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CHAI LIGHTS NEWSLETTER

Congregation Chaverim

September Mitzvah of the Month:

Hearing the Call of the Shofar



Called to the Shofar by Chaia Heller

RABBI'S MESSAGE

The Mitzvah of Hearing the Call of the Shofar

The sound of the shofar is a simple sound, a sound without words, a sound which comes from the depths of the heart, from its innermost essence. It is a sound which transcends ordinary wisdom and knowledge. For this reason, on Rosh HaShanah, we read a psalm in which we ask G-d not to listen—l'kol—to my voice, but to 'listen to what is—b'kol—in my voice.'—not to the words, but to the sound of the words and the feelings expressed within them. Likutei Torah 54B

Tekia: the shofar is a blast from the past; a boost into the future; a cry in the dark; a "whisper at midnight." Shevarim: the call of the shofar is the sound of shattering; hearts broken open; the shudder of regret. Terua: the shofar cries and whimpers and wails; the shofar gasps and groans. The call of the shofar is that of a sudden shout in a quiet, quiet place of the heart. The call of the shofar is the sound of an ache in the soul....and yet, and yet, the shofar is the eager call of return; a turning and returning to who we are; who we are truly meant to be. It is the "joy and celebration of Rosh HaShanah, which is called v'gilu b'ro'adah, celebration wrapped in trembling."

"Who ARE you who come here," the shofar might seem to ask. Or more rudely and boldly: who are you and what do you want? I am walking the path of the Baal Shem. I want to "pray like a pauper—suspending all my sophistication, literacy, and intelligence. I want to stand vulnerable, with no layers, with my essence exposed before Your Essence. I want to stand innocent like a child. Then I might reach and see Your Essence."

Reb Nachman of Bratslav



taught: there is nothing as whole as a broken heart. Over one hundred years later, Rabbi Shimon Jacobson extended his teaching, writing, "Why is a broken wall the holiest place for Jews? Why do Jews stand and pray at a broken wall when there are such beautiful edifices around? Because Jews know that this isn't a perfect world. The reality is that the world is a broken place—it's a broken place full of broken people whose job is to mend what is broken."

During these Days of Awe, dare to stand before the Holy One of Being and Blessing, dare to cry out your own brokenness; to exclaim: these are the clefts where your heart is broken. Have the courage to yell from the deepest places in your n'shamah: We are hurting; we are broken; renew and restore us; re-enliven us; revive us; recharge us. Remember us for life, O Source of Life, inscribe us in the Book of Life, for Your sake, O G-d of Life!



Beit Tefillah - House of Prayer

Friday, September 2:

Tot-to-Ten Early Shabbat Services
at 6:00 p.m.

Labor Day Shabbat Services
at 7:00 p.m.

Guest D'var Torah Paul Rubin, past president of Chaverim and long-time Chaverimnik, will speak on Jews of the Labor Movements: Some of our Heroes and Sheroes

Friday, September 9:

Special Shabbat Services
Community Shabbat Dinner with Chaverimniks and other synagogues at the JCC
See Beit Kehillah (page 15)

Friday, September 16

Shabbat Services
at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 17

Torah Study
at 9:00 a.m.
Meditative Chant Shabbat Services
at 10:00 a.m.

Friday, September 30

Shabbat Shuvah Services
at 7:00 p.m.



Tree of Life Awakening to El Shaddai painting by Chaia Heller

CHILDREN'S BEIT MIDRASH HOUSE OF STUDY

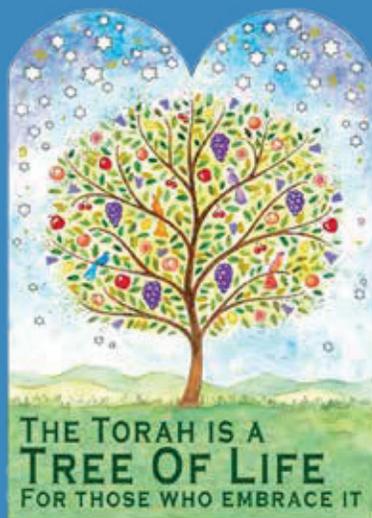
It's not too late to register and attend Beit Midrash and/or Hebrew School!

It's not too late!

Hebrew Classes:

All classes 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

September 12
September 19

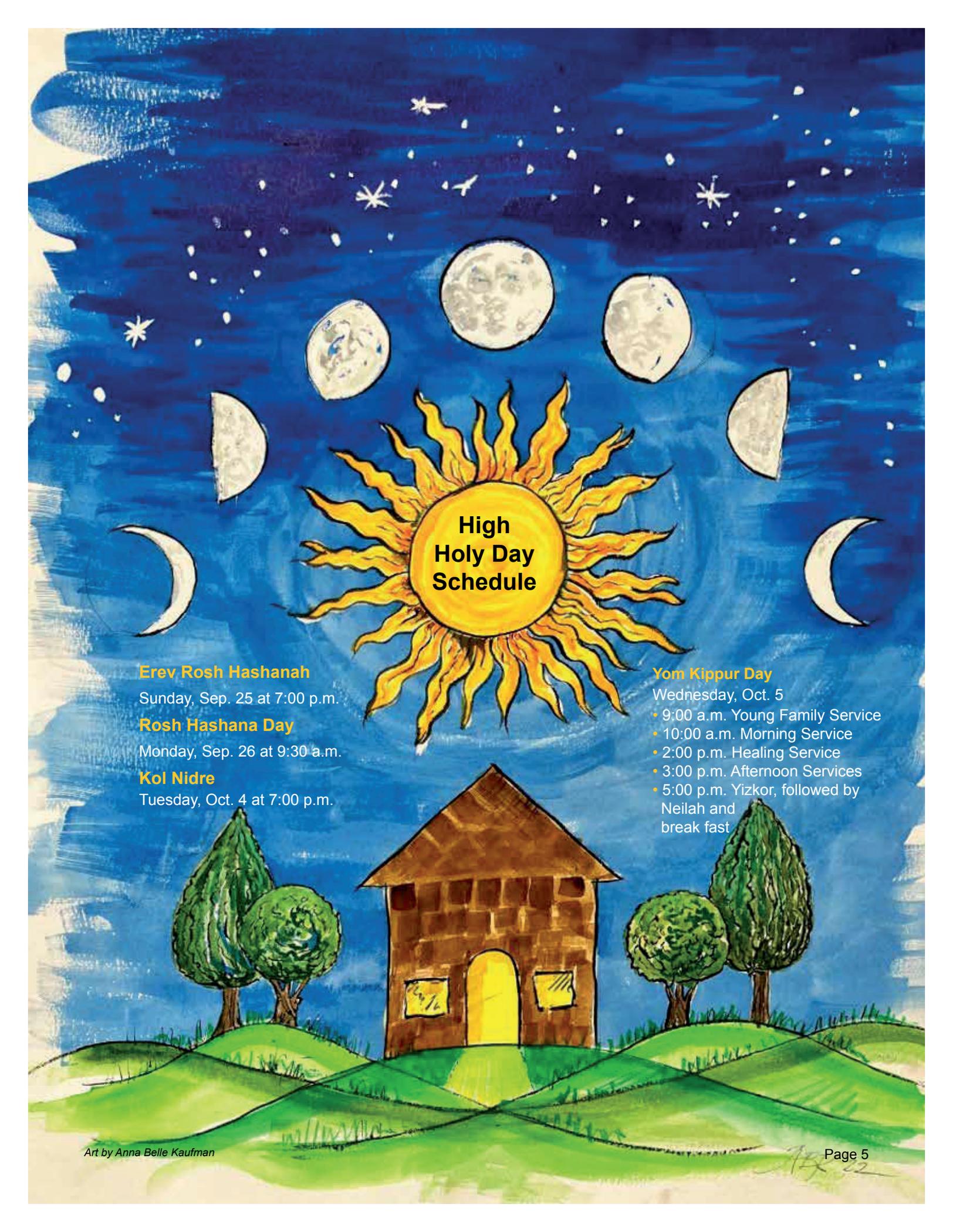


Beit Midrash Classes:

All classes 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

September 11
Class starts 10:00 a.m.
11:00 – 11:30 - All-school, all-Chaverim
Remembrance Observance of 9/11

September 25



High Holy Day Schedule

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Sunday, Sep. 25 at 7:00 p.m.

Rosh Hashana Day

Monday, Sep. 26 at 9:30 a.m.

Kol Nidre

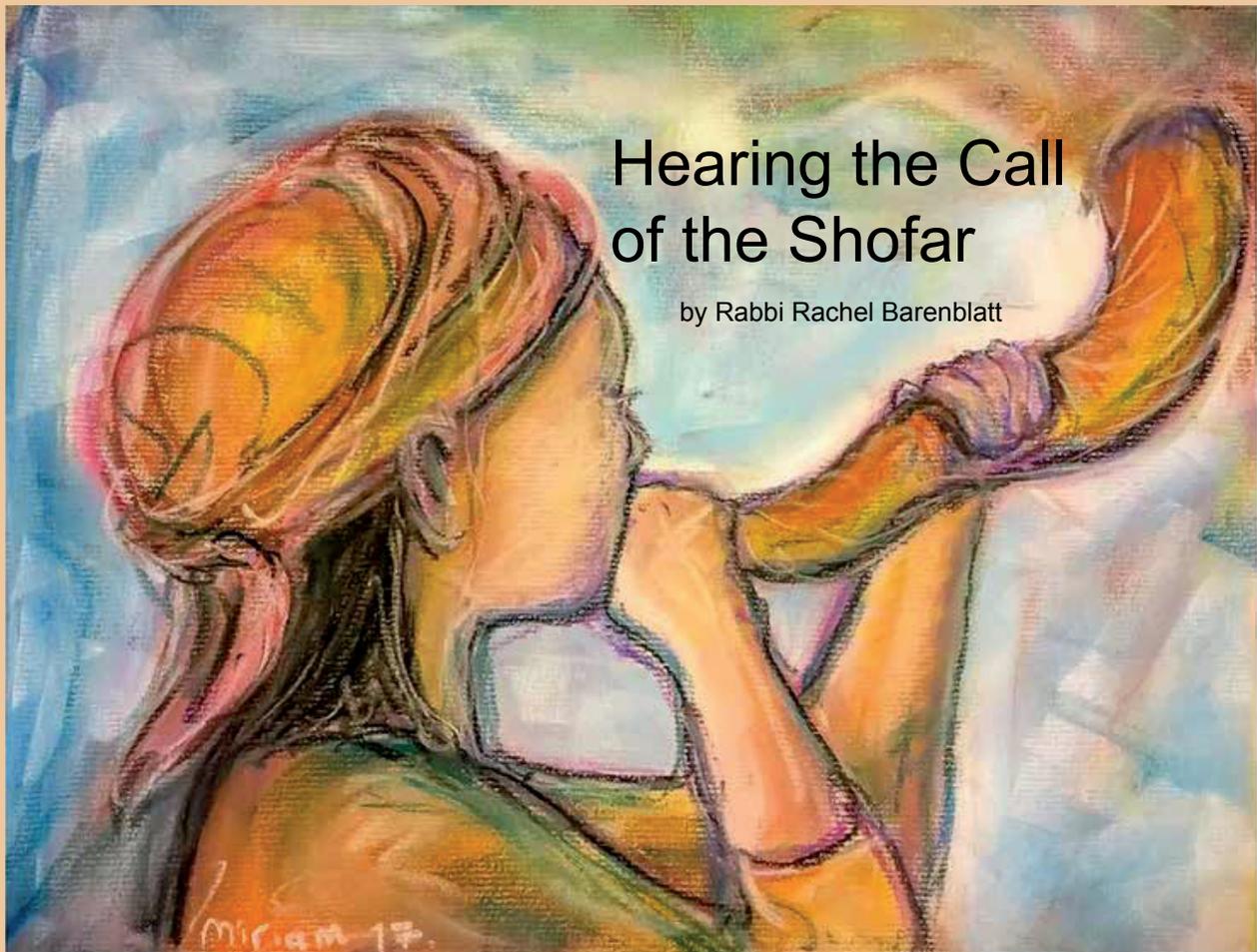
Tuesday, Oct. 4 at 7:00 p.m.

Yom Kippur Day

Wednesday, Oct. 5

- 9:00 a.m. Young Family Service
- 10:00 a.m. Morning Service
- 2:00 p.m. Healing Service
- 3:00 p.m. Afternoon Services
- 5:00 p.m. Yizkor, followed by Neilah and break fast

Poetry on the Bimah September 2022



Hearing the Call of the Shofar

by Rabbi Rachel Barenblatt

Call of the Shofar Mirriamleib

Malchuyot
What does it mean
to proclaim Your sovereignty?
Before the Big Bang, there was You.

We allowed habits to rule us,
Help us throw off that yoke
so our best selves may serve.

Help us surrender.
Help us fall to our knees,
find home in Your embrace.

Help us to be unashamed of yearning.
Strengthen our awe and our love
So our prayers will soar.

Zichronot
G-d, remember us—
our good intentions
and our tender hearts.

Remember our ancestors
asking forgiveness
with the wail of the ram's horn.

Today again we open ourselves
to the calls of the shofar
crying, sleepers, awake!

Help us shed old memories
that no longer serve
help us remember You.

Shofarot
The shofar reminds us
of the ram in the thicket.
Where are we ensnared?

It shatters complacency.
It wails with grief,
stutters with our inadequacy.

The shofar cries out
I was whole, I was broken,
I will be whole again.

Make shofars of us, G-d!
Make us resonating chambers
For Your love.

Pink faces (worlds or flowers or seas or stars)—
You all alike are patterned with hot bars

Of colored light; and, falling where I stand,
The sharp and rainbow splinters from the band

Seem fireworks, splinters of the Infinite
(Glitter of leaves the echoes) And the night

Will weld this dust of bright Infinity
To forms that we may touch and call and see:

Pink pyramids of faces: tulip trees
Spilling night perfumes on the terraces.

The music, blond airs waving like a sea,
Draws in its vortex of immensity

The new-awakened flower-strange hair and eyes
Of crowds beneath the floating summer skies.

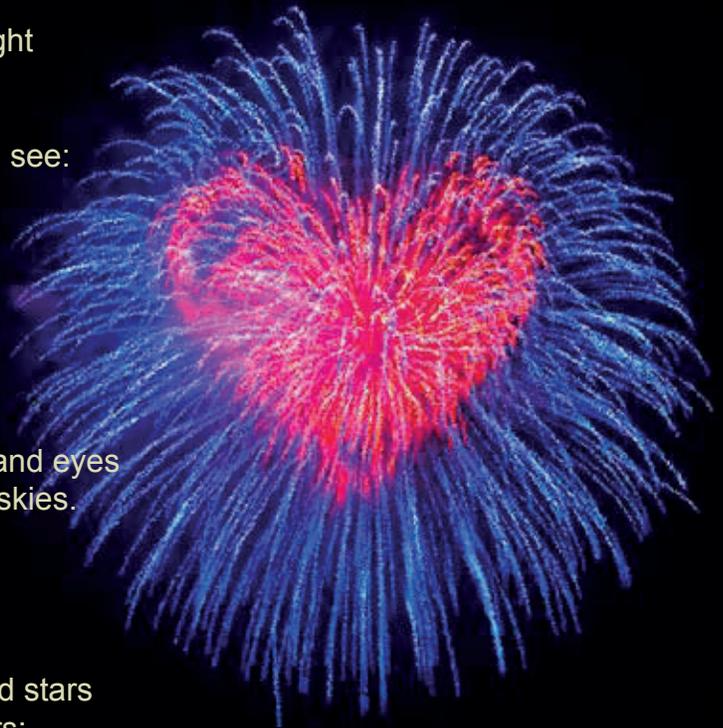
And against the silk pavilions of the sea
I watch the people move incessantly

Vibrating, petals blown from flowers-hued stars
Beneath the music-fireworks' waving bars;

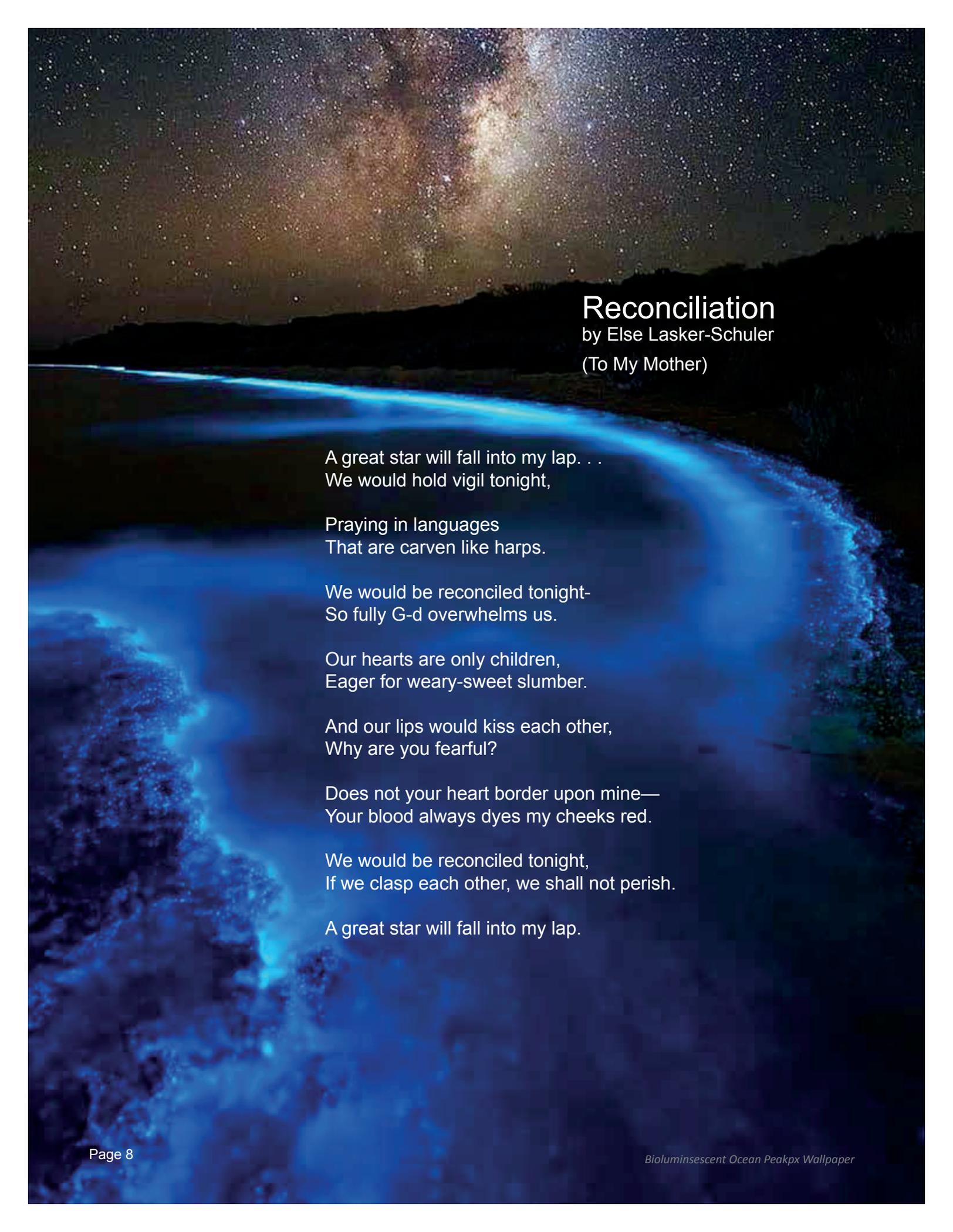
So all seems indivisible, at one:
The flow of hair, the flowers, the seas that run-

A colored floating music of the night
Through the pavilions of the Infinite.

Fireworks



By Dame Edith Sitwell

The background of the page is a composite image. The top half shows a dark night sky with the Milky Way galaxy visible as a bright, hazy band of stars. Below the sky is a dark silhouette of a mountain range. The bottom half of the image shows a glowing blue bioluminescent ocean peak, with the light reflecting on the water's surface.

Reconciliation

by Else Lasker-Schuler

(To My Mother)

A great star will fall into my lap. . .
We would hold vigil tonight,

Praying in languages
That are carven like harps.

We would be reconciled tonight—
So fully G-d overwhelms us.

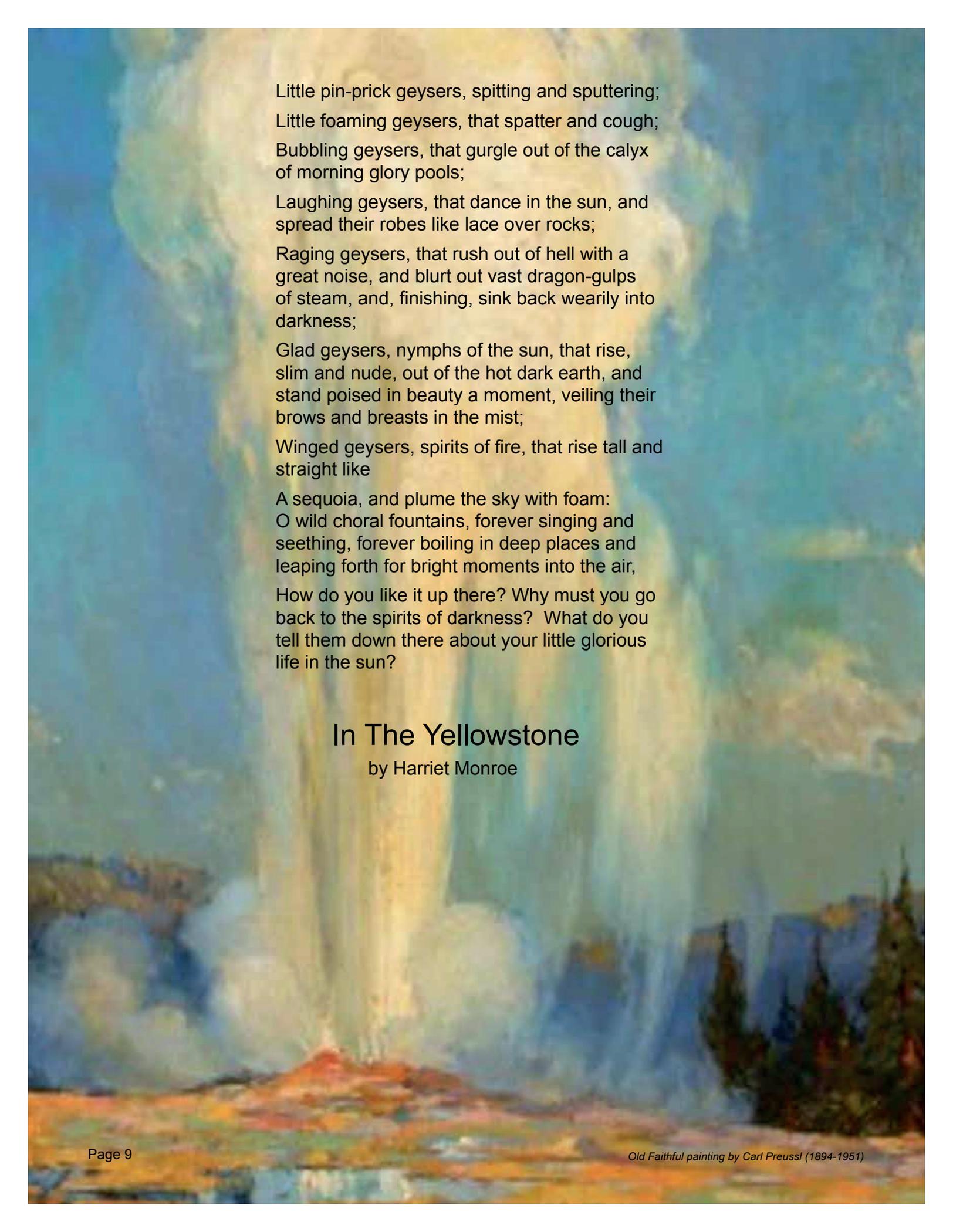
Our hearts are only children,
Eager for weary-sweet slumber.

And our lips would kiss each other,
Why are you fearful?

Does not your heart border upon mine—
Your blood always dyes my cheeks red.

We would be reconciled tonight,
If we clasp each other, we shall not perish.

A great star will fall into my lap.



Little pin-prick geysers, spitting and sputtering;
Little foaming geysers, that spatter and cough;
Bubbling geysers, that gurgle out of the calyx
of morning glory pools;

Laughing geysers, that dance in the sun, and
spread their robes like lace over rocks;

Raging geysers, that rush out of hell with a
great noise, and blurt out vast dragon-gulps
of steam, and, finishing, sink back wearily into
darkness;

Glad geysers, nymphs of the sun, that rise,
slim and nude, out of the hot dark earth, and
stand poised in beauty a moment, veiling their
brows and breasts in the mist;

Winged geysers, spirits of fire, that rise tall and
straight like

A sequoia, and plume the sky with foam:
O wild choral fountains, forever singing and
seething, forever boiling in deep places and
leaping forth for bright moments into the air,

How do you like it up there? Why must you go
back to the spirits of darkness? What do you
tell them down there about your little glorious
life in the sun?

In The Yellowstone

by Harriet Monroe

Shomrei HaAdamah Keepers, Guardians of the Earth

Tucson is Blocking Plastic Waste for Good!

Finally, there's a place to put all that plastic that's not supposed to go in the Blue Bin! Tucson's **Plastic Waste Diversion Pilot Program** removes the complexity of plastic waste and puts you in control of keeping plastic out of our landfills, streets, and oceans.

The plastic waste collected will be repurposed into ByBlocks - a 100% repurposed building material made entirely of non-recyclable plastic waste that will be used throughout the city for all to enjoy. No cleaning. No sorting. No pre-processing.

Now when you're in doubt, you don't have to throw it out!



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How it Works!

1. Pick up a starter kit at **Ward 6** anytime during office hours for the duration of the pilot. The starter kit contains 10 bags.
2. Sign up online and take the **Tucson Pledge to End Plastic Waste**. Check the notification box if you would like to receive progress updates and a final report at the end of the pilot. Signing up will also allow you to track the number of bags you dropped, which will automatically enter you to win a ByFusion ByBud! Star
3. Fill up your bag with all your non-recyclable plastic waste.
4. Drop off the bag in the roll-off container located at the **Ward 6 Council Office marked PLASTIC ONLY**.
5. The City picks up the full container and transports it to Tank's Fairfax, where the bags are prepped for shipment to ByFusion to be made into ByBlocks.
6. Once the ByBlocks are made, they will be returned to Tucson to be used in local neighborhood construction projects!

Goals of the Pilot

1. **500 Residents** signed up to take the Pledge to End Plastic Waste
2. Divert a minimum of **20 tons** of landfill-bound non-recyclable plastic waste.

Pilot Duration

Aug 1 - Dec 30, 2022

Drop-off Location

Ward 6 Council Office
3202 E 1st St
Tucson, AZ 85716



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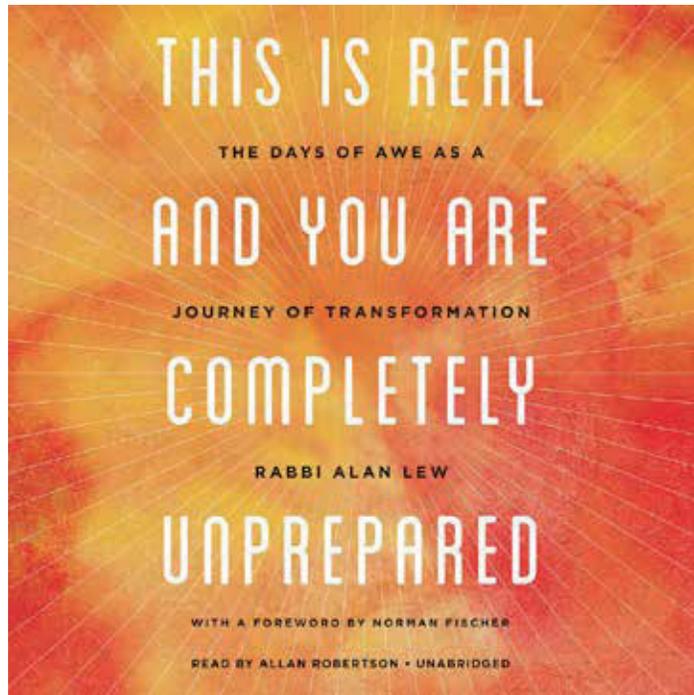
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A Century of Jewish Books Book Club



Please join me and our amazing "A Century of Jewish Books" Book Club for a spirited preparation for the High Holy Days!

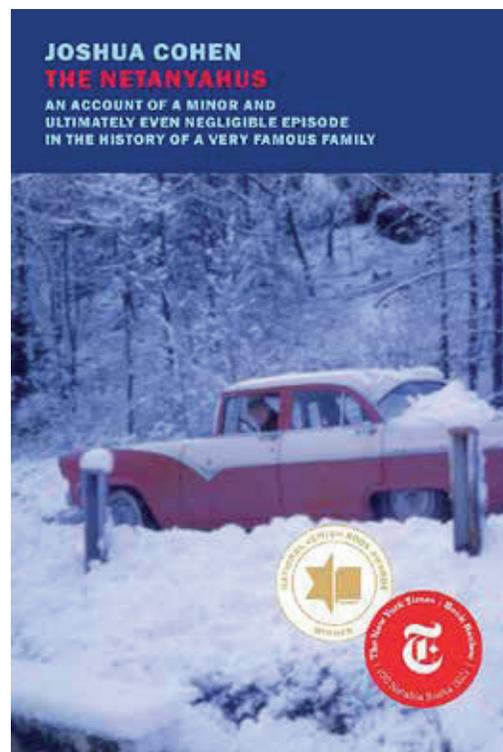
~ Rabbi Aaron

Wednesday
September 14, 2022
at 6:45 p.m.

Join the lively discussion in person and on Zoom!

The Netanahus: An Account of a Minor and Ultimately Even Negligible Episode in the History of a Very Famous Family mixes fiction and non-fiction with a humorous result.

Wednesday
October 12, 2022
at 6:45 p.m.



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Tucson Community Shabbat Dinner

All are welcome! Our community is stronger when we gather together in celebration, in prayer, and in song, and when we make motzi together

To register, email admin@chaverim.net for link!

Friday, September 9, 2022 | 13 Elul 5782
6-9pm | At the Tucson J
\$18 adults; \$9 children 12 and under

6pm Doors open + candle lighting

6:15pm Minyanim led by the various synagogues throughout the building

7:30pm Communal Shabbat Dinner*
(vegan option available)
*Tentatively scheduled for outdoors

To register, email admin@chaverim.net for link!

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- 30 Cynthia Busby

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Barney and Kyra Padden Holtzman	September 2
David and Jill Kagan Putt	September 3
Gennady and Leilani Sare	September 4
Kathy Gerst and Brian Hunter	September 6
Randy Emerson and Bonnie Sedlmayr-Emerson	September 9
Ilana Addis and John O'Dowd	September 24

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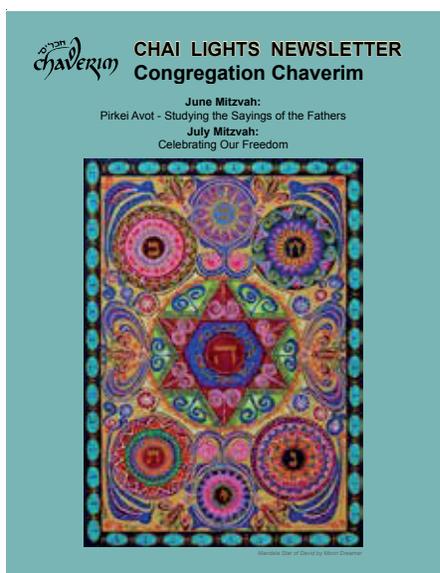
Sasha Emerson	September 8, 2014
Vivienne Rosen	September 24, 2013
Phoenix Greeney	September 25, 2013

House of Blessed Memory Beit Olam

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Shirley Jeanine Sullivan,
Mother of Peter Sullivan,
Mother-in-Law of Ari Ginsburg
May she rest in shalom.

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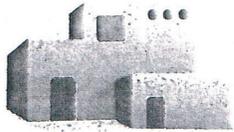
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against escapism, resignation or the
blind acceptance of fate. Judaism is a
sustained struggle ... against the world
that is, in the name of the world that
could be, should be, but is not yet.*

~ Lord Rabbi
Jonathan Sacks, z"l

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