

## September 20, 2019/20 Elul 5779

Dear chevreh,

We are about to enter the Days of Awe. This Saturday evening at 8:30 pm at Tifereth Israel in Bensalem, we will gather together with several Bucks County Jewish communities. We will begin with Havdalah and a community program, and then immerse ourselves in the sacred music and liturgy of our tradition as we are called and launched into the themes of this season, teshuvah, forgiveness, and confession during Selichot services. Just a few years ago Kehilat HaNahar hosted these communities and it was wonderful to invite them into our sanctuary. It would be wonderful to have KHN represented as part of our larger Bucks County Jewish community. I look forward to seeing you there.

As we continue on in our Elul journey, we can be asking ourselves in what ways we have missed the mark this year, in what ways have we been on the path we want to be on and in what ways we would like to change.

Rabbi Sharon Kleinbaum teaches, "This is a time of year in which all is open. The gates are opening for all of us to be more reflective, more thoughtful, to spend these Days of Awe thinking about the person we want to be, the relationship we want to have with the Holy One. In what ways do we want our lives to change? And how will we engage in those actions to change?"

Wishing everybody a Shabbat shalom, one in which you can find some time for reflection and contemplation.

Gut Shabbes,

Rabbi Diana