

A Full House by Aimee Goldstein

Before our big kids left for college, nearly every weekend was busy. We enjoyed our family time, but it was unusual for all five of us to be home together at once. When Covid hit in March, our daughter came home from college, our son decided to work virtually from our house, and loved every minute. We made sourdough starters along with the rest of the world, baked challah and zoomed TBT Shabbat services, had theme nights, watched movies together in our pjs, and played board games that had been collecting dust for years.



As the weather got nicer, we planted an amazing garden, adopted a pandemic puppy named Luna, and enjoyed our backyard as we never had before. We also learned a lot from our kids in the past five months — about the BLM movement and how passionate their generation is about creating real change in our country. Yes, there was a lot of cooking, cleaning, and laundry, but it was well worth it. And while we have had our share of concerns over the virus and how to move forward in this very different world, we recognize that this time has been a surprising gift, an opportunity to rediscover how much we love spending time together as a family.

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