBREW CENTER

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Friends,

We were very excited as to the progress we were making with the planned co-location ("SynaPlex") of Nanuet Hebrew Center (NHC) and Temple Beth Sholom (TBS). An "MOU" (Memorandum of Understanding) had been agreed to by the boards of both synagogues to enable us to continue with our mutually agreed plans.

Due to the new challenges experienced by the non-orthodox congregations in Rockland County, a few months ago TBS and NHC were approached by New City Jewish Center (NCJC) asking us if we would consider bringing NCJC into our "co-location" opportunity. After several meetings the steering committees of NHC and TBS agreed to a new three-way paradigm based on the original MOU between TBS and NHC. The plan was brought before each synagogues boards of trustees for approval to move forward. Although TBS and NCJC had voted to move forward, our board rejected the plan, at this time, instead voting to proceed with just TBS as a partner, as originally planned.

Presently, TBS and NCJC are exploring their options with each other. Both NCJC and TBS have invited NHC to be a part of those "co-location" plans - where, at one location, there would be two conservative synagogues along with a reform synagogue.

Nanuet Hebrew Center has a rich 80-year history, and we are committed to continuing to be a valuable, inclusive, open, and welcoming asset to the Rockland Jewish Community for many years to come.

We need to ensure our financial viability and ask your continued support. In recent months we were very close to making the downstairs of our building available during the day to a religious day school. While this would have substantially helped NHC balance our budget, unfortunately, this fell through. We continue to pursue other similar rental opportunities.

Our self-directed dues structure has continued to be a success. However, similar to other congregations, it costs NHC on average, approximately \$3,000 per year per congregation household. Though we welcome you as a part of our congregational family regardless of your annual pledge, it is critical that you keep in mind our expenses and support us as generously as you can – both as a part of your annual pledge, and when making additional donations throughout the year. At the present time, as a result of costs outlaid associated in our anticipated co-location, income we had anticipated from the planned rental of our classrooms, combined with increasing costs associated with health and safety (for example, coronavirus cleaning), we are running a significant deficit in our fiscal budget. Again, we ask that you please support us generously both when making your pledge for the new 2020-2021 year, and, if you are able, in providing additional support to help us balance our budget for the current year. Your board and clergy are committed to making Nanuet Hebrew Center your viable synagogue home for many years to come, and with your help, we are confident we will be here to serve you.

NHC Steering Committee,

*Gail Kaiser*

*Rabbi Kurland*

*Adam Sayer*

*Jeff Schragenheim*