



Rabbi Stan Levin

Shanah Tovah – Happy New Year 5781

I wish you and yours a happy and healthy New Year. No one could have anticipated all that happened in 5780 - all the more reason to keep our spirits up for 5781. I am often asked what does the year on a Jewish calendar represent? Believe it or not, the count begins with the birth of Adam on the 6th Day of Creation, or even the birth of the world itself on the first day. Indeed, on Rosh Hashonah we chant “Hayom Harat Olam” – the day of the birth of the world.

I like to think of it as homiletic. Every year, we get to be reborn. Our old disappointments and hurts can fade into the past as we look joyfully to our future. For me it is wonderful that we have the tradition that encourages us to clean out our emotional attics and cellars. Let's celebrate 5781 with a fresh attitude. May you be inscribed and sealed for a good and sweet new year (l'shanah tovah u'mitukah ticotavu v'tichatamun).



Rabbi Peter Novick

As we look forward to the High Holidays, we reflect back on the year 5780. For many, 5780 was a most unusual year. We faced many challenges such as the coronavirus, the blossoming of a movement for true justice for all, and an economic downturn of near depression dimensions. These circumstances have had an enormous effect on the human condition, compounding anxiety and disruption. At the same time, we have demonstrated immense resilience, as well as the strength of community.

The High Holidays are a time for not only prayer, forgiveness and reconciliation. They are also a

time for hope, and I am ever grateful for a community that continuously reinforces the power of compassion, empathy, and cultivating joy during times of uncertainty and unease. I am consistently reminded to have a little patience.

This is a time to show our strength and character. Let us reach out to those who may feel isolated or lonely. Even if you can't physically visit someone, a call, text, letter, or email may make an enormous impact. These deeds are true and holy mitzvot. L'Shanah tova. May you have a healthy, happy, rewarding, and meaningful 5781.



Cantor Caron Dale

Creating Sacred Space Together Apart

When the second Holy Temple was destroyed 2,000 years ago, we had to learn how to connect with G-d, Jewish tradition and holiness in smaller spaces, in all the spaces to which we were scattered around the globe. Today, because of the pandemic, we are in a new diaspora of sorts, separated into the safety of our homes. So, we must learn once again how to create sacred spaces where we are.

A few thoughts on transforming homey space to holy space:

- Clear a place perhaps part of a dining room table, a desk, countertop, end table ... that you can use exclusively for this purpose. It would be great if you are able to create it near where you will join our Zoom Services.
- Decorate it with items of meaning such as Shabbat candlesticks, challah cover, special photos, vase, and books of: prayer, special sayings, poetry, material like a scarf or pretty fabric.
- Put something special on the wall nearby.

- Find a favorite prayer or saying that offers you solace, inspiration, joy and say it each time you visit your sacred space.
- Finally, select a song you love to hear, a song that brings joy, peace, love to your heart and sing it, in full or part, each time you visit your sacred space.

We hope you'll share the sacred space you've created during one of our gatherings, and look forward to bringing in the New Year together while apart. In the meantime, be safe, be healthy and find joy in the mini-miracles that occur every day. We need them now more than ever.

Tickets for our electronically gated High Holy Day Services are free for members and are available for purchase for extended family members and friends: www.hevratshalom.org

September Events Calendar

Friday, September 4th, Shabbat Service with Rabbi Stan Levin, 7:45 pm Live-on-Zoom (4 pm on Ingleside's Channel 976) community chat with Rabbi Stan follows the 7:45 service.

Friday, September 11th, High Holy Day Primer with Rabbi Stan Levin & Kay Permison on Shofar 7:45 pm Live on Zoom, (4 PM Channel 976)

Friday, September 18th Erev Rosh Hashanah with Rabbi Peter Novick & Cantor Caron Dale, 7:45 pm, Live on Zoom

Saturday, September 19th Rosh Hashanah Morning Service & Tashlich with Rabbi Peter Novick & Cantor Caron Dale, 10 am on Zoom & Channel 976

Friday, September 25th, High Holy Day Primer with Rabbi Stan Levin & Kay Permison on Shofar 7:45 pm Zoom, (4 PM Channel 976 at Ingleside)

Sunday, September 27th, Kol Nidre with Rabbi Peter Novick & Cantor Caron Dale, Live on Zoom at 7:45 pm

Monday, September 28th, Yom Kipper Morning Service with Rabbi Peter Novick & Cantor Caron Dale, 10:00 am on Zoom & Channel 976

Monday, September 28th Yom Kipper Afternoon, Yiskor & Closing Services with Rabbi Peter Novick & Cantor Caron Dale, 4 pm live on Zoom

September Yahrzeits

Bernard Bahr	Father of Ted Bahr
Alvin Dahlquist	Father of Kay Permison
Beatrice Karson	Sister of Sandra Wolk
Dr. Herbert Kolb	Father of Claudia Zaritsky
Bernard Kulik	Husband of Dorthy Kulik
Judith Leever	Miriam Rothchild's Niece
Benjamin Levin	Inabelle Levin's Grandfather
Esther Permison	Mother of Steve Permison
Sonia Segal	Mother of Nina Olin
Joel Shapiro	Hyman & Irene Shapiro's son

Year of Mourning

Nettie Birnback	Beloved Member
Florence Lang	Wife of Gerald Lang
Irma Bierman	Beloved Member
Irv Perlman	Beloved Member
Ina Land	Mother in Law of Elaine Moses

May their names be for a blessing. . . .

Please submit by September 15th names to be memorialized during our Yom Kippur Yizkor Service. Memorialized names are published in our High Holy Day Book of Remembrance and read from the Beama during our Yom Kippur Yizkor Service. Please send your names and donations to Hevrat Shalom, P.O. Box 3606, Gaithersburg, MD 20878. Questions should be addressed to Sue Tubbs: Email: suetubbs@verizon.net or Phone: 301.299.2592.