

Darkness Into the Light By Janice "Jan" Barkan

This has been a very trying year for all of us. For me it's as though we are in a twilight zone, which constitutes an alternate reality. Living in this zone, there are the positives, which have resulted in phone calls from people who have asked me if they could go shopping for me, if I needed any help, or just to ask how I was doing. These are people who are acquaintances not just good friends but acquaintances that I never would have thought would care enough to call. There is still goodness in this world and I see them as positives not only now but also well as in the future. This year has shown that in the darkness there is a light that shines from within the Community. As we prepare for a New Year 5781 I would like to think that in this covid19 twilight zone there is a center of light, which will break through this alternative zone into a new reality in which a Covid vaccine is created. Only then will we be able to live in a world that is filled with hope not despair, Calmness, not fear Only then we will be able to see each other not through masks but through expressions and smiles



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