

## On the eve of the new year



We have come together to welcome the new year  
To celebrate its promise,  
To ponder its responsibilities.

Let us give thanks for the new opportunities it brings us,  
For the new and deeper relationships it offers us,  
And for the larger vision to which it summons us.

Let us preserve joyous and worthy memories,  
And let us carry forward our noblest hopes,  
To enrich and uplift the year which now begins.

Let us be worthy of our ancient heritage,  
And loyal to its teachings,  
Yet aware of the new challenges still before us.

Let us greet the new year with renewed strength and hope,  
Responding to the mystery and the glory of life,  
Setting forth confidently as servants of the Lord.

As we pray for a year of good health and fulfillment,  
May the thoughts we think and the deeds we perform,  
Help make this truly a *Shanah Tovah!*