



Rabbi Lauren Henderson

## Congregation Or Hadash

*Illuminate the Light from Within*

### October 2020 President's Letter

Chaverim,

Welcome to 5781! I am writing this with a feeling of immense joy as I reflect on celebrating the High Holidays with all of you—our Or Hadash community. With the herculean efforts of our production team and the dozens of volunteers involved with every aspect of the holidays, we successfully brought all of us together in a way we could have never imagined even three months ago. Rabbi Lauren envisioned and led us through a High Holiday experience that wove together long-standing traditions, along with some new, fresh approaches to spirituality, incorporating beautiful music and amazing participation from so many congregants.

We truly expanded and extended our community's tent with close to 1000 participants during many of the services, joining us not only from Atlanta, but from 16 states and several countries. We have been overwhelmed by all the emails, texts and calls from so many of you sharing how much you enjoyed services and how meaningful and inspiring you found them.

If you weren't able to participate in all the services or would like to listen to or share Rabbi Lauren's sermons or the fabulous musical selections, we have put the complete services and the links to each sermon and pre-recorded musical pieces on the website, [click here](#).

We also have a new [YouTube Channel](#) and I invite you to go online and subscribe to our channel. All of the sermons and music are uploaded there. Make sure you have also friended us on Congregation Or Hadash's [facebook page](#) to keep up with the latest news and posts.

I hope that you enjoyed connecting to our Or Hadash family during these past few weeks and will continue to engage in as many ways as possible. Sukkot begins this Shabbat and Simchat Torah is the following Shabbat. Please check our calendar to join in our holiday services, including a virtual walk through the Torah, Havdalah in the parking lot, and youth activities in the Sukkah. Help us welcome Adam Blum and Jonah Murovitz as B'nai Mitzvahs on these special Shabbats. Come read Qohelet, with Dr. Amy Robertson the traditional text of Sukkot ([RSVP Requested](#)).

And finally, I ask that you make your Kol Nidre Pledge to ensure that we are all doing our part to help Or Hadash thrive and make our community whole. If you did not have an opportunity to hear my message during Kol Nidre please [click here](#).

I am excited to see what we can build this year together as a community. May it be a year of blessings for all of us.

Chag Sameach,

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