



Temple Sha'arey Shalom

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May 12, 2020

Dear Congregants,

It is with a heavy heart that we need to share the following letter from the INE committee regarding the future of TSS. Please read it and feel free to send them any questions that you might have.

We want to thank the committees who have worked tirelessly with integrity, perseverance and dignity during this entire process. We could not have asked for a more outstanding group to perform what they were tasked to do.

Fondly,

Roberta and Ellen

This note is an update from the INE Committee. The INE Committee and our predecessors, the Long Range Planning committee and the START Committee, have worked for almost three years to research, identify and negotiate a path forward for Temple Sha'arey Shalom and our congregants. However, we are sorry to have to report that our effort to affiliate and eventually to merge with the Jewish Community Center of Summit – Ohr Shalom has failed. We were not able to agree on terms that both synagogues could accept.

We have reviewed our decision with the TSS Board and they have accepted our recommendation with regret as we offered it with our regret. We appreciate the support we have received from the Board even when the result was so unsatisfactory to both them and us.

While we are very sorry about this result, we are happy that INE and the committees that preceded ours made the effort that we did. We know that we have exhaustively examined every alternative. We are confident that closing the temple, while very sad for all of us, is the right thing to do.

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If you have any questions, please send them to Bill Moesch at wmoesch@verizon.net . Your questions will be answered by the INE committee. Everyone will receive all of the Qs & As via TSS Happenings and they will be posted on the TSS website. And there will be a congregational meeting in June, at which you will have additional opportunities to ask questions. Of course, you will receive notice of the date of the meeting at least ten days in advance.

We are looking into a way to keep the spirit of TSS alive and to remember what our temple has meant to so many of us for so long.

Sincerely,

INE Committee: Brian Kass, Steve Marcus, Bill Moesch, Dave Mollen