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Title Interview with Dave Weinreb and Marlene Edelstein

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Description (a) Interview with Dave Weinreb and Marlene Edelstein. Interviewed by Samariya Smith on November 9, 2022. (b) Photograph of Dave Weinreb and Marlene Edelstein taken at their interview. They were interviewed as part of the Connecticut Historical Society's Community History Project discussing their experience during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Marlene recalls hearing about covid for the first time on the news and through people she follows online. Dave's father had covid in March 2020, but they did not think it was serious because they did not initially believe he had covid. The first disruptions in their lives were related to work and David's brother living with them for seven weeks. They protected themselves early on by isolating and only going to the grocery store on weekday mornings. Dave and Marlene were excited by the effectiveness of

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the covid vaccine. Dave agreed with the vaccine mandate and wanted more, while Marlene felt that mandates for a new vaccine were a tall order but would have liked to see more places incentivize vaccine and mask use. They both used Zoom more during the pandemic to stay in contact with friends and attend religious services. Marlene provided telehealth services and described the struggle of not being able to see patients in-person. Volunteer work and religious services provided Dave and Marlene the opportunity to socialize and make new friends, as well as strengthen relationships within their Jewish community. They discussed their participation in the Black Lives Matter protests and their election organizing work, which involved sending letters and text messages. Early in the pandemic Dave and Marlene stated that they were anxious, but otherwise their mental health did not suffer too badly. They spent a lot of time hiking in Connecticut in order to get out of the house. During the pandemic Marlene lost the opportunity to do her medical training in-person. She is grateful that she did not lose any people that she and Dave are close to. Dave found a job at the Connecticut Department of Public Health assisting with a vaccine canvassing campaign in Fair Haven. During the pandemic they learned to slow down. They also had a baby and were glad that they did not get a pet.

Dimensions Duration: 44 Minutes, 58 Seconds