

# THE SHOFAR

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## FROM THE DESK OF RABBI PEARL

The sound of the shofar calls to us to *listen!* But our tradition teaches us th salvation only comes when we *open our eyes* to suffering and *take action* toward solutions. Indeed, in both our Torah readings for Rosh Hashanah, an angel calls out, and Hagar and Abraham discover that what is needed to save a life was in front of them all along.

In both these Torah readings, the stakes could not be higher. A child's life is in imminent danger. On the first day we read of Hagar and her son, Ishma'el, who were banished from Abraham's household. As they wander in the wilderness, their water runs out, and Hagar sobs as she sees her beloved son dying of thirst. On the second day we read of Abraham preparing to fulfill what he believes to be God's command, offering his own beloved son Isaac on an altar. We can imagine his own tears as he raises his knife.

And as each child endures terrible trauma and the possibility of death, an angel calls out to pause the action, and when Hagar and Abraham each look more clearly, the agent of salvation is near at hand. For Ishma'el, "Then God opened [Hagar's] eyes and she saw a well of water. She went and filled the skin with water, and let the boy drink". For Isaac, "When Abraham looked up, his eye fell upon a ram, caught in the thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering in place of his son" (Gen. 22:13).

In our world, some lives are threatened by natural forces of disease, hunger or thirst. And

## RABBI PEARL (Continued)

some are threatened by human acts of violence, racism, anti-semitism, and bigotry. Suffering and injustice abound. This Rosh Hashanah, the shofar is the call of who tells Hagar, "Come, lift up the boy and hold him by the hand, for I will make a great nation of him" (21:18). And it is the call of the angel who tells Abraham, "Do not raise your hand against the boy, or do anything to him. For now I know you fear God" (22:12).

This year, let's hear the sound of the shofar as the call of that angel. Let go of the knife. Reach out a virtual hand. Lift up one another. Heed the angel's voice -- God's voice -- commanding us, "Do not turn away from suffering. See it clearly, and look for the solutions that God is providing you with. The well of water. The ram in the thicket. It is there, right in front of you! Seize it, save a life, save a child, save a world."

Indeed, isn't this what we have been doing in our synagogues and communities over these past months, in meeting the challenges of COVID. We have heard each other, and we have responded.

May we *hear* the call of the shofar this year. May we *see* the world with clear eyes and a pure heart. And may we continue to *act* with love and compassion, with partnership and care.

Please accept my warmest gratitude for all that you have done this year for our congregation, and for all that we will do together in the year to come.

*L'shanah Tovah Umetukah* -- With Wishes for a Good and Sweet New Year,



GOOD NEWS!

Wishing Mazel Tov to Betty Jensen and proud parents, Sandra and Jeremy Weiss, on the birth of her new granddaughter, Aria Madison. Aria is named after grandfather, Richard (Aryeh).

I look forward to greeting you all on the High Holidays that are almost here, I wish you all a healthy and prosperous New Year 5782!

Marty Eisenberg

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## **FRIDAY CANDLE LIGHTING**

9/03	-	7:04 pm	-	Elul	26
9/10	-	6:52 pm	-	Tishri	4
9/17	-	6:41 pm	-	Tishri	11
9/24	-	6:29 pm	-	Tishri	18

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

As we begin the New Year, it is time to give thanks to those who have helped make the past year successful. I would like to thank those who made the recent Barbecue a success. Susan and Richie Finkelstein, Janice Rappaport and Laurie Raps.

Additional thanks to our temple secretary, Susan, who has become a "Jack of all Trades", dealing with the Fire Department, air-conditioning and telephone people etc., and still answering calls, ticket sales and handling everything else that comes her way.

I'd like to thank the Temple's Sisterhood for the lovely paint in the halls, classroom and office.

To David Raps and Mel Fox, thanks for help with our Shabbat services.

I would be remiss if I didn't thank Eduardo for all he does to keep our synagogue looking wonderful.

The New Year is also a time for all of us to look forward to what could be in 5782. How can we make the our synagogue even more successful? What can each of us do to show our appreciation for the shul and members? Can we come to services more frequently? Can we take a more active part in activities? Are there any friends or neighbors that we can encourage to join us? Can we donate more time or money? I'm hoping that the answer for all of us is "YES".

## **SISTERHOOD NEWS**

As we are getting used to the indisputable fact that the evening of Labor Day is the start of the Rosh Hashanah holiday, we are also trying to hang on to what's left of summertime. We want to appreciate every day while our minds are making lists of what we need for the holidays that are just around the corner.

Speaking of enjoying summer, Sisterhood's next outing will be at Wolfe's Pond Park on Tuesday, August 24 at 11 a.m. Bring your chair, lunch and ideas of how to support our synagogue. Looking forward to getting together and enjoying a nice walk, good company and the scenery.

At our last meeting, it was decided that our next book for our Book Club will be "The Woman with the Blue Star" Thank you to Iris Cohen for suggesting it.

On Sunday, August 29 at 11 a.m. we will be polishing the silver that adorns our torahs. On that day there will be other activities going on as well. More information to follow.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the women who have volunteered to do the weekly shopping for the oneg on Friday nights and for the kiddush on Saturday mornings. You are all appreciated so much!

We will not have a Sisterhood meeting in September due to the holidays. We will resume our meetings on Tuesday, October 5, at 11 am, with a Fun Night at 7:30 p.m.

To all of our C.B.I. family and friends, we of Sisterhood wish everyone a Healthy, Happy, and Peaceful New Year, filled with all the things that are meaningful to you and your family. L'SHANAH TOVAH!

Sandy Levy

## **AND A FUN TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!**

Thanks to the hard work of Janice Rappaport, Laurie Raps and Susan Finkelstein, our August 1 barbecue and movie night was both enjoyable and successful. Thanks must also go to our hardworking barbecue chef, Richie Finkelstein, everyone had their burgers and franks hot and delicious and the desserts were enjoyed as well. The movie, "The Chosen" that Rabbi Pearl obtained for its us was an excellent choice and, though it was an "oldie", it was a "goodie".



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## HOW ABOUT TRYING SOMETHING NEW

### ISRAELI SALAD\*

- 3 large cucumbers (if organic, don't peel.)
- 3 green peppers
- 3 large firm tomatoes
- ½ cup extra virgin olive oil
- ¼ cup apple cider vinegar
- Sea salt to taste, optional

Dice the vegetables. Refrigerate. Just before serving, drizzle with extra virgin olive oil, vinegar and sprinkle with a little salt.

This salad can become watery if kept too long. One day in the refrigerator is OK.

### GLAZED APRICOT CARROTS WITH PEPPERS\*

2 lb. carrots, peeled and sliced  
1 red pepper, diced  
1 onion, diced  
1/4 cup apricot jam (preferably low-sugar)  
2 tbsp. fresh dill, minced  
Salt and pepper to taste

Slice carrots 1/2 inch thick.

Cook in boiling salted water until nearly tender, about 10 to 12 minutes. Add red pepper and onion and simmer 4 or 5 minutes longer.

Drain well and return to heat.

Stir in jam and dill; mix well. Add salt and pepper to taste. - Makes 6 servings

## Mixed-Cereal Treats\*

### Ingredients

- 4-5 cups cereal (I used a combination of corn chex, rice chex, cornflakes, rice crispies)
- 1 lb peanut butter OR ½ lb marshmallow fluff
- 2-3 cups chocolate chips
- 4 tbsp margarine

Pour the cereal into a large bowl. Mix so the types of cereal are evenly distributed. Warm the marshmallow fluff or peanut butter in the microwave for about a minute, so that it is soft and easy to mix.

Pour into the cereal and mix until cereal is sticky and coated (try not to overmix and crush the cereal).

Pour the mixture into a 9x13 pan. Spread it out evenly and press down. Freeze for an hour.

Melt chocolate with the margarine and spread over the top. Return to freezer. Cut into squares and eat. Enjoy the treat and enjoy knowing you don't have umpteen almost-empty cereal boxes in your pantry anymore!

### CHOCOLATE PISTACHIO GRANOLA\*

#### Ingredients

- 2 cups oats
- ½ cup wheat germ
- ½ cup pistachios
- ½ cup desiccated coconut
- ½ tsp. kosher salt
- 3 tbsp. honey
- 3 tbsp. coconut oil
- ½ cup raisins

#### Directions

1. Mix the oats, wheat germ, pistachios and coconut.
2. In a small bowl, combine the coconut oil, honey and salt.
3. Pour the liquid mixture over the dry mixture and toss to coat.
4. Spread the mixture over a baking sheet, and bake at 350 °F for 25-30 minutes. Every 10 minutes, pull the tray out, mix the granola and return it to the oven.
5. While the granola is baking, chop the dark chocolate extremely finely.
6. When the granola is golden, remove the pan and let it cool for 2-3 minutes. Sprinkle the chocolate over the mixture and let it sit for 4-5 minutes before mixing. When you mix, the chocolate should create small clumps in the granola.
7. Add the raisins, and store in an airtight container for 1-2 weeks.

**MASKS ARE REQUIRED.**  
**NO ONE WILL BE ADMITTED WITHOUT ONE!**

**WE APPRECIATE AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!**

## **ROSH HASHANAH SCHEDULE**

9/6 – MONDAY - 7:00 pm - Mincha followed  
By Maariv

9/7 - TUESDAY - 8:30 am – Shacharis  
11:00 am - Shofar blowing  
11:30 am - Musaf  
4:30 pm - Tashlich  
6:30 pm - Mincha

9/8 - WEDNESDAY 8:30 - Shacharis  
11:00 am - Shofar Blowing  
11:30 am - Musaf  
6:30 pm - Mincha  
7:50 pm - Maariv  
(Yahrzeit for Scott Rappoport)

## **YOM KIPPUR SCHEDULE**

9/15 – WEDNESDAY 6:40 pm - Kol Nidre  
9/16 - THURSDAY 8:30 am - Shacharis  
11:30 am - Yizkor  
12:00 noon - Musaf  
4:30 pm - Mincha  
6:00 pm - Neliah  
7:45 pm - Shofar Blowing

## **SUKKOT**

9/20 - MONDAY - 6:39 pm - Light Candles  
9/21 - TUESDAY - 9:30 am - Services  
9/21 - TUESDAY - Light candles after 7:35 pm from a pre-existing flame  
9/22 - WEDNESDAY 9:30 - Services

## **SHEMINI ATZERET**

9/27 - MONDAY - 6:27 - Light Candles  
9/28 - TUESDAY - Light candles after 7:24 pm from a pre-existing flame

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