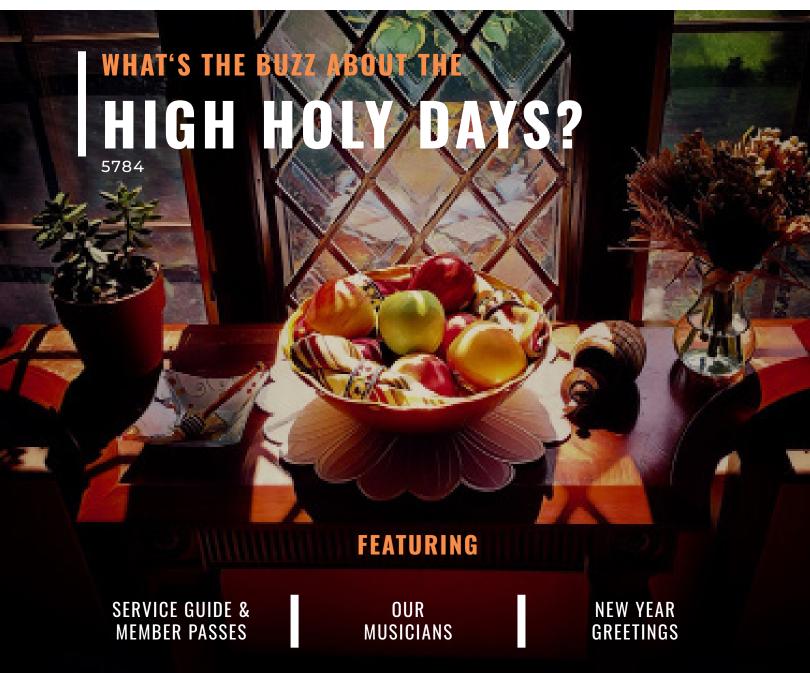


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The High Holy Days

Walking through a quaint little town this summer, I saw the following quote — attributed to Horace Mann from his final commencement address at Antioch College in 1859 — on a coffee shop window:

"Be ashamed to die until you have won some victory for humanity."

His words have stuck with me considerably longer than either the caffeine or the coffee breath. While too many pass from this world without the opportunity to pursue such lofty ambitions, and should certainly not feel shame for it, those with the relative freedoms of health, wealth, and time might recognize a fundamental truth for Yom Kippur reflected here.

The Day of Atonement is known in rabbinic literature as something of a dress rehearsal for our death. We might immerse in a *mikvah* before the holiday, symbolic of *taharah* or the ritual purification of our earthly body; we could wear white, the traditional color of a burial shroud; and we abstain from eating and drinking and other physical pleasures, all to embody the significance of this day. We take these steps in humility but also to scare ourselves with the realization that we are not yet ready. Our prayers ask for life and for the opportunities to do better and try again, not just for our own selfish sake but that we might accomplish more *mitzvot* to make this world a better place for all. That we might achieve some victory for humanity.

הַלְלוּהוּ בְּתֹקַע שׁוֹפָּר

PRAISE GOD
WITH THE BLAST
OF THE SHOFAR
(PSALM 150:3)

May our services in 5784 offer us just such a framework to think about the importance of our actions and our deeds. We encourage all who are able to join us in-person to do so, inviting you to connect with friends old and new in our sacred space, and we will again be making services multi-access through our usual Facebook, YouTube, and website links.

A complete list of services, an introduction to members of our musical team including Temple's new Cantor Kalix Jacobson, safety and security information, and so much more can be found in the pages of this publication. While I hope you will take the time to immerse yourself in the details, highlights include:

- Family-friendly opportunities to join in the services and experiences of the holidays including a family-focused prayer experience, traditional service "take-in" bags, youth programming, and more.
- Chances to learn, pray, remember, and observe together in sacred community, both at Temple and in the community.
- Information about how to access each of our High Holy Day offerings.

May the start of the year 5784 and the sacred framework provided by the High Holy Days bring a renewed sense of purpose along with much happiness and health. L'shana Tovah Umetukah: to a sweet year ahead!

RABBI AARON MEYER

אָכֵן יֵשׁ יְהוָה בַּמָּקוֹם הַזֶּה SURELY GOD IS PRESENT IN THIS PLACE.

(GENESIS 28:16)

High Holy Day Service Guide

SELICHOT - On Selichot, we begin the process of earnest reflection and repentance culminating on Yom Kippur. Cantor Kalix Jacobson joins Rabbi Aaron Meyer and Rabbis Alex and Amy Greenbaum, together with the Beth El community, for a musical, introspective evening service and changing of the Torah covers to their High Holy Day best.

TRADITIONAL SERVICES - Rabbi Aaron Meyer is joined by Cantor Kalix Jacobson and soloists Rebecca Closson and Jacob Kraus for our traditional sanctuary services. Familiar melodies of the High Holy Days accompany the inspiring communal prayers of Jewish tradition in these full worship experiences. We encourage older Torah Center students (grade 3 + up) and teens to attend with their parents.

Our clergy team is honored to share words of Torah and sermon during these traditional services:

Erev Rosh Hashanah - Cantor Kalix Jacobson
Rosh Hashanah Morning - Senior Rabbi Aaron Meyer
Kol Nidre - Senior Rabbi Aaron Meyer
Yom Kippur Morning - Senior Rabbi Aaron Meyer
Yom Kippur Afternoon/Yizkor/Neilah – Rabbi Emeritus Mark Mahler

FAMILY-FOCUSED SERVICES - The essence of the High Holy Days, including Torah readings, shofar service(when appropriate), and quintessential prayers of the season, are offered in an inclusive way for families with children under the age of Hebrew school (up to 2nd grade) and others interested in a less formal but meaningful worship experience. These services will last approximately 60 minutes.

TASHLICH - Tashlich, the ceremony where we symbolically cast away our transgressions as part of the process of teshuvah, adds reflective action to our prayers. Where have I missed the mark and seek to do better in 5784? With whom do I still need to make amends? Bring a piece of bread, some crumbs, or even pocket lint and join us for this communal experience.

CEMETERY SERVICE - Jewish tradition commends those who honor their departed during this auspicious time of year. Together we remember our loved ones, interred in Mt. Lebanon or elsewhere, through a ceremony of memory and reflection.

YIZKOR - Together we remember the loved ones who have gone before us, those upon whose shoulders we stand. In addition to reciting the traditional memorial prayers, we will continue to hold space in our hearts for those the world over whose lives were cut short in acts of violence and disease.

SERVICE SCHEDULE

	Service	Time
Sat.	SELICHOT	
9/9	Selichot	7PM Dessert Reception 7:30 Service
	ROSH HASHANAH	
9/15	Erev Rosh Hashanah	7:30PM
Sat. 9/16	Family Focused Service	9AM
	Traditional Service	10:30AM
	Tashlich & Tacos	2:30PM
Days of Awe		OF AWE
9/17	Cemetery Service	11AM
Sun	YOM KIPPUR	
9/24	Kol Nidre Service	7:30PM
^{Mon.} 9/25	Family Focused Service	9AM
	Traditional Service	10:30AM
	Afternoon/ Yizkor/Neilah	3РМ

All services will also be livestreamed on Temple's Website (http://www.templeemanuelpgh.org/virtual/community), Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/templeemanuelpittsburgh/) and YouTube (https://www.youtube.com/user/TheAmeyer) pages.

Meet Temple's High Holy Days Musicians



Kalix Jacobson

Cantor

Cantor Kalix Jacobson (they/them) is a longtime musician and singer with a background in diverse musical styles. Originally from St. Louis, Missouri, Cantor Kalix has been working in Cantorial spaces since 2014, and has been writing music since the early 2000s. They were ordained from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in May of 2023, having been a Weitzman Fellow for JDC-Entwine, and also having been the recipient of the Rabbi Sarah Messinger Prize, the Josef Frudenthal Memorial Prize for Excellence in Composition, the Palm Beach Liturgical Cultural Foundation Prize, and the Lee Gura Memorial Prize for Aptitude in Synagogue Choral Music. During their time at HUC-JIR, they also obtained an additional Masters in Jewish Nonprofit Management from the Zelikow School, furthering their undergraduate studies in Business to be applicable to nonprofit and synagogue spaces. They are so thrilled to be Temple Emanuel of South Hills' first Cantor in over 40 years!



James Burns

Accompanist

Jim Burns is a frequent performer with groups like The Opera Theater of Pittsburgh, The Bach Choir, and The Mendelssohn Choir. As a pianist for the Civic Light Opera, he has performed in over 100 musical theater productions. He has had the pleasure of bringing music to young students through his work with educational outreach programs for Gateway to Music and Pittsburgh Opera. Presently the organist at Westminster Presbyterian Church, he has served at Temple Emanuel since 2014.



Rebecca Closson

Soloist

Rebecca Closson is an instrumental musician and music educator. Originally from the Pittsburgh area, Rebecca has played in solo engagements, chamber groups, and symphony ensembles, and has taught in preschool programs, primary school, and at the collegiate level in Illinois and Pennsylvania. As a lifelong student of the arts, Rebecca enjoys collaborating across many different platforms to engage a variety of audiences in music-making and education. Rebecca is a wife, mother of two sons, and the music teacher at the Temple Emanuel Early Childhood Development Center.



Jacob Kraus

Soloist

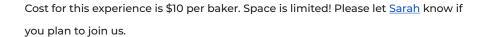
New York based Jacob "Spike" Kraus is a Jewish singer-songwriter whose music has been included in the cantorial curriculum of Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion and is featured by Jewish Rock Radio & PJ Library. Originally from Boston Massachusetts, Jacob has been song leading for over a decade at synagogues, day schools, and summer camps. Now he spends his summers touring Jewish summer camps across North America - performing, teaching, and just being generally "camp-ful". We are excited to welcome him back to High Holy Day services at Temple Emanuel!



Apples and Honey: Caramel Apple Cupcakes Baking Class for Rosh Hashanah Sunday, September 17, 2023 at 2:00 pm in the Temple Emanuel Kitchen

Join us as we learn how to make delicious, gluten-free caramel apple cupcakes with Ariel of Illumina Cafe and Bakery.

Let's ring in the New Year together, whether you adhere to a gluten-free diet or don't, and celebrate by taking home a yummy cupcake or two to share (or not). Children who are ready to learn how to bake are welcome!





TASHLICH &TAC©S!

TASHLICH TRADITION WITH A TWIST

ROSH HASHANAH 2:30 PM MAD MEX LAKESIDE Join Rabbi Meyer, Cantor Kalix and Jacob Kraus for Tashlich, the symbolic casting off of our transgressions from the previous year. We will gather at Canonsburg Lake (just off Rt. 19 at McDowell Lane) on Rosh Hashanah afternoon.

Plenty of parking and room to spread out! Please bring your own pieces of bread, pebbles or dissolving paper! No cost to participate.

After the service, join us across the lake at Mad Mex to socialize and enjoy delicious food and drink.

SATURDAY 9/16

Cost: \$18/adult \$10/kids 3-17 \$0/kids 2 and under

We have space for 100 people. Please RSVP and pay by August 31st at https://www.templeemanuelpgh.org/events/Tashlich2023

Young Family Programming / Yom Kippur Study Sessions

Take-In Kits (Activity Packets)

Children joining us for our Traditional services (10:30AM) will be provided with a "Take-In Kit" geared to grades 3-6. We hope this will help your child engage with and find meaning in the service. Included in the kit will be a book, a notebook and writing supplies, and a High Holiday-themed activity packet. Families who need to take a break to stretch their legs, read or play are welcome to spend time in the Beit HaT'filah and watch the live-streamed service on our big screens.

2nd Service Childcare Programming (ages 3-2nd grade)

Join us for programming led by Temple Emanuel educators during the Traditional Services (10:30AM). Children will read stories, create art, sing and pray together, and hear the shofar! If you'd like your child to participate, RSVP to Kate Louik using this link (https://tinyurl.com/tehhd) by September 1.



Yom Kippur Afternoon Study Sessions

SESSION 1: WHAT ARE WE IF NOT EXCEPTIONAL?

Led by Rabbi Aaron Meyer

SESSION 2: DAN I'CHAE ZECHUT - GIVING THE BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT

Led by Cantor Kalix Jacobson

SESSION 3: TIMELESS TALMUD TALES FOR NAVIGATING TROUBLED TIMES

Led by Rabbi Mark Mahler

Session 1 will begin approximately 15 minutes after the conclusion of the Traditional Service, with each session running 30 minutes. Join us in-person in the Beit HaT'filah or via Zoom at https://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/5326774310

Temple Emanuel of South Hills

SOUTH HILLS INTERFAITH MOVEMENT

FOOD DRIVE



The South Hills Interfaith Movement is dedicated to reducing the devastating effects of poverty among the working poor, unemployed, senior citizens, refugees, and all who are struggling. SHIM mobilizes community resources and implements sustainable programs that compassionately help our neighbors in need, with three South Hills food pantries, seasonally-appropriate clothing, and utility obligations.

SHIM is dedicated to our community, and we are dedicated to SHIM. With your help, Temple raised more than \$10,000 for SHIM's emergency assistance efforts at the beginning of the COVID-19 unemployment crisis. Tremendous gratitude goes to everyone who was able to help...and we also realize that our neighbors' needs both predated COVID-19 and continue to this day.

A donation of canned goods and non-perishable foods is a large part of Temple Emanuel's observance of the High Holy Days and will continue in 5784 with renewed urgency. Please drop off your donations at Temple between Rosh Hashanah and October 13th in the Courtyard vestibule on weekdays, or bring them with you to services or Torah Center. Our 4th grade families will deliver them to SHIM.

Support SHIM virtually - donate at www.shimcares.org/donate





HOME RITUALS

The Hebrew month of Elul is one of spiritual preparation for the High Holy Days. The ancient rabbis even imagined the name of the month as an acronym -- "ani l'dodi v'dodi li: I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine (Song of Songs 6:3)" -- to remind both God and the people of Israel of our eternal connection. Recognizing that this Elul will continue to look different than years past, we offer these personal practices and rituals to allow you to embrace the spirit and themes of the High Holy Days.

Reboot, a creative organization that bills itself as the "premier R&D platform for the Jewish world," offers an online reflective exercise for the Days of Awe. 10Q sends one question a day to your email for thoughtful consideration. Your answers are sealed in a personal online vault to be returned to you next year for reflection. If you wish to share your answers with the wider community, either anonymously or with attribution, you are also welcome to do so! Visit https://www.doyouloq.com/ to learn more.

D-I-Y Tashlich Resources: Tashlich, the ceremony where we symbolically cast away our transgressions as part of the process of teshuvah, is deeply reflective. Where have I missed the mark and seek to do better in 5783? With whom do I still need to make amends? Prayers and readings can be found here: https://www.templeemanuelpgh.org/pray/HHD2023/ so that you can find meaning in this ancient tradition whether you choose to join us in-person or do-it-yourself.

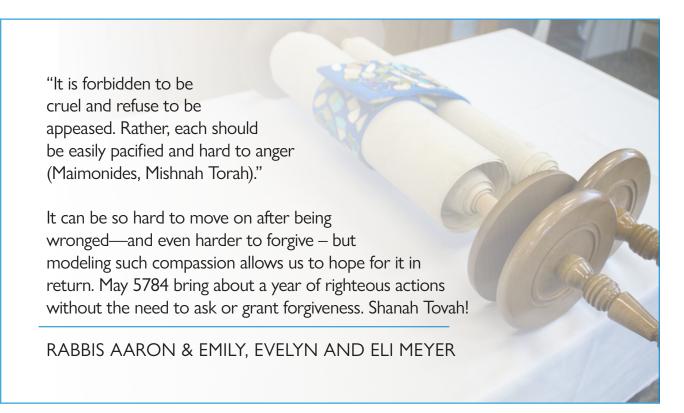
There are so many amazing books about Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur that it is difficult to choose only one. S.Y. Agnon's Days of Awe is a classic compendium of folklore, poetry, and preparatory materials; Reuven Hammer's Entering the High Holy Days a comprehensive guide to the prayers and their historical development. Rosh Hashanah Readings by Doc Peretz Elkins blends contemporary stories with modern reflections; Alan Lew's This Is Real And You Are Completely Unprepared invites us to connect to faith and tradition during the Days of Awe. Pick one up from amazon.com as you prepare for 5784.

The High Holiday Liturgy reminds us that this is a time to focus on tzedakah, righteous care of others in need. Instead of waiting for year's end and tax time, *now* is the perfect time to facilitate conversations and intentionality around your philanthropic giving. What's important to you right now? Where can you make a difference this year? There is no better time than the present to fulfill the Jewish concept of tikkun olam, doing what we can to make our corner of the world a little bit better.

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Shanah Tovah!

Wishing you a joyous and fulfilling High Holy Day season. May this sacred time of reflection and renewal bring us all closer to our inner selves and to one another. May we find inspiration in the wisdom of our tradition, and may these days resonate with hope and harmony, guiding us towards a year filled with blessing. L'Shana Tovah - may 5784 be a good year of happiness and peace!

Cantor Kalix Jacobson and Mickey Benson

WISHING OUR TEMPLE FAMILY A YEAR OF PEACE, GOOD HEALTH, AND MUCH HAPPINESS.

MICHELLE, PACE, MYER, & HANNAH MARKOWITZ



We cannot look forward to the new year without looking back upon the old year. May all of 5783's challenges and trials instill in us a sense of gratitude for all the blessings that 5784 promises to bring. May every prayer from your heart be answered. May every hope springing from your soul be fulfilled. May every righteous thought illuminating your mind come to pass. We wish you a year of health, happiness, sweetness and peace.

Shalom, Rabbi Mark Mahler, Alice and all of our children and grandchildren



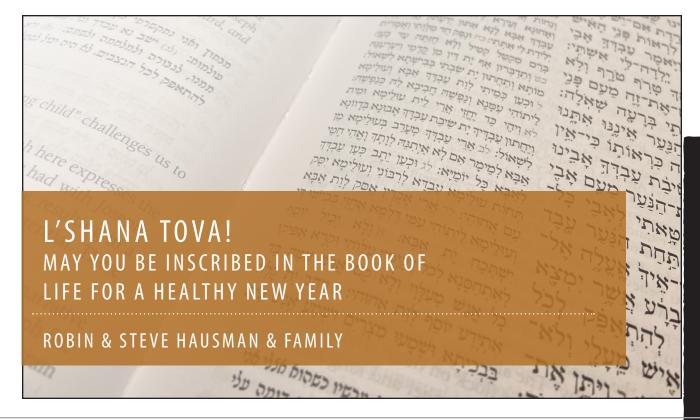


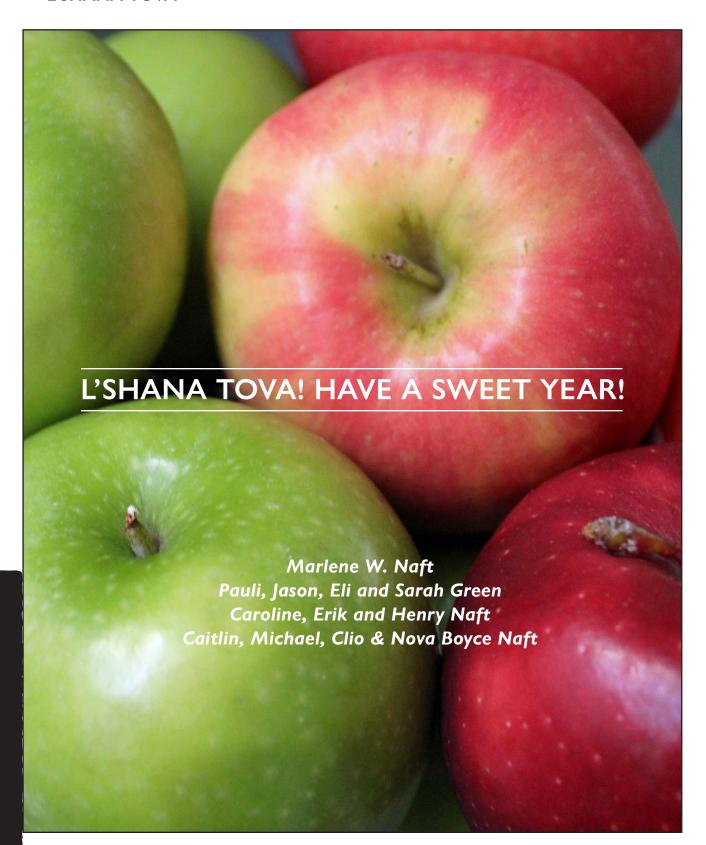




SHANA TOVAH TO OUR TEMPLE FAMILY.

IRIS & CHRIS HARLAN





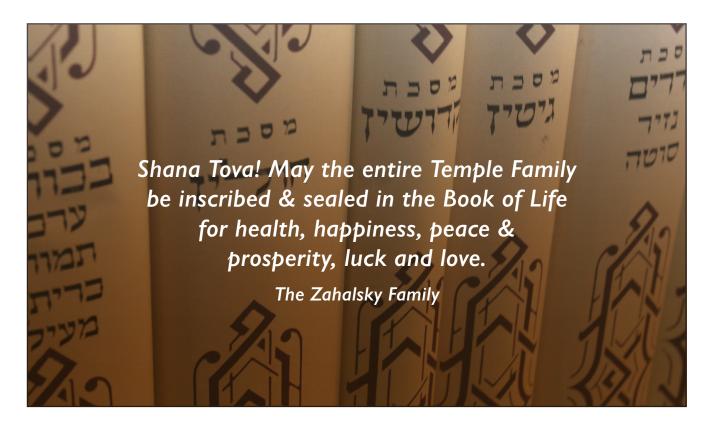
wishing you good health & sweetness in the NEW YEAR.



BETTY JO & HOWARD LOUIK



HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE BRUFSKY FAMILY!





WISHING YOU A
HAPPY, HEALTHY,
AND PEACEFUL
NEW YEAR!

LAUREY SIMKIN-SILVERMAN, STEVE SILVERMAN, HALEY, ALEXA & SHAYNA SILVERMAN THE POLLON FAMILY WISHES YOU AND YOURS A HAPPY, HEALTHY, SAFE, AND SWEET NEW YEAR

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BE KIND TO ONE ANOTHER, BE STRONG FOR EACH OTHER, AND LOVING TOWARDS EVERYONE...L'SHANA TOVAH!



DOROTHY, NEAL, AMANDA & AARON & ADAM, LAUREN & JOSH & WINIFRED & WAYNE, BENJAMIN AND JILL

MAY THIS BE A GOOD AND SWEET YEAR FOR OUR ENTIRE TEMPLE COMMUNITY

L'SHANA TOVA FROM THE GROWING FITTING FAMILY



ANDREA & JEFF FITTING, STEPHANIE, MIKE, STUART, JULIA, COCO, AND ÉLIKÉ





JOAN, RONNIE, ROD, ELIJAH, SADIE & MERRYL ROTHAUS
WISH YOU A YEAR OF SWEETNESS, PEACE &
HEALTH, HARMONY, LAUGHTER & LOVE.





L'SHANAH TOVAH FROM OUR FAMILY TO YOURS.
WISHING OUR TEMPLE FAMILY PEACE AND HEALTH.
MAY IT BE A SWEET YEAR FOR ALL.

LOVE, LYNN & LARRY LEBOWITZ



NEW YEAR GREETINGS

BEST WISHES FOR A HEALTHY, HAPPY & PEACEFUL NEW YEAR.



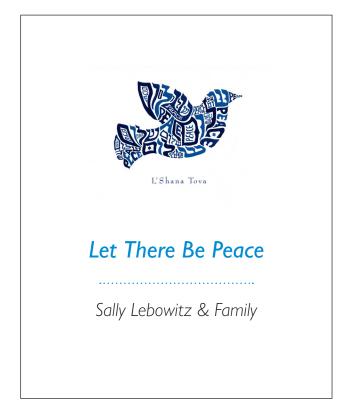
RIKKI HOMMEL, DAVID WEISBERG, MARTI & OZZY WEISBERG

WISHING ALL A HEALTHY AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

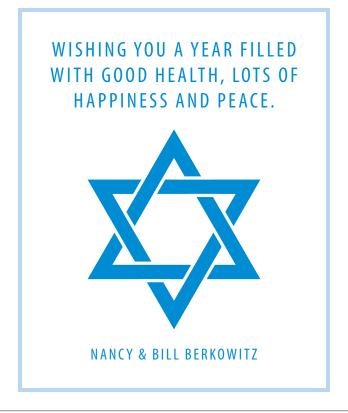












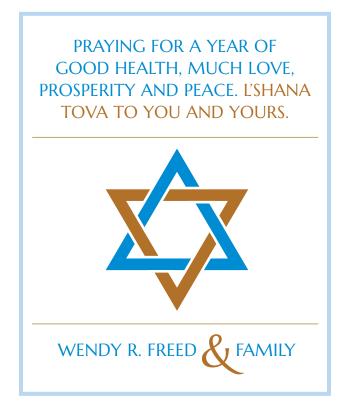


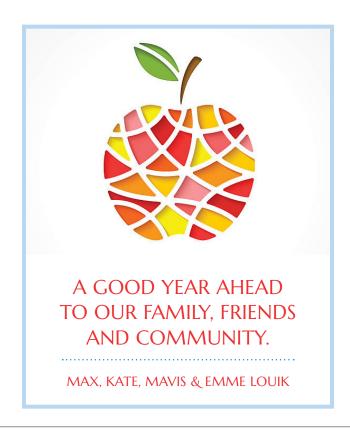


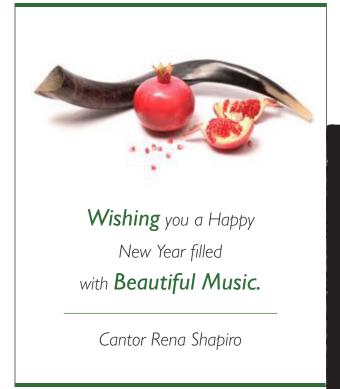
To our Temple family,

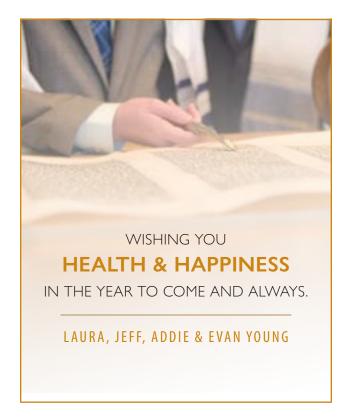
Celebrate the beauty of the season with renewed hope and vision for the New Year.

Barbara & Eric Udren

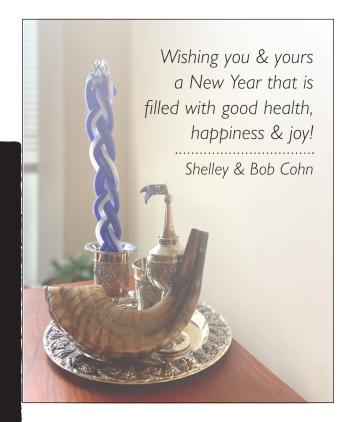


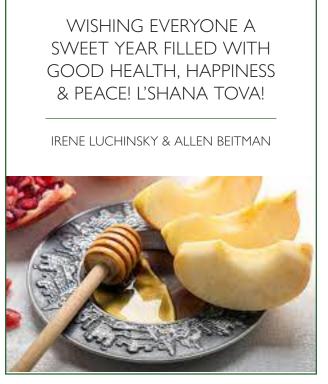










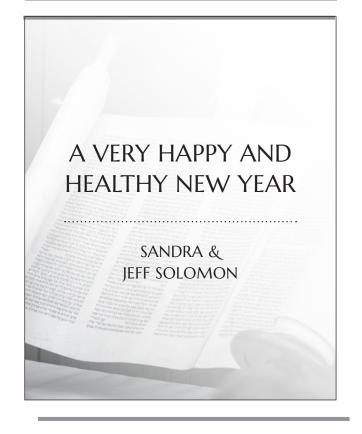


WISHING OUR TEMPLE EMANUEL FAMILY A SWEET AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR!

KATHY, HOWARD, HENRY AND LAUREN GINSBURG WISHING YOU A HAPPY,
HEALTHY, AND SWEET
NEW YEAR.

THE SCHMERLING FAMILY

JON, VERONICA, BRUCE, ARIEL, ISAAC, EMMA & AVA





MAY THIS NEW YEAR OF 5784 BE ONE FILLED WITH HAPPINESS, WHOLENESS, AND PEACE.

MAY IT BE A YEAR WHEN WE COME TOGETHER AS A CARING AND WELCOMING COMMUNITY, A YEAR OF NEW FRIENDSHIPS AND PARTNERSHIPS.

MAY IT BE A YEAR WHEN THE DREAMS WE DARE TO DREAM BECOME REALITIES.

RABBI JESSICA LOCKETZ, LARRY, EITAN & EZRA SCHWARTZ

L'SHANA TOVA! WISHING YOU HEALTH AND HAPPINESS IN THE NEW YEAR.

LYNN & HARVEY RUBIN

BEST WISHES FOR A SWEET, HAPPY, AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR!

SARAH, ALICIA, JULIAN, RAFAEL & LUCAS KOZEL

A JOYOUS AND HEALTHY
NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR
TEMPLE FAMILY.

CLAIRE & MEL VATZ

TO MY BELOVED FAMILY & FRIENDS! A HEALTHY AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

JUDI RUDOY

Wishing our Temple Family a year of health, happiness & peace.

The Cooper Family: Janet, Jerry, Tanner & Zachary L'SHANA TOVA!

MEREDITH, DAVID, AMANDA & MARK COHEN STEPHANIE, BRIAN & ALANA & ZOEY KIRKLIN

A HAPPY & HEALTHY NEW YEAR TO FAMILY & FRIENDS.

SYLVIA FEINBERG

L'SHANA TOVA!

LEAH RUBENSTEIN, HANNAH MUEHL & MICHAEL MUEHL

NEW YEAR GREETINGS

L'SHANA TOVA! HAVE A SWEET YEAR.

RUBY ABRAMOVITZ

WISHING YOU PEACE,
HAPPINESS, AND GOOD
HEALTH IN THE COMING YEAR.

JUDY NESVISKY & JERRY BITNER

WISHING OUR TEMPLE FAMILY A SWEET NEW YEAR

AVA & PETER ALT

BEST WISHES FOR A YEAR OF GOOD HEALTH & HAPPINESS.

RUTH NOVICE & FAMILY

Wishing good health and joy to all. L'Shana Tova!

Carol & Michael Bleier

BEST WISHES FOR A HEALTHY AND SWEET YEAR.

LINDA & PAUL RICHARDSON

BEST WISHES FOR A SWEET, HAPPY, AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR!

BARBARA & BRYAN ROSENBERGER

L'SHANA TOVA!

LYNN & MARK FRUMKIN

BEST WISHES FOR
A HEALTHY, HAPPY
AND PEACEFUL NEW YEAR.

PEGGY & LOUIS GOLD

L'Shana Tova! A sweet & safe year!

Carol & Ted Goldberg

WISHING EVERYONE A YEAR FILLED WITH GOOD HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

NANCY & WILL JOSEPH & FAMILY

WE WISH EVERYONE A HAPPY
& HEALTHY NEW YEAR!
MAY 5784 BE AN AMAZING
YEAR FOR EVERYONE.

BARB, DANTE, ARI & ELIAS PLUTKO

L'Shana Iova From Our Families to Yours!

Layla Ballon

Cheryl & Howard Baskin

Shelley Berman

The Blanke Family

Jane & Joe Blattner

Lori & Steve Blattner

Margie & Joel Caplan

Ira and Judith Cohen

The Demkin Family

Diane & Arnold Eger

The Erlanger Family

Fred Fabricant

Ellie & Bruce Feldman

Roz & Ed Friedman

Selma Furst

Sandy & Lee Golomb

Roz Goorin

Terri Greenberg, Randy Frankel & Family

Ben Handen & Dianna Ploof

Susan & Richard Hommel

Nancy Jennings & Paul Baxter

Marci & Henry Barnes and Ken Kantrowitz & Families

Carol & Peter Kaplan & Family

Ioanne & Marv Levin

Roz & Farrel Levine

Molly, Shawn, Ben and Mia Levine

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TIME VALUE





This year, help ensure sweet New Years to come for future generations.

Please remember Temple Emanuel with a gift in your will, trust, retirement account, or life insurance policy.

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