



Friends,

Summer will still be upon us as we enter the High Holy Days. While this summer has seen record-breaking heat, we hope the weather has not thwarted your plans to gather with family and close friends and, more importantly, step into long-overdue embraces.

If we learned nothing else during the past 18 months, we certainly better understand the power of the human touch, the restorative energy of being in the physical presence of those we love and for whom we care deeply.

Our tradition has always understood that power. Over and over again, we are reminded that the “me” in Judaism is bound tightly and inextricably to the “us.” We gather a minyan, a group of ten Jewish adults, for worship, for baby namings, for b’nei mitzvah, for weddings, and to stand with the sacred memories of those whose lives have come to a close.

While this period of virtual community has proven more successful than we ever imagined, we, your clergy, are so very happy to announce that we will usher in 5782...together, in person, and in our beautiful spaces.\*

Once again, we will lift our voices, as one, in prayer, in song, in joy.

We look forward to seeing each and every one of you and to experiencing, once again, the *ruach* that rises when we gather, the *ruach* that will restore, renew, and revive.

Shana Tovah,

Rabbi Amy Schwartzman  
Cantor Michael Shochet  
Rabbi Jeffrey Saxe  
Cantor Rachel Rhodes  
Rabbi Stephanie Bernstein

\*As always, our services will be available via livestream for those more comfortable with virtual worship. We are committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of all of our members. If our protocols need to be adjusted to create an experience that prioritizes your safety, we will do so. Please check your email frequently for updates to our plans if they become necessary.