

HIGH HOLIDAY BULLETIN 5784

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Shana Tova!



Message from Rabbi Andrews



A few weeks ago, we read from Parshat Re' eh. In that Parsha, we find the instruction to build a Temple and not establish multiple locations for sacrificial offerings. The Temple alone should be the place of this form of devotion, and we read:

"You, together with your households, shall feast there before the Lord your G-d, happy in all the undertakings (lit. all to which you put your hand) in which the Lord your G-d has blessed you."

This turn of phrase is questionable; why would we celebrate specifically – 'what you've done with your hands'?

I recently found in a book, the Kli Chemda, a classic Torah commentary by Rabbi Meir Dan Plotzky (1866 - 1928) of Poland, an attempt to answer this problem with a novel reading of this passuk.

The Kli Chemda quotes Maimonides from the Mishneh Torah in Hilchot Yom Tov, where the Rambam states that when we sit down to our Yom Tov meals, we should do so in the presence of family. However, we must not only invite close family but extended family as well. Additionally, we should welcome – 'all people who are dependent on us'. In essence, we should open our homes to the needy, enabling them to participate in our festive meal.



Kli Chemda then asks, what would happen if, for some technical or practical reason, the needy cannot gain access to our homes? Well, explains the Kli Chemda, we can answer this query based on a new reading of the aforementioned verse: "and you should rejoice in everything that your hands have sent". This means to say that when one cannot invite guests, one should prepare food parcels and send them to those who depend on them.

I believe the implication of this comment is that even if we can't meet up for a meal, we can still foster fellowship through other creative means. For instance, if we cannot send food packages, a New Year's card might suffice. If you don't feel like sending a letter, give an old friend you haven't seen in a while a call.

The verse emphasizes the importance of feeling connected to experience absolute joy during the festival. It's not just going through the motions but truly feeling a sense of togetherness and community. The prolonged absence of community due to COVID-19 further highlights this need. Thankfully, this Rosh Hashanah provides an opportunity to eat, pray, and revel in each other's company.

Hannah, the children, and I wish everyone a sweet new year filled with growth and good health.

Best wishes,

Rabbi Nisan Andrews





Rabbi Andrews needs you!

Please let Rabbi Andrews know if there is someone new to the community, unwell, lonely, or who would benefit from a visit or a phone call.

Do you like coffee? So does Rabbi Andrews! He would love to drink some with you at your location of choice. Send him a message at Rabbi.Andrews.HOJMI@gmail.com

Do you have an idea for a class, event or programme? Please share them with Rabbi Andrews! Reach out to him at Rabbi.Andrews.HOJMI@gmail.com



Message from the President



As the high holidays approach, we are called to reflect upon the year past and begin to set our sights towards the year ahead. Looking ahead can be a source of trepidation for some as it presents a path of uncertainty with no fixed script. We as human beings often gravitate by default to being concerned about our personal futures. If there is no concern for ourselves, then surely we must ponder the future of those communities we live in, be it local, national, or international. You don't have to look far to see risks that threaten a sense of security we have come to enjoy for the past 75 years. Are we doomed to be defeated by these growing waves of insecurity, or manage a way forward that actually brings about an improvement in our lives and those of our fellow people ?

An attempt to answer the above is to call upon prophetic abilities that escaped our grasp thousands of years ago. Nevertheless, our human inadequacies have not held us back from trying. Which brings me to a memory of sitting in an economics class 20+ years ago listening to the professor reflect on his disappointment in trying to accurately forecast a particular market behaviour. All sorts of econometric tools, from time series to linear regressions, were thrown at the challenge only to conclude that the best predictor of future market activity was to simply look at what happened yesterday. Using this measure, we can rest assured that there will be stability in the year ahead with no major upheavals capturing our attention. Wasn't that the way, in general, how the past year took shape in Calgary ?

If we are to accept this conclusion, then how do we explain events of yesteryear that truly can be seen as earth moving (9/11, SARS, Covid, etc.)? These events didn't happen "last year". No model of human behaviour could have pinpointed



such events with timely precision. From this lens, we are thrown back to a space of emptiness where the events of tomorrow are seen as being subject to the roll of the dice. The future again becomes unpredictable and we are left to grapple in the dark. And as Alfred Hitchcock once said, it is the unknown that causes fear more so than what is known. Left to our own imaginations, the worst case scenarios sometimes sneak in to fill the void. The resulting picture is not one we aspire to live out.

What will be for HOJMI in 5784 ? If we look back at “yesterday” and see the simchas we celebrated and accomplishments we achieved, then the year ahead is set to be great. We were witness to numerous weddings and bar/bat mitzvahs amongst our members. We were able to welcome Rabbi and Hannah Andrews as our spiritual leaders. These successes are not to be taken for granted. Not every congregation’s calendar is filled with simchas and guided by full time clergy. Having said that, we can’t ignore the pain some members incurred this past year. A number of members lost loved ones. Others dealt with personal struggles that were painful. These losses are real and recognized as such. My hope is that the weight of the good pushes away the bad in 5784.

Here’s what else I aspire for HOJMI.... May we live out our full potential as the “welcoming” congregation of Calgary. May we step forward into the unknown having confidence that all challenges will be met with resolve and in unity. We have the membership, volunteers, and leadership to move us forward. May G-d be with us as we live out our collective journey.

On behalf of my wife, Jennifer, and the Board of Directors, I wish you all a year of peace and success beyond your wildest imaginations.

David Silver



The following are called upon to serve as ushers and security observers for the High Holidays, 2023. Please note your assigned time slot, go to the main doors on time, and please maintain decorum throughout the rear of the shul. Please be vigilant and focus on the outside.

We are depending on you. Thanks for your help!

ROSH HASHANAH 1, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th

8.30am H. Rosenberg
9.30am E. Ragolsky, I. Paul
10.30am B Lewis, M. Ksienski
11.30am D. Sussman, D. Silver
12.30pm A. Moise, A. Yellin



ROSH HASHANAH 2, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th

8.30am H. Rosenberg
9.30am E. Martin, D. Reid
10.30am A. Magri, M. Berlin
11.30am A. Moise, S. Habot
12.30pm D. Dil, E. Moldovsky

KOL NIDRE, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th

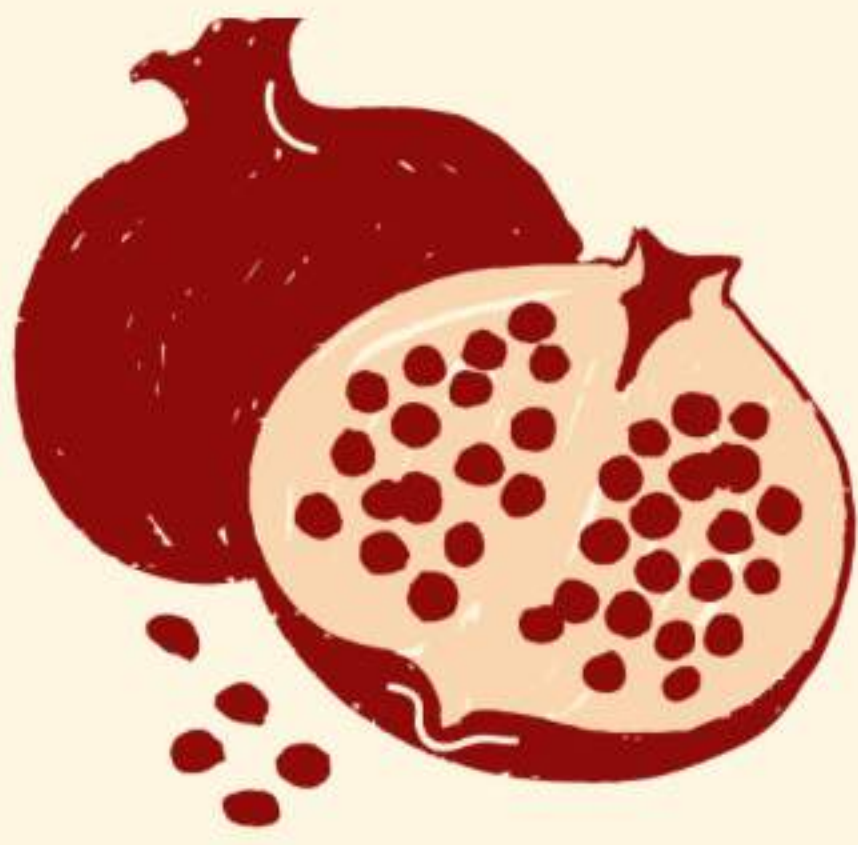
6:45pm Y. Segal, A. Elbaz,
7:45pm M. Berlin, I. Rubenstein, G. Wolf
8:45pm R. Wilms, D. Reid

YOM KIPPUR, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th

8.30am H. Rosenberg
9.30am B. Be'eri, J. Burstein
10.30am N. Halpern, J. Doctor
11.30am D. Martin, D. Cramer
12.30pm J. Paul, A. Magri
1.30pm M. Kostousov, G. Silberg
6:45pm M. Bogoch, H. Lipton
7:45pm J. Eichler, L. Katz







High Holiday Schedule 5784

Saturday, Sept. 9th:
11:30 PM Slichot

Sunday, Sept. 10th
8:00 AM Shacharit
7:40 PM Mincha/Maariv

Monday-Thursday, Sept. 11-14
6:30 AM Shacharit with Slichot
7:40 PM Mincha/Maariv

Erev Rosh Hashanah; Fri., Sept. 15
6:15 AM Shacharit
7:30 PM Mincha/Maariv
7:32 PM Candle Lighting

Rosh Hashanah I, Sat., Sept 16
8:15 AM Shacharit
9:45 AM Torah Reading
10:40 AM Rabbi's Sermon
Seudat Shlishit @ Home
7:25 PM Mincha/Maariv
8:38 PM Earliest Candles and Cooking

Rosh Hashanah II, Sun., Sept 17
8:15 AM Shacharit
9:45 AM Torah Reading
10:40 AM Rabbi's Sermon Followed by
the Blowing of the Shofar
6:30 PM Tashlich
7:30 PM Mincha
8:36 PM Yom-Tov Concludes

Fast of Gedaliah, Mon., Sept 18
6:04 AM Fast begins
6:30 AM Shacharit with Slichot
7:15 PM Mincha/Maariv
8:34 PM Fast Concludes

Tuesday-Thursday, Sept 19-21
6:30 AM Shacharit with Slichot
7:25 PM Mincha/Maariv

Shabbat Shuva, Sept 23
See Shabbat Bulletin for the schedule

Erev Yom Kippur, Sun., Sept 24
8:00 AM Shacharit with Slichot
4:00 PM Minchae
7:10 PM Kol Nidrei
6:14 PM/7:12 PM Earliest/Latest Candle- Lighting

Yom Kippur, Mon., Sept. 25
8:15 Shacharit
11:30 AM Yizkor and Mussaf
5:30 PM Mincha/Neilah
8:17 PM Fast Concludes; Maariv Followed by Shofar Blast

Tuesday-Friday, Sept., 26-29
7:10 PM Mincha/Maariv
7:00 PM Friday Mincha/Maariv
7:00 PM Friday Candle lighting

Sukkot I, Sat., Sept 30
9:00 AM Shacharit
6:45 PM Mincha/Maariv
8:06 PM Earliest Candle Lighting

Sukkot II, Sun., Oct. 1
9:00 AM Shacharit
6:55 PM Mincha/Maariv
8:04 PM Yom-Tov Ends

Chol Hamoed, Mon-Thu., Oct. 2-5
6:30 AM Shacharit
6:55 PM Mincha/Maariv

Hoshanah Rabbah, Fri., Oct. 6
6:00 AM Shacharit
6:45 PM Mincha/Maariv
6:45 PM Candle Lighting

Shemini Ateret, Sat., Oct 7
9:00 AM Shacharit
10:45 AM Yizkor
Seudat Shlishit @ Home
6:30 PM Mincha/Maariv with Hakafot
7:50 PM Earliest Candle Lighting and- Cooking

Simchat Torah, Sun., Oct 8
9:00 AM Shacharit and Hakafot
6:40 PM Mincha/Maariv
7:48 PM Yom-Tov Ends



SHUL TIMES

Parsha	Weeks		Weekly Mincha/ Maariv	Friday Mincha	Candle Lighting Time
	From:	To:			
Haazinu	September 10	September 16	7:40 pm	7:30 pm	7:32 pm
	September 17	September 23	7:25 pm	7:15 pm	7:16 pm
	September 24	September 30	7:10 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm
	October 1	October 7	6:55 pm	6:45 pm	6:45 pm
Bereshit	October 8	October 14	6:40 pm	6:30 pm	6:30 pm
Noah	October 15	October 21	6:25 pm	6:15 pm	6:15 pm
Lech Lecha	October 22	October 28	7:00 PM Maariv Only	6:00 pm	6:01 pm
Vayera	October 29	November 4	7:00 PM Maariv Only	5:50 pm	5:49 pm
Chaya Sarah	November 5	November 11	7:00 PM Maariv Only	4:35 pm	4:37 pm
Toldot	November 12	November 18	7:00 PM Maariv Only	4:30 pm	4:28 pm
Vayetzei	November 19	November 25	7:00 PM Maariv Only	4:20 pm	4:20 pm
Vayeshlach	November 26	December 2	7:00 PM Maariv Only	4:15 pm	4:15 pm
Vayeshev	December 3	December 9	7:00 PM Maariv Only	4:10 pm	4:12 pm
Miketz	December 10	December 16	7:00 PM Maariv Only	4:10 pm	4:12 pm
Vayigash	December 17	December 23	7:00 PM Maariv Only	4:15 pm	4:14 pm
Vayechi	December 24	December 30	7:00 PM Maariv Only	4:20 pm	4:19 pm
Shmot	December 31	January 6	7:00 PM Maariv Only	4:25 pm	4:26 pm
Va'era	January 7	January 13	7:00 PM Maariv Only	4:35 pm	4:36 pm
Bo	January 14	January 20	7:00 PM Maariv Only	4:45 pm	4:46 pm
Beshalach	January 21	January 27	7:00 PM Maariv Only	5:00 pm	4:58 pm
Yitro	January 28	February 3	7:00 PM Maariv Only	5:10 pm	5:10 pm
Mishpatim	February 4	February 10	7:00 PM Maariv Only	5:25 pm	5:23 pm
Terumah	February 11	February 17	7:00 PM Maariv Only	5:35 pm	5:36 pm
Tetzaveh	February 18	February 24	7:00 PM Maariv Only	5:50 pm	5:48 pm
Ki Tisa	February 25	March 2	7:00 PM Maariv Only	6:00 pm	6:00 pm
Vayakhel	March 3	March 9	7:00 PM Maariv Only	6:15 pm	6:12 pm
Pikudei	March 10	March 16	7:25 pm	7:25 pm	7:24 pm
Vayikra	March 17	March 23	7:35 pm	7:30 pm	7:35 pm
Tzav	March 24	March 30	6:25 pm	6:30 pm	7:47 pm
Shmini	March 31	April 6	6:35 pm	6:40 pm	7:58 pm
Tazria	April 7	April 13	6:45 pm	6:45 pm	8:10 pm
Metzora	April 14	April 20	6:55 pm	6:55 pm	8:21 pm



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