

It is hard to prove that something happened without evidence. That is why Joseph's brothers take his coat before selling him down to Egypt. That way, they can dip it in goat blood, share it with their father, and have evidence that Joseph was killed, when nothing of the sort has transpired.

In today's world something hasn't truly happened unless it has been photographed and posted to social media. One can't call someone for their birthday; everyone has to see that you posted to their Facebook page. One can't simply enjoy an event; pictures must be taken and shared afterwards. This makes the work that we do as a congregation incredibly challenging to "promote" as the events that take place are often on Shabbat when we cannot take pictures. Some of the best things that we do... if you weren't there, you missed it.

Over the last few weeks, we celebrated Tamir's 36<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a congregation. Tamir participants joined in the service in myriad ways and special words were shared by Tamir professional and lay leadership as well as one of the Tamir participants. And while one could grab a screen shot from the livestream to have "evidence" that it took place, there is no way to show how much it meant to the dozen Tamir participants in attendance to see each other for the first time in 20 months.

Just last week, we gathered for another one of our Teddy Bear Shabbatot on Friday evening. While a number of families needed to cancel last minute (a COVID side effect of kids with coughs), we still had 13 families and 26 kids in attendance. It was amazing to see all those kids up on the Bimah singing and being able to come close to our Torahs.

While no physical evidence of these events may currently exist, its impact remains in meaningful ways in the hearts of our community, adults and children alike. We are proud of all that we can show you that we do, but we are just as proud of the amazing things that we can't.