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Dear Friends,

Shalom from the Walnut Street Synagogue, home of Congregation Agudas Sholom of Chelsea. As the pandemic winds down, I hope you and your family have remained in good health. We are entering a period of optimism for the future while we also reflect on the past.

Chelsea of the early 20th century was the home to many of our ancestors, including our bubbes and zaydes. They were peddlers and rag pickers, junk dealers, grocers, caterers, bakers and kosher butchers. They celebrated their love of Judaism by building over 20 shuls along with *mikvahs* (ritual baths), *cheders* (schools) and communal welfare organizations. **Our shul stands as a continuing reminder of this precious legacy.**

Though the Covid period has been a challenging period for us, we have persevered. We held in-person High Holiday services. We produced the Tikkun Olam Sanar El Mundo Film Series that attracted over 550 viewers. We formed new relationships and joined with the Lappin Foundation, the Synagogue Council of Massachusetts, the Wyner Family Jewish Heritage Center and LimmudBoston to sponsor events. Most recently we have become a partner congregation of the Orange County Jewish Community Scholar Program (CSP). CSP provides a wealth of high quality online educational, cultural, and entertainment programming. If you are not receiving our **Email announcements with upcoming program listings, please contact us at central.walnutstreetshul@gmail.com.**

Looking towards the future, we plan to further expand cultural programming and exhibits to preserve and celebrate Chelsea's rich Jewish history and the city's many immigrant stories. **Our historic shul opened in 1909 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.** Such an old building presents unique and costly maintenance challenges. We received a grant that is enabling us to upgrade the electrical system, enhance our security system, and replace our exterior doors. Our immediate additional priority requiring funding is the need to replace our heating system.

Together, let's preserve and protect this important American Jewish landmark that had such great meaning for our immigrant ancestors. **Your gift of any amount, will help to sustain the Walnut Street Synagogue and our historic community.** Your gift will help to engage, educate, and inspire generations of Jews and our neighbors in Chelsea and beyond for years to come.

Our plans for the **High Holidays** will be released soon, so please watch for upcoming announcements.

I wish you and your family an enjoyable, healthy, and safe summer.

L'Shalom,

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