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To our amazing BBYO professional team:

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I want to reach out and say thank you for all you are doing for our teens. The challenges you are facing are absurd - beyond anything we could have imagined just two months ago when we gathered in Dallas for IC. But here we are, and here YOU are, advancing our mission to inspire more Jewish teens with more meaningful Jewish experiences - but now virtually.

Make no mistake - whether you are working in the roles you had before this pandemic or in newly imagined ones, you are making a difference to our teens. You are helping them develop their individual Jewish identities, their individual leadership styles, and in this new and anxious era, you are creating online communities from which they can draw strength. In ways we can see and ways we may never really understand, no matter your role, you are an important part of offering stability and community to so many young people.

We are each facing individual challenges in this moment, working in new spaces and in new ways, caring for family members with new routines and concerns, feeling all the anxieties of the world beyond our quarantined doors. And still, we are a community - teens, staff, advisors, parents, volunteers, community partners, donors - united by BBYO. Personally, I find it pretty amazing and uplifting. As a BBYO parent, an alumna, a donor and as chair of the board - I want to thank you for all you are doing.

Together, you are beaming the greatest light into each day, and on behalf of the entire board of directors, I want you to know - we are grateful.

Wishing you a Passover full of abundant health and joy, for you and for everyone in your circle of love.

Ruth Suzman
Chair, BBYO Board of Directors