



Sisterhood New Year's Greetings 5783

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President



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Dear Fellow Har Zion Members,

The High Holidays are a time of renewal and as we enter this High Holiday season, the women of Sisterhood renew our promise to support our synagogue and our larger community. In this new Jewish year, we are hopeful that we will be able to work our way back to many in-person events where we can be together again to share our love of Sisterhood, Judaism, and our Har Zion Community. Please come join us and help us fulfill our promise.

Your generous support of the New Year's Greetings booklet helps Sisterhood provide financial support to our Youth Department and fulfill one of our roles to promote the education of our Jewish youth. In this way, we will help raise the next generation of young adults who are committed to Jewish values.

On behalf of the Har Zion Sisterhood Officers, Board of Directors, and Trustees, I wish you and your families a happy, healthy, safe, and sweet New Year.

Shanah Tovah,
Michele S. Perlstein
President, Sisterhood of Har Zion Temple



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Dear Har Zion Members and Friends,

Throughout the pandemic, our unique and amazing Sisterhood engaged our congregation in every way possible, and it has been such a blessing to see the return of robust programming and participation on our campus and in our building. I am so proud that Sisterhood's Torah Fund event this year placed Har Zion at the top of all synagogues in North America in support of our Conservative Movement's flagship institutions, and I am thrilled to be teaching a twelve-part course designed by JTS faculty called *Beyond Dispute: Debates That Shape Jewish Life*. Please look for this opportunity to study Torah together.

As we enter this new year 5783 together, I also want to express my gratitude to Lynne Landsburg for her leadership and my enthusiasm for Michele Perlstein to guide the Sisterhood forward. We look forward to all of the ways that Sisterhood will bring us closer to one another and deepen our Jewish learning and practice. May the Sisterhood of Har Zion Temple go from strength to strength and may the bonds of lifelong love and friendship among our women be an inspiration to all.

Shanah Tovah Umtukah (a Good and Sweet New Year),
Rabbi Haaz, Bonnie Rose, Sophie, Sadie and Michael





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Our High Holiday liturgy makes repeated references to hearing and listening. We pray for our voices to be heard and we bless God for commanding us to hear the voice of the shofar. We read of Hannah whose voice was not heard, and also of God telling Abraham to listen to Sarah's voice. We introduce the shofar service with these words from Lamentations: Hear my voice! Do not close Your ear to my voice, to my plea.

Prior to the recitation of musaf, the hazzan ends the moving soliloquy known as *Hineni* by blessing the "One who listens to prayer" and later, pronounces the closing berakhah of the service of Shofarot with the words "*Barukh Ata Adonai*, who listens with compassion to the splintered call of Your people Israel."

Hearing and listening are very much on my mind as I write this message. The foremost task of a cantor is to represent the congregation in prayer. Imagine for a moment a cantor carrying a basket of notes much like what one might leave in the crevices of the Kotel in Jerusalem. Written on each piece of paper are the concerns and longings of every member of the community. The cantor's song must be an amalgam of all of those prayers.

For the last 32 years, when you have come to Har Zion, you have heard my voice – hopefully singing such a song. But the hearing and listening have not been a one-way street. The true honor of serving as your hazzan over these 32 years has been due to fact that you've shared your voices with me as well. In listening to your voices, I have come to know your stories. It has been an honor to have been entrusted with the awesome responsibility of holding your dreams, your longings and aspirations close to my heart.

On this New Year 5783, I thank you for adding blessings to my life and, with Karen, extend our wishes to you and all those whom you hold dear for a year of Health, Happiness and Sweetness.

Hazzan Eliot I. Vogel





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Dear Friends,

Life is ever-changing. Whether we experience the changes in ourselves or only in the world around us, change is one of the few constants in the world. Maybe we say this every year, but this year, the changes seem to be coming faster and more frequently! For those of you who remember my children when they were very little, my younger daughter is now a bat mitzvah too! And Hazzan Vogel's retirement certainly marks a change in era here at Har Zion.

At the same time, I am hoping that not too much has changed. We celebrate the beginning of our new year in much the same way as we did last year, and my hopes that you have a healthy, happy, and fruitful year are similar to the wishes I share with you last year.

This paradox of constancy and change is at the root of many of our High Holiday rituals. One of the signal prayers of our holidays is the *Shehehiyanu* blessing. We bless God for the opportunity to reach this occasion. This is a blessing that we use any time we do something new, and also when we do the same thing we do every year! This paradox might be most acutely felt as we recite this blessing on the second night of Rosh Hashanah. Therefore, some families have a custom of spicing up their celebration with a new fruit - one they have not eaten in some time. And just to circle back to the paradox, in my family, we often recite the *Shehehiyanu* over a pomegranate: every year, the same new fruit.

So on this note, my blessing for you all this year certainly includes the health and happiness and fruitfulness that I wish you every year, but I also hope you find excitement in the change that comes our way and comfort in the consistency of our daily, weekly, and even yearly routine. On behalf of Sara Beth, Leora, and Shulamit, I wish you each a *Shanah Tovah Umtukah*, a sweet New Year!

Ely Levine
Ritual Coordinator and Scholar-in-Residence





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“Od Tireh, Od Tireh, Kamah Tov Yihiye BaShanah HaBa’ah.”

“You’ll see, you will see, How great it will be in the coming year.”

I pray that we all can enter this new year with the wonderful inspiring and aspiring message from Ehud Manor’s classic song. He reminds us to celebrate the small blessings like counting migrating birds, playing a simple game of catch, or enjoying some delicious cool grapes on a hot day. If we can do that, we will certainly appreciate it even more when it is time to celebrate the “Big Stuff.” Things like restoring and rebuilding our communal spirit after a long and painful pandemic.

We at HZT look forward to seeing you this coming year in services and classes; we anticipate sharing delicious meals and hope to spend some wonderful time together with you during the holidays.

May this year be as sweet as honey and may your blessings be as numerous as the seeds in a pomegranate. With high hopes for seeing all of you in person soon, we invite you to “Come and See how great the coming year will be at Har Zion.”

Rabbis Shawn and Moriah, and Hallel, Shirat and Hadar





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It is often said, "The future lies in the hands of our youth." If this premise is true, then WE are responsible for ensuring our children are offered a solid educational foundation and they are exposed to a culture that promotes moral and ethical behaviors.

It is without question that a child's first years are some of their most impressionable. How do our children see us? In 1980, Mary Rita Schilke Korzan wrote a poem to her mother, "When You Thought I Wasn't Looking." Each stanza recalls a vivid memory that had such a profound effect on her life and recognizes the precepts of parental influence.

When You Thought I Wasn't Looking

*When you thought I wasn't looking,
You hung my first painting on the refrigerator
And I wanted to paint another one.*

*When you thought I wasn't looking, you fed a stray cat,
And I thought it was good to be kind to animals.*

*When you thought I wasn't looking, you baked a birthday cake just for me,
And I knew that little things were special things.*

*When you thought I wasn't looking, you said a prayer,
And I believed there is a G-d I could always talk to.*

*When you thought I wasn't looking,
You kissed me good-night and I felt loved.*

*When you thought I wasn't looking, you cared,
And I wanted to be everything I could be.*

When you thought I wasn't looking, I looked ...

And I wanted to say thanks for all those things you did

When you thought I wasn't looking.

Let us remember how we were positively influenced by our parents and pray that we can pass on these gifts to our children. Let 5783, be a year of joy and one that we dedicate ourselves to be the role model that we hope our children will emulate.

Thank you for sharing your most precious children with the NCCECE staff. On behalf of all of us, we wish you a *Shanah Tovah Umtukah*.

Sandi Toben and Family





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I thought it would be a nice touch to start my High Holiday greeting this year expressing how important the Har Zion community has been to me and my family during the time of my mom's illness and passing.

And I thought it would be cute to start with the dictionary definition of community. So I looked it up online: "a group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common." It then gave an example: "a community of nuns." I enjoyed a good laugh and decided that it might not be the best example I needed in the moment. I'm so glad I didn't mention it :-)

In all seriousness, I want to publicly thank all of those to whom I could not respond personally. The outpouring of love, support, good thoughts, virtual hugs and bottles of Tito's has meant the world. My wish is that everyone receives the same level of support and love when they need it.

I have been using an app on my phone called "motivation" to help me get through some tough times. Here are some of the most inspirational quotes and sayings that have helped me:

"Let go of what you can't control. If you can't change it, it's time to accept it and find a way to live with it, instead of being frustrated or upset."

"It's okay not to be okay as long as you are not giving up."

"My dark days made me strong. Or maybe I already was strong, and they made me prove it."

"No matter how you feel ... get up, dress up, show up, and never give up."

"Your mental and emotional health should be a priority. Distance yourself from anyone who threatens them."

Sending my best for a year of health, happiness, prosperity and the greatest gift of all -- peace.

L'Shanah Tovah!

Norman Einhorn and Family



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May this New Year be filled with peace, health and joy
Len Auritt and Family

May this New Year be filled with peace, health and joy
Arthur and Lisa Berkowitz and Family

May this New Year be filled with peace, health and joy
The Bloch Family – Sheree and Wayne, Allison and Seth Samuels,
Sam Bloch and Kalya Sredni

May this New Year be filled with peace, health and joy
Michael and Anna Boni and Family

May this New Year be filled with peace, health and joy
Lita and Stanley Cohen

Wishing everyone a happy, healthy and sweet New Year
Karen, Rob, Josh, Jamie and Justin Davis

Warm wishes for you and your loved ones on Rosh Hashanah
Sidell and Ken Geller

May this New Year be filled with peace, health and joy
Ruth and Mort Gleit



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May this New Year be filled with peace, health and joy
Nanci Goldman and Steve Bergstein

May this New Year be filled with peace, health and joy
Cris, Chester and Max Grad

Wishing everyone a happy, healthy and sweet New Year
The HSA of the NCCECE

Wishing everyone a happy, healthy and sweet New Year
Rabbi Haaz, Bonnie Rose, Sophie, Sadie and Michael

Wishing everyone a happy, healthy and sweet New Year
Marc, Sara, Ella and Drew Horowitz

Wishing everyone a happy, healthy and sweet New Year
Dorene and Stephen Karasick and Family

Wishing everyone a happy, healthy and sweet New Year
Madelyn, David, Andrew and Michael Karasick

Wishing everyone a happy, healthy and sweet New Year
Barbara Kardon and Debby Wolff



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May this New Year be filled with peace, health and joy
Joy and Bennett Keiser and their generations

Warm wishes for you and your loved ones on Rosh Hashanah
Sheila and Barry Kliger and Family

May this Near Year be filled with peace, health and joy
Susan Kochman

Wishing everyone a happy, healthy and sweet New Year
Lynne, Bill and Mitchell Landsburg

May this New Year be filled with peace, health and joy
Meryl and Gary Littman and Family

May your New Year be filled with peace, health and joy
Charlotte Muchnick and Family

May this New Year be filled with peace, health and joy
Ryan, Michelle, Josh, Sydney and Matthew Pearson

May this New Year be filled with peace, health and joy
The Pedowitz Family



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May this New Year be filled with peace, health and joy
Michele, Michael, Rachel, Abby, Leo and Emma Perlstein

Wishing everyone a happy, healthy and sweet New Year
Sheila and Lou Schafer and Family

May this New Year be filled with peace, health and joy
Alan, Robin, Jessie and Erin Seeherman

May this New Year be filled with peace, health and joy
Judy and Henry Shrager

Warm wishes for you and your loved ones on Rosh Hashanah
Jeffrey, Paige, Robert and Evan Silver

May this New Year be filled with peace, health and joy
Joan, Tracey and Shanin Spector

May this New Year be filled with peace, health and joy
Bonnie Squires and Sami Ouahada

May this New Year be filled with peace, health and joy
Rachel and David Steerman and Family



