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	Friday 15 September ערב ראש השנה	Shabbat 16 September ראש השנה	Sunday 17 September ראש השנה	Monday 18 September צום גדליה	Tuesday 19 September 4 Tishrei	Wednesday 20 September 5 Tishrei	Thursday 21 September 6 Tishrei	Friday 22 September 7 Tishrei
1. Beit Yehuda 2. Beit Yitzchak (Kehillat Ohr David) 3. Beit Midrash (Beit Haroeh Shabbat Morning) 4. Bnei Akiva 5. Elsternwick 6. Midrashah 7. Goldberger Hall								
Slichot to be followed immediately by Shacharit	5:40am ¹ 6:30am ²	8:00am ¹ 8:30am ² 9:00am ²	8:00am ¹ 8:30am ² 9:00am ²	5:45am ¹ 6:35am ² 7:00am ¹	6:00am ¹ 6:35am ² 7:00am ¹	6:00am ¹ 6:35am ² 7:00am ¹	5:50am ¹ 6:35am ² 7:00am ¹	6:00am ¹ 6:35am ² 7:00am ¹
Fast Commences				4:58am				
Dawn	5:10am	5:09am	5:07am	5:06am	5:04am	5:02am	5:01am	4:59am
Tallit & Tefillin	5:31am	5:29am	5:28am	5:26am	5:24am	5:23am	5:21am	5:20am
Sunrise	6:22am	6:21am	6:19am	6:18am	6:16am	6:14am	6:13am	6:11am
Sh'ma (ג'רא)	9:18am	9:17am	9:16am	9:15am	9:14am	9:14am	9:13am	9:12am
Earliest Mincha	12:46pm	12:46pm	12:45pm	12:45pm	12:45pm	12:45pm	12:44pm	12:44pm
Plag HaMincha (ג'רא)	4:56pm	4:56pm	4:57pm	4:58pm	4:58pm	4:59pm	4:59pm	5:00pm
Candle Lighting	5:52pm							5:58pm
Mincha / Ma'ariv	6:00pm	5:40pm	5:50pm	5:40p/6:25p	6:00pm	6:00pm	6:00pm	6:05pm
Sunset	6:10pm	6:10pm	6:11pm	6:12pm	6:13pm	6:14pm	6:15pm	6:15pm
Fast Concludes				6:39pm				
Night/Shabbat Ends	6:49pm	6:50pm	6:51pm	6:52pm	6:53pm	6:54pm	6:55pm	6:55pm
Late Ma'ariv			Not tonight	Not tonight	10:00pm ³	10:00pm ³	10:00pm ³	
Slichot				10:15pm ³	10:15pm ³	10:15pm ³	10:15pm ³	

DAF YOMI Via Zoom & in person	Kiddushin 33	Kiddushin 34	Kiddushin 35	Kiddushin 36	Kiddushin 37	Kiddushin 38	Kiddushin 39	Kiddushin 40
	8:15am		8:45am	8:15am	8:15am	8:15am	8:15am	8:15am
SHIURIM 		Drashot R' Dr. Alan Kimche ¹ R' Chezy Deren ² Reb Leor Broh ³	Drashot Reb Leor Broh ¹ R' Jonny Brull ² R' Dr. Alan Kimche ³	Parasha Shiur with R' Jonny Brull for Ladies 9:30am Tzurba Communal Shiur R' Jonny Brull Not this week Sefer Ezra Shiur for Ladies with Dr. Michal Kaufman at the Lewis's Not this week Gemara Shiur with R' Alan Kimche at 8:30pm	Lunch & Learn with R' Jonny Brull – 1:00pm Young Ladies Gemara Shiur (20's-30's) R' Jonny Brull 7:45pm Gemara chabura for returnees from Shnat R' Jonny Brull 8:30pm Parsha HaShavua R' Leor Broh 8:30pm	"Following in the Footsteps of our Fathers" 11:00am Gary's Gemara Shiur 8:30pm	Lunch & Learn Shiur @ L1 Capital R' Jonny Brull 1:00pm Moreh Nevuchim R' Jonny Brull 7:30pm Advanced Halacha Shiur R' Jonny Brull 8:30pm R' Chaim Brisker on the Rambam R' Marcus Rosenberg 8:30pm	
	MISHNAH YOMIT	Megilah 1:3-4	Megilah 1:5-6	Megilah 1:7-8	Megilah 1:9-10	Megilah 1:11-2:1	Megilah 2:2-3	Megilah 2:4-5

EVENTS	Molad for Tishrei 5:49 (0 chalakim) AM	Childcare Service 9:30am – 1:30pm	Childcare Service 9:30am – 1:30pm					
		MizKids 10:30am – 11:30am	MizKids 10:30am – 11:30am	Leil Limmud in loving memory of Yael Miriam Bloch @ 5:00pm ³				

YAHREZITS	Ruth Figdor (Mother)	Albert Sattler (Mother)	Harry Mainzer (Father)	Joe Lederman (Father)		Hanna Friedman, Renata Gilbert, Ruth Gershov, Eva Slonim, Rosanna Leibler (Mother)	John Steiner (Brother)
		Naomi & Geoff Bloch (Daughter)	Ruth Gershov (Husband)	Irit Kave (Mother)	Robert Lissauer (Father)		Etty Rosenblum (Father)

Friday 15 September Erev Rosh Hashanah	Selichot followed immediately by Shacharit & Hatarat Nedarim (Beit Yehuda) 5:40am (Beit Yitzchak) 6:30am Candle Lighting 5:52pm Mincha followed by Ma'ariv 6:00pm R' Kimche Dvar Torah between Mincha/Maariv in Beit Yehuda
Saturday 16 September (1st Day Rosh Hashana)	Shacharit..... (BY) 8:00am (BH) 8:30am (KOD) 9:00am Latest time to recite Shema (גר"א).....9:17am Childcare Services (pre-registration only) 9:30am – 1:30pm MizKids 10:30 – 11:30am Parental Supervised play in the Kinder playground 10:30am – 1:30pm R' Kimche Drasha in Beit Yehuda before Mussaf R' Leor Broh Drasha in Beit Haroeh before Mussaf R' Deren Drasha in KOD before Mussaf Early Mincha (immediately following Mussaf in Beit Yehuda) (earliest time for Mincha is 12:45pm) Mincha followed by a shiur by R' Kennard in Beit Yehuda 5:40pm R' Kimche Drasha in KOD before Ma'ariv Ma'ariv 6:50pm Set new fruit on table, then light candles and preparations for 2 nd Day Yom Tov NOT BEFORE 6:50pm <div style="text-align: center;"> "Lehadlik ner shel Yom Tov and Shehecheyanu" להדליק נר של יום טוב / שהחינו </div>
Sunday 17 September (2nd Day Rosh Hashana)	Shacharit..... (BY) 8:00am (BH) 8:30am (KOD) 9:00am Latest time to recite Shema (גר"א).....9:16am Childcare Services (pre-registration only) 9:30am – 1:30pm MizKids 10:30 – 11:30am Parental Supervised play in the Kinder playground 11:30am – 1:30pm Kiddush..... 10:45am (approx) Drasha 11:00am (approx) R' Leor Broh Drasha in Beit Yehuda R' Kimche Drasha in Beit Haroeh R' Brull Drasha in KOD Shofar 11:15am (approx) Early Mincha (immediately following Mussaf in Beit Yehuda) (earliest time for Mincha is 12.44pm) Tashlich Limmud to mark the 30 th Yahrzeit of Yael Miriam Bloch ע"ה in the Beit Midrash5:00pm Mincha follow by a shiur R' Brull in Beit Yehuda 5:50pm Ma'ariv and Yom Tov ends 6:51pm

Monday 18 September (Tzom Gedalia)	Fast Commences4:58am Selichot <u>followed immediately</u> by Shacharit (BY) 5:45am (Beit Yitzchak) 6:35am(BY) 7:00am Mincha..... 5:40pm Ma'ariv 6:25pm End of fast..... 6:39m <u>No late maariv tonight.</u> Selichot in the Beit Midrash10:15pm
Tuesday 19 September	Selichot <u>followed immediately</u> by Shacharit (BY) 6:00am (Beit Yitzchak) 6:35am(BY) 7:00am Mincha followed by Ma'ariv..... 6:00pm Late Ma'ariv..... 10:00pm Selichot.....10:15pm
Wednesday 20 September	Selichot <u>followed immediately</u> by Shacharit (BY) 6:00am (Beit Yitzchak) 6:35am(BY) 7:00am Mincha followed by Ma'ariv..... 6:00pm Late Ma'ariv..... 10:00pm Selichot.....10:15pm
Thursday 21 September	Selichot <u>followed immediately</u> by Shacharit (BY) 5:50am (Beit Yitzchak) 6:35am(BY) 7:00am Mincha followed by Ma'ariv..... 6:00pm Late Ma'ariv..... 10:00pm Selichot.....10:15pm
Friday 22 September	Selichot <u>followed immediately</u> by Shacharit (BY) 6:00am (Beit Yitzchak) 6:35am(BY) 7:00am Candle Lighting 5:58pm Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat – Drasha R' Brull in Beit Yehuda 6:05pm

Saturday 23 September	Shacharit Hashkama (followed by shiur with R' Kennard in the Goldberger Hall) 7:30am Shiur by R' Leor Broh in Beit Haroeh 9:00am Latest time to recite Shema (גר"א) 9:01am Shacharit 9:30am Bnei Akiva 4:30pm R' Kimche Shabbat Shuva Drasha in Beit Yehuda 5:00pm Mincha 5:45pm Seudah Shlishit Ma'ariv 6:56pm
Sunday 24 September (Erev Yom Kippur)	Selichot followed immediately by Schachrit (BY) 7:45am Selichot followed immediately by Shacharit (BY) 8:45am Mincha (BY) 3:00pm Fast Commences and Light Candles BEFORE 6:00pm Kol Nidre (Remember Tallit & Kittel) 6:15pm R' Kimche drasha in Beit Yehuda R' Leor Broh drasha in Beit Haroeh R' Kennard drasha in KOD
Monday 25 September (Yom Kippur)	Shacharit (BY) 8:00am (BH) 8:30am (KOD) 9:00am Latest time to recite Shema (גר"א) 9:57am MizKidz 10:30 – 11:30am Parental Supervised play in the Kinder playground 11:30am – 1:30pm R' Kimche Drasha in Beit Yehuda R' Leor Broh Drasha in Beit Haroeh R' Deren Drasha in KOD Yizkor 11:15am (approx.) Mussaf finish time 2:00pm (approx.) Mincha 4:10pm R' Kimche will deliver a Dvar Torah in Beit Yehuda before Ne'ilah R' Leor Broh will deliver a Dvar Torah in Beit Haroeh before Ne'ilah R' Brull will deliver a Dvar Torah in KOD before Ne'ilah Ne'ilah 5:45pm Shofar /Conclusion of Fast 6:58pm Maariv

YEHUDA GOTTLIEB

FROM OUR VICE PRESIDENT



שנה טובה

On behalf of the Mizrahi Executive, Committee and Staff, we wish you a healthy, happy, spiritual and fulfilling 5784.

The month of September is typically viewed as a special time in football-mad Melbourne as the AFL season winds down and finals fever grips the city. There is barely a conversation that is had, whether at work or amongst peers, which doesn't have some reference to a finals football game. Personally, I must admit that it is particularly satisfying for those among us in our kehilla who are finally experiencing some success at this time of year. All the hard work, determination and passion all leads up to that "last Saturday in September" when the final game is played, marking the culmination of the season.

This past week we marked the precursor to our yamim noraim and yom tov season. If we are to extend the analogy, our gathering together for selichot on motzei shabbat felt like our pre-season. There is a familiarity of selichot, with the particular nusach, that compels us to snap out of our malaise and get 'fit' for the upcoming yamim noraim. It was so special this year to have selichot preceded by a kumsitz in which had great representation across all our communities - Bnei Akiva, Kehillat Ohr David, Beit Haroeh and Beit Yehuda. The kumsitz was led by our chazan, Isser Feiglin and accompanied by two talented Bnei madrichim - Gidi Cher and Gil Zelwer. This was followed by divrei hitorerut from Rabbi Kimche which provided us with a message of inspiration prior to our davening.

Over Rosh Hashana we are blessed to be led by an accomplished roster of ba'alei tefillah, kria and tekiah as well as our Rabbanim who will address our various minyanim over the course of Yom Tov. We thank all who have volunteered for this important task and for being our shlichim as we stand in judgement on these yamei ha'din.

In particular, we acknowledge one of our finest Ba'alei Tefillah, Daniel Lowinger, who last week celebrated 25 years of service at the Elsternwick Jewish Community. We thank you for your contribution and wish you much hatzlacha and success over the next 25 and beyond.

The first day of Rosh Hashana being shabbat, we are also aware of a key mitzva of the festival will be missing - the sound of the shofar. The well known reason as to why we do not blow the shofar on Shabbat is to prevent someone transgressing the melacha of hotza'a (carrying). A nice idea brought by the Meshech Chochmah is that the fact that we forego this mitzva in order to avoid someone desecrating shabbat is testimony to us crowning Hashem as our King on this day. We feel like something is missing when we do not hear the shofar, but in order to honour Hashem and the laws of the Torah we forego our own feelings and needs. In a sense, it is our own personal 'sacrifice' for a higher purpose, which is one of the key themes of the day.

We would like to extend a mazal tov to Ian Waller and family on his appointment as a Judge of the Supreme Court of Victoria. Justice Waller has not only demonstrated dedication to his profession but has also contributed greatly as a leader in our kehilla both as a Past President and Executive representative as well as being a Mizrahi life member. We wish you and your family continued hatzlacha.

We hope you all enjoyed our sweet gift of honey that should have been delivered to your door just in time for chag. If you did not receive anything, then firstly, we apologise for the oversight and please contact the office during the week so we can organise a delivery.

May the sweetness of the honey and the warmth and ruach of our shared tefilot bring us together in achdut and peace. Your presence and participation enrich our community and make it a place of spiritual growth and connection. Together, we will continue to inspire and uplift one another in the year ahead.

Wishing each and every one of you a שנה טובה ומתוקה and כתיבה וחתימה טובה.

Yehuda

TORAH TIDBITS

FROM OUR COMMUNITY



ראש השנה

Rosh Hashana

Jeremy Herz

The Essence of Rosh Hashana

The essence of a Yom Tov is typically expressed in the day's unique beracha, being the kedushat ha'yom in tefilla. For example, the elongated Yom Kippur beracha has 4 or possibly 5 chatimot (endings), which contextualise the Yom Kippur experience. Similarly, the kedushat ha'yom of Rosh Hashana reflects the essence of the chag: 'Baruch...melech al kol ha'aretz, mekadesh yisrael ve'yom hazikaron'. This chatima implies that the essential kedusha of Rosh Hashana is malchuyot (kingship).

The way in which malchuyot manifests on Rosh Hashana is distinct from other days. Of course, Hashem is called King throughout the year. However, during this time of year, Hashem's Kingship is at the forefront of our prayers. The Gemara (Rosh Hashanah 16a) relates that Hashem says: "On Rosh Hashanah, say Malchuyot before Me . . . so that you may crown Me as King over you." Seemingly, we not only acknowledge Hashem as King on Rosh Hashana, but rather coronate Him.

The nuanced meaning of the word 'melech' sheds light on the primacy of the malchuyot theme on Rosh Hashana. A 'melech' is an appointed ruler, rather than a self-appointed ruler or dictator.

At the beginning of 'אֲדוֹן עוֹלָם' we say 'At the time when His will brought all into being, then as 'King' was His name proclaimed'. That is to say, only after Mankind (which was endowed with the ability to coronate Hashem) came into existence was Hashem called King. It is no coincidence that Rosh Hashana is the designated day for Hashem's coronation, since it marks the anniversary of the sixth day of Creation, when Mankind was created. Before this, He was simply termed 'אֲדוֹן עוֹלָם' - 'Master of the Universe'.

Other such examples in liturgy include:

- The שיר של יום on Friday, the day Mankind was created, is 'ה' מלך'.
- At the conclusion of ויברך דויד, it says 'כי לה' המלוכה ומשל בגוים'. The Vilna Gaon points out that presently, only Bnei Yisrael have accepted Hashem's sovereignty, which is why the nations call Hashem a מִשָּׁל. However, in the future, the whole world will acknowledge Hashem's majesty and 'on that day Hashem will be One and His name will be One', ie מִלֶּךְ.

A story is told of Rav Aharon Karliner, a former leader of Karliner chassidut. One Rosh Hashana, when the congregation reached the start of Shacharit where everyone declares 'Hamelech!', he fainted. When asked what had caused this, he said that as the congregation declared 'Hamelech', he began to think of the Gemara in Gittin in which R' Yochanan Ben Zakai travels to the Roman Emperor, Vespasian, to request Yavneh as the learning centre for the Jewish people in Israel. R' Yochanan addresses Vespasian 'King'. Vespasian has not yet assumed the throne and is taken aback by this title. He asks R' Yochanan why, if he knew he was king, he had not visited him earlier, to which R' Yochanan responds that he has only just found out. R' Aharon Karliner explained that as he thought of this Gemara, he imagined Hashem turning around to all of us as we declare 'HaMelech!' and asking, 'if you knew I was King, why has it taken you so long to visit Me?'

May we merit as a nation to make this Rosh Hashana a coronation fitting for the King of kings.

Based on a sicha by Rav Binyamin Tabory

As a new initiative, each week we will have a community member share a dvar Torah in the Mizrachi Matters and online.
If you would like to contribute, please contact Toby on 0439 846 100.

DANIEL LOWINGER

SPEECH CELEBRATING 25 YEARS AT EJC



Rav Mark, Ladies and gentlemen, distinguished members of the Elsternwick Jewish community.

First and foremost, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to all of you for joining us today in this incredible celebration of 25 years together. It's a privilege and an honor to stand before you as the Baal Koreh and Chazan of this wonderful community.

This coming Motzei Shabbat we will be commencing our season of Selichot.

In the Ashkenazi world we follow the opinion of the Rama in the Shulchan Aruch that we start Selichot at least four days before Rosh Hashana and we go all the way through until Yom Kippur. In addition, the Selichot must start on a Saturday night, that's in order to standardise the practice, so that people will always know that Selichot start on Motzei Shabbat, every year.

It starts on Saturday night, but why Saturday night - it could start on any night? Rabbi Sacks explains according to the Terumat Hadeshen that we want to take the Oneg Shabbat, the pleasure and the joy of the Shabbat with us into our Selichot prayer experience. That's because during Selichot we reflect on the previous year, our misdeeds, our misdemeanors, our missed opportunities. We could easily be filled with fear and dread at this prospect, yet seeing as we are a positively minded people and we are always optimistic by nature it's important that we take the happiness of Shabbat with us into the Selichot experience.

My time at EJC has always been filled with positivity and joy. When I first started here all those years back I had no idea that I would still be here all these years later. As happens with a lot of things in life, you often fall into a job and this was certainly the case at EJC. I was a first year uni student and then got the call from a former Baal Koreh - Gidon Winter that he needed me to fill in for a week. Back in those days it would take me over 10 hours to prepare a parsha...so luckily I had a long tram ride. Back in the days when people used to read newspapers on the way to work, I read over the leining and the 40 mins in and out each day allowed me to spend the time efficiently and get through the bulk of the reading for the week.

A once off very quickly turned into monthly then fortnightly and finally weekly. There I was making the 4km walk to EJC each week.

Someone worked out that over 25 years at an ave of 6km-7km each week at 60 times a year - it's like walking from here to Pakistan...that's a lot of walking!

When I think of Elsternwick Shule, the phrase "family feel" immediately comes to mind. You see, our community isn't just a congregation; it's a family. Over these 25 years, we've laughed together, cried together and celebrated together. We also don't mind the occasional whiskey or 2 or 3.

But here's the thing - in our community, even the moments of slight inebriation are filled with laughter and warmth. You have embraced me and I feel such a sense of belonging at this amazing congregation. That's what makes this place so special.

There have been many memorable moments throughout the journey:

- Being part of the search committee for a new Rabbi following Rabbi Gutnick's departure
- Losing my voice on Erev Rosh Hashana
- Hanging around with the chevra after Musaf on Yom Kippur until Mincha
- Covid minyanim - they were quick!!
- Outlasting 5 Rabbis!
- My walks home with Rav Mark
- Being honoured as Chatan Torah and the marvellous lunch that followed..

Over the years, I've seen this community grow, evolve, and become a true beacon of love and togetherness. Each one of you has contributed to the tapestry of our congregation, and I couldn't be prouder to be involved. Particular thanks to Robbie Wyner who has been with me throughout the journey. As well as Les Sheffield, Sam Laser, Mark Kras, Lorraine Fantl, Helen Silberg, Brian Winthrope, Elan Jacobs, David Bernshaw...etc etc etc and of course Louise and my boys for supporting me getting here all of these years.

So, let's raise a glass to 25 years of shared joy, laughter and song. Thank you for being my extended family, and here's to the many more harmonious years ahead. L'chaim!

MAZAL TOV to:

Mushky & Pesachya Adelst on the birth of their son.

Mazal tov to his grandparents: Naomi & Moishe Adelst and Talya & R' Yehuda Straiton (Sydney)

Mazal tov to his great grandmothers: Jeanette Gutman (Sydney) and Ellen Straiton (South Africa)

Happy Birthday:

Perry Arber, Eitan Cher, Yaniv Cohen, Julie Epstein, Alex Friedman, Gary Herz, Ezra Joel (HBD), Benjy Levy, Nathan Pyke (HBD), Shira Rosenblum, Ely Schachna (HBD), Yael Schmidt

Wedding Anniversaries:

Ricki & Harry Mainzer

If you have an occasion or milestone event that you would like to be mentioned in Mizrachi Matters, please email it to office@mizrachi.com.au by 9:00am on Thursdays.

FROM OUR COMMUNITY

NEW APPOINTMENT TO THE SUPREME COURT

Mizrachi extends a hearty Mazal tov to Ian Waller KC on his appointment as a Judge of the Supreme Court of Victoria.

Justice Waller has had a distinguished career in law, having signed the Bar Roll in 1989 and achieving the status of Silk in 2007. In his expansive career as a barrister, he developed a broad commercial practice, showcasing expertise in areas such as corporations law, trade practices, contract, trusts, property, professional negligence and contempt of court. He also has experience in class actions and environmental law litigation.

Justice Waller has been a member of the Victorian Legal Admissions Committee since 2008 and served on the Ethics Committee of the Victorian Bar.



TEN SHORT IDEAS FOR ROSH HASHANAH & YOM KIPPUR

As we approach Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and the start of the Jewish year, here are ten short ideas written by Rabbi Sacks to help us to focus our davening and ensure we have a meaningful and transformative experience.

Number one. Life is short. However much life expectancy has risen, we will not, in one lifetime, be able to achieve everything we might wish to achieve. This life is all we have. So the question is: How shall we use it well?

Number two. Life itself, every breath we take, is the gift of God. Life is not something we may take for granted. If we do, we will fail to celebrate it. Yes, we believe in life after death, but it is in life before death that we truly find human greatness.

Number three. We are free. Judaism is the religion of the free human being freely responding to the God of freedom. We are not in the grip of sin. The very fact that we can do teshuvah, that we can act differently tomorrow than we did yesterday, tells us we are free.

Number four. Life is meaningful. We are not mere accidents of matter, generated by a universe that came into being for no reason and will one day, for no reason, cease to be. We are here because there is something we must do; to be God's partners in the work of creation, bringing the world that is closer to the world that ought to be.

Number five. Life is not easy. Judaism does not see the world through rose-tinted lenses. The world we live in is not the world as it ought to be. That is why, despite every temptation, Judaism has never been able to say the messianic age has come, even though we await it daily.

Number six. Life may be hard, but it can still be sweet. Jews have never needed wealth to be rich, or power to be strong. To be a Jew is to live for the simple things: love, family, community. Life is sweet when touched by the Divine.

Number seven. Our life is the single greatest work of art we will ever make. On the *Yamim Noraim*, we step back from our life like an artist stepping back from their canvas, seeing what needs changing for the painting to be complete.

Number eight. We are what we are because of those who came before us. We are each a letter in God's book of life. We do not start with nothing. We have inherited wealth, not material but spiritual. We are heirs to our ancestors' greatness.

Number nine. We are heirs to another kind of greatness: to Torah and the Jewish way of life. Judaism asks great things of us and by doing so makes us great. We walk as tall as the ideals for which we live, and though we may fall short time and again, the *Yamim Noraim* allow us to begin anew.

And number ten. The sound of heartfelt prayer, together with the piercing sound of the shofar, tell us that that is all life is - a mere breath - yet breath is nothing less than the spirit of God within us. **We are dust of the earth but within us is the breath of God.**

So, if you can remember any of these ideas, or even just one, I hope it will help you to have an even more meaningful experience over Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

The Rabbi Sacks Legacy Trust would like to wish you and your families a *ketivah v'chatima tova*. May we, and all of *Am Yisrael*, be written in the Book of Life for a year of blessing, fulfilment and peace.

Shana tova u'metukah to you all.



From the Gush - Rav Moshe Taragin Rosh Hashana - The State of God in Our World – 2023

"All of humanity pass before You as sheep.. ". On Rosh Hashanah, God reviews all human behavior, scrutinizes our inner hearts, and determines our fate for the coming year. On this solemn Day of Judgement, we also celebrate Divine sovereignty. The shofar blast recalls historical milestones: creation, the binding of Isaac, Jewish selection, Sinai, and, of course, the Messianic endpoint of history. Rosh Hashanah is both a somber day of judgement, but also a celebration of Divine majesty and religious glory.

God is infinite and omnipresent, but His "status" on our planet, is dependent upon human decisions and the fluctuations of history. By vesting humans with free will, God abdicated control of His presence in this world, delivering to humans the opportunity to bolster or undermine that presence. Our historical Jewish mission is to draw God into our world, speak in His name, and hoist humanity to higher ground. Rosh Hashanah is the grand day of divine authority, human free will, and Jewish destiny.

On this day of gravitas, with both trepidation and anticipation, we look toward the future and pray for prosperity and success. We dream of augmenting God, and moral spirit in this world. But we also look back upon the previous year: Which events over the past year have enhanced the presence of God in our world, and which events have diminished His presence? As the New Year commences, what is the "state of God" in our world?

War and Peace

The ongoing Russian invasion of the Ukraine has taken hundreds of thousands of lives, while also reviving dormant Cold war-era tensions. Worried about potential future wars, many European countries have undergone rapid weaponization, while other superpowers such as China are forging dangerous new alliances in pursuit of regional influence. Often, the world doesn't realize that it is on a path to war and doesn't hear the drumbeats of war until it is too late. We are closer to large scale hostilities than at any point in the past thirty years. There is nothing romantic about war and it doesn't represent the will of God who desires peace and accord between His creatures. We pray that the world shifts back toward amity and away from armed confrontation.

AI

We thought that the information revolution of the past 30 years, including the emergence of the internet and social media were the transformative revolutions of our generation. Little did we know that these events were merely the warm-up show to the main event- the emergence of Artificial Intelligence. The power to create machines that can mimic human intelligence, learn from data, and make decisions will radically alter our workplace, our culture and our fundamental definition of human identity. AI has been evolving for years, but this past year's debut of chatbots brought this revolution to the forefront.

We know that AI will influence religious thinking, we just don't know how. The past track record of the religious impact of scientific revolutions isn't great. Galileo's 17th century announcement that the Earth didn't stand at the center the universe shook the foundations of religious belief. Darwin's 19th century discovery of the evolution of species turned the world turned the world away from belief in a G-d who created the world.

Though many religious people instinctively assume that technology erodes religious belief, it is inaccurate and dangerous to villainize technology as an enemy of religion. This pessimistic

view can become self-fulfilling prophecy. Is it possible that AI will enhance religious practice? Is it possible that it will make religious texts more accessible, allowing us to explore faith more deeply? Is it possible that AI will liberate us from tedious labor affording us greater time and resources for religious pursuits? Of course, it is also entirely possible that AI will challenge traditional ideas of soul and human immortality throwing into question fundamentals of belief.

It is impossible to know how this technology will evolve but religious people better pay close attention. We are taking a blind leap into the great unknown. We trust that religion is durable enough and eternal enough to outlast any human innovations. We just need to find the answers.

A Polarized and Angry world

Our world is sharply polarized. Society has become radically split along politics, cultural, ethnic, economic and gender lines. Echo chambers amplify pre-existing biases reaffirming our own narrow beliefs. Growing anxiety, as well as dissolving trust in public institutions encourage us to adopt "safe positions" rather than consider opposing viewpoints. Our world has become angrier, overconfident, and full of rage. This world of rage doesn't reflect a compassionate and caring God. Let us pray that the world becomes more calm and more caring. That would be a more Godlike world.

Social discord in Israel

Israeli society has been fractured by public strife surrounding the proposed judicial reforms. This controversial issue has evoked darker divisions which, in the past, were suppressed by the larger issue of national security. The year of social discontent has highlighted the numerous fault lines of Israeli society. To survive, Israel must learn to better bridge between religious and secular, between Ashkenazim and Sephardim, between the wealthy elite and the common average-income citizenry, between universalists and nationalists and between those who adopt progressive politics and those who adhere to conservative models. We lazily refer to all these numerous divisions as "left" and "right" but these schisms do not always overlap and they are far more nuanced than simple stereotypical labels suggest. We could all gain by erasing the terms "left" and "right" from our vocabulary.

A horrific and roundly condemned statement by a pro-reform activist demonstrated how far we have fallen and how much of our common narrative we are losing. Frustrated by what he perceived as Ashkenazi-led anti-reform protests he expressed his wish that the Nazis had murdered more European Jews. Though it was later retracted I can't get that horror out of my imagination. For the past 75 years the Holocaust and our security struggle each provided a common narrative to unify our country. Evidently, those narratives are fraying and in the absence of any common narrative we are becoming fractured by our differences.

We are the people of G-d, meant to teach the world that He is a One God, responsible for everything. When we behave as "one" people we better reflect His oneness. When we are badly splintered, we less reflect his Oneness. Social strife in the land of Israel isn't merely a social problem, it is a theological defect.

Unfortunately, the social discord has alienated many secular Israelis from religion. Perhaps religious identification has increased in some sectors, but many secular Israelis have become more alienated. Regardless of who is to blame, this is painful development and religious people must take accountability for any decline of religion and faith.

My revered mentor, Rabbi Aharon Lichtenstein often cited a Talmudic passage cautioning a father against physically hitting his adolescent son, given the likelihood that the son would retaliate, strike the father and violate a sin. Though a father is instructed to discipline his child, he must also factor in the consequences of his son's reactions. Whether religious people are right or wrong is inconsequential. We have a lot of ground to make up.

Finally, the social strife has altered international perception of our state. It has emboldened our enemies who view this instability as a moment of weakness and an opportunity to attack us God forbid. The social strife has also diminished the allure of the state of Israel in the international arena. Over the past 30 years Israel has experienced phenomenal success in almost every sector of national interest. This led to a surge of respect for our country and its people. This surge culminated in the Isaac accords which were not adopted primarily as a gesture of peace but out of surging interest among our neighbors to align with our country and its successes.

As we are God's people, when our allure rises God's presence similarly rises. Let us pray to find a way to construct bridges, and to restore our national unity. Let us hope that we continue to draw admiration from the international community, as they realize that it pays to align with the people of God.

Rosh Hashana - Baalei Tefilla

		Beit Yehuda	Beit Haroeh	Kehillat Ohr David
Night	דבר תורה	Rabbi Dr. Alan Kimche	~	~
	מעריב	Simon Weinstein	David Fisher	Jake Begleiter
Day	פסוקי דמרא	Robbie Nossbaum	David Greenberger	Noah Epstein
	שחרית	Daniel Lowinger	Benji Jones	Gabe Casper
	קריאת התורה	Adin Goldstein	David Lindell	~
	בעל תוקע	~	~	~
	דבר תורה	Rabbi Dr. Alan Kimche	Reb Leor Broh	Rabbi Chezy Deren
	מקריא	~	~	~
	מוסף	Adin Goldstein	Daniel Adler	Benji Jones
	מנחה	Jeremy Gold	~	~
Night	דבר תורה	Rabbi James Kennard	~	~
	מעריב	Sam Tataraka	Allan Garfield	Aron Rubinstein
Day	פסוקי דמרא	Avi Gilboa	TBC	Simeon Rubin
	שחרית	Yonatan Tolub	Ashley Tugendhaft	David Smith
	קריאת התורה	Geoffrey Bloch	David Lindell	~
	דבר תורה	Reb Leor Broh	Rabbi Dr. Alan Kimche	~
	בעל תוקע	David Lindell	Michael Gordon	Alon Esterman
	מקריא	Reb Leor Broh	Rabbi Dr. Alan Kimche	Rabbi Jonny Brull
	מוסף	David Brykman	Lawrence Cher	Adin Goldstein
	מנחה	Adin Goldstein	~	~
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ROSH HASHANAH

oct
7

SIMCHAT TORAH
ADULTS SUPPER,
KOD DINNER,
BNEI AKIVA ANNUAL
DINNER

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YOM KIPPUR

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WOMENS' FORUM
MIZKIDS MORNING TEA &
LUNCH
BY/BH CHATTANIM LUNCH
KOD CHATTANIM LUNCH

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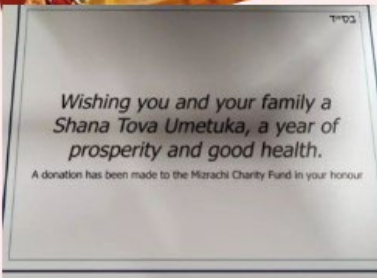
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RIVI FRENKEL * קום והתהלך בארץ
TOURING THROUGH THE LAND

ROMI ISRAELSOHN * FINDING FAITH THROUGH TRAUMA

In the Midrasha at 10.45am Followed by Morning Tea



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REBBETZIN VIA KIMCHE

Via Judith Kimche was born and raised in Post Holocaust Amsterdam in Holland. There she played an active role in Bnei Akiva, filling many leadership positions. After finishing high school, she completed 3 years of Post High School Jewish studies (Beis Yakov and Michlala) as well as earning a BSc in Psychology, Education and Womens' Studies. She holds an Advanced Diploma in Childbirth Education, as well as an Advanced Diploma in CBT Life coaching with EFT skills. She is a Kallah Teacher, Guidance counsellor, Doula as well as Parent Educator. She has taught Torah for over 40 years in a variety of settings. Together with her husband, Rabbi Alan Kimche, they built a wonderful, Modern and Orthodox community in North West London, Ner Yisrael, which they led for 35 years, prior to making Aliya.

Rebbetzin Kimche is the Rebbetzin of the Mizrachi Kehilla.





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RIVI FRENKEL

Born in Canada and raised in New Jersey, Rivi moved to Israel in 2006. With more than 15 years of experience working in informal and experiential education, Rivi has run successful programs throughout the U.S., Canada, Russia, and Israel. Licensed as a tour guide through the Ministry of Tourism, she has guided a variety of groups including Birthright, NCSY, J-Internships, BBYO, JWRP, and a number of seminars and gap year programs. She also works with private individuals and families of all sizes.



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ROMI ISRAELSOHN

In my professional capacity I am a paediatric Speech & Language pathologist but.. In 2020, at 34 years old with an 18 month old child I was told I had cancer and in order to live would need to have a radical hysterectomy. In one split second my life changed drastically. Since then, I have had my halachically Jewish second child via ivf and surrogacy. I speak openly, candidly and honestly about all things cancer, infertility, ivf, surrogacy and unconditional faith in Hashem. I also volunteer, helping those who have suffered in silence for years have children in unconventional ways.

