

Celebrations Delayed: A Prayer for the Frustrated and Disappointed

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As a result of the the COVID-19 pandemic, many of us have faced or are facing the reality of long-awaited celebrations and gatherings suddenly canceled or postponed — b'nei mitzvah, weddings, holidays, even Shabbat services. This poem offers perspective and hope to help us manage the sense of disappointment, frustration, and loss that we face when our much-anticipated in-person gatherings turn virtual.

A Prayer for the Frustrated and Disappointed

Light of Hope, Lens of Vision
You made us eager and excited,
Setting our hearts on celebrations and pride
In milestones reached and challenges overcome.

Yet you forged us for loss,
For grief, for anger and for the pain
Of what could have-been.

Does One depend on the Other,
To make meaning, to focus view,
To feel blessed rather than cursed,
Contented over wanting?

To better sense our place,
Or privilege, or fortune
In merely being?

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