

THE SHOFAR

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FROM THE DESK OF RABBI PEARL

What a strange and frightening year this has been. Who, last Rosh Hashanah, imagined that a virus from a city in China most of us had never heard of would turn the world upside down? Thousands of lives lost, economies shattered, a political race in the U.S. turned on its head, all eventualities I am sure none of us contemplated as we wished each other a healthy and happy New Year last September.

Here we are, on the eve of a new year. In the age of COVID, what does the holiday have to teach us? Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are festivals that ask us how we have lived thus far. Have we drifted? Have we been travelling to the wrong destination? Does the way we live give us a sense of purpose, meaning and fulfilment? Judaism is the satellite navigation system of the soul, and Rosh Hashanah is the day we stop and see whether we need to change direction.

Surely all of us must question our direction at Rosh Hashanah 5781. Are we prudently observing the safety precautions our health authorities have given us? Are we safeguarding our health and the health of all around us? Have we realized how little we control, and how much we are in G-d's hands in every aspect of our lives?

Social distancing has required us to separate from so many. Yet the Machzor, the High Holiday prayer book, implores G-d to make us "Agudat Achat lassot retzoncha beleivav shalem" make us a unified whole to fulfill our Creator's will. Our destiny is not to be separate, but together.

My prayer for all of us is that the decree for this year should be for life, health, and unity with those we love, with a renewed sense of our mission to fulfill G-d's will and live by his Torah.

SHANA TOVA to all of you.

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FRIDAY CANDLE LIGHTING

9/04 - 7:05 pm - Elul 15

9/11 - 6:53 pm - Elul 22

9/18 - 6:41 pm - Elul 29

9/25 - 6:30 pm - Tishrei

YOU MUST HAVE A TICKET TO ATTEND ALL HOLIDAY SERVICES

FRIDAY, 9/18 - 6:15 pm - Erev Rosh Hashanah

SATURDAY, 9/19 - 8:30 am 1st day Rosh Hashanah

Mincha/Maariv - 6:45 pm

SUNDAY, 9/20 - 8:30 am 2nd day Rosh Hashanah

Shofar Blowing 10:30 am

Tashlich - 4:30 pm (at boat basin)

Mincha/Maariv 6:45 pm

SUNDAY, 9/27 - 6:15 pm Kol Nidre

MONDAY, 9/28 8:30 am Services

Yizkor 11:30 am, 12:00 noon, 12:30 pm,

1:00 pm

Mincha 5:00 pm

Neilah 6:15 pm

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SYMBOLS OF ROSH HASHANAH

APPLES & HONEY - Ancient Jews believed apples had healing properties. The honey signifies the hope that the new year will be sweet.

ROUND CHALLAH - The shape symbolizes either the cyclical nature of life or the crown of God.

TASHLICH - Throwing pieces of bread (symbolizing sins) into a flowing body of water while reciting prayers. As the bread is swept away, those who cast the bread are spiritually cleansed and renewed.

L'SHANAH TOVAH - Holiday greeting which translates to "for a good year".

NEWS FROM SISTERHOOD

Since the pandemic began, our Sisterhood has been meeting every Sunday morning at 11:00 via Zoom. This get-together has grown in participation over time and we have come to call it our "sisterhood chat." Last week, fourteen women joined us.

We talk about a variety of topics. During our "chat" last week two new ideas were mentioned and received with a good show of support. One was a book club. There were quite a few people interested. Diane Schwartz recommended the book "House on Endless Waters" by Emuna Elon. As one who just read the first several chapters, I can honestly say that I found it hard to put down. Captivating!

The second idea was meeting at one of the parks for an in-person, socially distant, mask-wearing, bring your lunch, get together. We did this on Wednesday, July 15, at Wolf's Pond Park. We were very glad to actually be together once again and we had a very enjoyable, relaxing time under a huge shade tree. Eight women participated, and we took a nice walk along one of the paths with the ocean down below. The weather was wonderful. We look forward to doing this again.

As I write our Sisterhood column, I am very much aware that the High Holidays are coming up quickly. While some things will be different, the wishes for the following year will be the same, but with more emphasis on Good Health, Peace and Happiness. Shana Tovah from Sisterhood to all of you and your families!

Be safe everyone and be well!

Sandy Levy

Rosh
Hashanah
GREETINGS



YAHREZITS FOR Sept 2020

Yahrzeits begin on the evening before the given date. If you need to say Kaddish for a Yahrzeit, please call the office two weeks before and we will try to have a Minyan. It would be helpful if you could have a few family members or friends attend the services to make sure there is a Minyan. For additions or corrections to this list, please contact Scott Diamond at 917-674-3317 or slzdiamond@hotmail.com

Sept	Day	Elul 5780	Yahrzeit Of	Relationship	Relative
2	Wed	13	Roslyn Greenzweig	Mother	Lou Greenzweig
4	Fri	15	Anna Preiser	Mother	Gloria Hirsch
4	Fri	15	Harry Surpin	Father	Nancy Cohen
4	Fri	15	Alvin Resnick	Father	Coby Forin
6	Sun	17	Miriam L. Sklar	Mother	Ira Sklar
7	Mon	18	Mark Cramer	Husband	Ana Cramer
8	Tues	19	Paul Kravitz	Father	Carole Wassner
10	Thurs	21	Morris Wolf	Grandfather	Naomi Kirsch
12	Sat	23	Shirley Cohen	Mother	Joel Cohen
12	Sat	23	Roza Brofman	Mother	Yakov Brofman
13	Sun	24	David Morrison	Father	Aviva Levine
14	Mon	25	Aaron Steingart	Father	Helen Suss
14	Mon	25	Sala Ziegler	Mother	Gladys Graham
15	Tues	26	Edward Wool	Cousin	Norman Olinsky
15	Tues	26	Irwin Rosenblum	Father	Laurie Raps
16	Wed	27	Gladys Greenglass	Mother	Sharon Pekuly
17	Thurs	28	Mollie Zaffos	Mother	Anna Gordon
18	Fri	29	Rhoda Moddel	Mother	Susan Finkelstein
		Tishrei 5781			
21	Mon	3	Jerry Kroll	Uncle	Naomi Kirsch
21	Mon	3	Isidore Suss	Father	Stuart Suss
21	Mon	3	Lawrence Wasser	Husband	Doris Wasser
21	Mon	3	Scott Rappaport	Son	Neal & Janice Rappaport
22	Tues	4	Esther Kirsch	Mother	Larry Kirsch
28	Mon	10	Ruth Greinsky	Mother	Charles Greinsky
28	Mon	10	Eve Kroll	Relative	Naomi Kirsch
30	Wed	12	Ari Saks	Son	Manny & Karen Saks
30	Wed	12	Beverly B. Smith	Wife	Norman Smith

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