

# A GUIDE FOR THE NEW YEAR

2021/5782



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# INTRODUCTION

**SHANA TOVA!**

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Traditionally, we would have packets at our seats with readings, information about opportunities to volunteer as well as learning and giving opportunities. This booklet is your seat packet. It's all here!

This year, Rabbi Werbow has provided reflection pieces especially for this Holiday collection. You will find essays, poems and more on a variety of topics relevant to the ימים נוראים – the Days of Awe. You are invited to read, ponder, and discuss.

You will also find “ads” with information on how you can join and participate in a wide variety of groups and activities in the coming year. Also included is the complete schedule for the High Holidays and information about Sukkot and fall Holidays.

The High Holidays would not be complete without opportunities for tzedakah, and ways to give are also in this booklet. The Social Action Committee will conduct its annual Kol Nidre evening Empty Your Pockets collection. Many in the congregation wait until Kol Nidre to make their Annual Appeal pledge. Pledge cards will be available at services, but you can also make your pledge on the TI website or by emailing [delanie@tifereth-israel.org](mailto:delanie@tifereth-israel.org).



Delanie Ostrow  
*Communications & Development Specialist*

# A NOTE FROM RABBI WERBOW

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Shalom Chaveirim,

5782 is here and TI is ready to welcome it with anticipation. While we still face the uncertainty of Covid, and its implications for the daily and weekly routines of our congregation, we enter a new year as we always do: with hope!

The Rosh Hashanah experience expands what we normally do at our Shabbat or festival table. In addition to Kiddush and Hamotzi, we make a blessing over the apple and dip it in honey. As we eat it, we make a declaration: “May it be your will, God, to renew for us a good and sweet year.” This isn’t about the past but the future. We enter into the future with the hope that it will be a better, sweeter year.

There are other symbolic foods we eat as well and each one of them comes with a different declaration. And, you guessed it, each one looks, with hope, to the future. We eat spinach or beet leaves and declare: “May it be your will, God, that all the enemies who might beat us will retreat and we will beat a path to freedom.” We eat leeks, chives or scallions and declare: May it be your will, God, that our enemies be cut off.” We eat string beans and declare: “May it be your will, God, that our merits increase, that we be blessed with everything we need and that we share our blessing with others.”

These are just a few of the different symbolic foods we eat, and desires we have for the new year.

You can find many more that are traditional as well as some more modern ones (like raisins so we will have a raise in salary).

Now is the time for us to think about what hopes we have for the year ahead. Just because things are not rosy now, doesn't mean we can't dream big and have hopes of what we might find in 5782.

Melissa and I (as well as Maya, Lev and Asher) wish you a 5782 where your personal, congregational, communal and worldly hopes are realized.

L'Shanah Tovah U'metukah,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael Werbow". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and connected.

Rabbi Michael Werbow

# FROM *THE CHOSEN*

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By Chaim Potok

Human beings do not live forever.

We live less than the time it takes to blink an eye, if we measure our lives against eternity.

So it may be asked what value is there to a human life?

There is so much pain in the world.

What does it mean to have to suffer so much if our lives are nothing more than the blink of an eye?

A blink of an eye is in itself nothing, but the eye that blinks, that is something.

A span of life is nothing, but the man who lives that span, he is something.

He can fill that tiny span with meaning, so its quality is immeasurable though its quantity may be insignificant.

A man must fill his life with meaning, meaning is not automatically given to life, it is hard work to fill one's life with meaning.

That, my son, I do not think you understand yet.

A life full of meaning is worthy of rest.

I want to be worthy of rest when I am no longer here.

# *A BENEDICTION FOR THE HIGH HOLY DAYS*

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**By Rabbi Paul Kipnes**

With resounding hope,  
We pray that this beginning of Jewish New Year 5782  
brings overflowing blessings  
of health and healing, compassion and communal warmth,  
refreshing kindness and constructive change.

And I pray:

May we all test positive on our driving tests,  
negative on our Covid tests,  
and live to endure innumerable challenges  
that will test our mettle and our morals  
for years to come.

May our loved ones push our buttons only delicately,  
even as their opinions push us  
beyond our comfort zones refreshingly,  
and may we all push ourselves to become  
the compassionate and just people  
we really ought to be.

May our blessing-counts be high,  
our debt burdens be low,

and our blood pressure fall  
in the only sweet-spot that counts -  
between not too high and not too low,  
especially when we get together  
with those family members.

May our bank accounts increase mathematically,  
as the virus ceases to multiply geometrically,  
and may we all do the math in such a way  
that everyone has sufficient  
food, shelter, safety, and healthcare,  
since God gave us an abundance intentionally  
for us to divide up equitably.

May we look up at the sun,  
And see its radiant light.  
May we look into our hearts  
And see our unvarnished truth.

May we stare into the eyes of those who seem different from us  
And see our blessed shared humanity.  
Then may we stare intently at the world  
And see all the places that we can begin to repair.  
May our hearts open to each other,  
especially to those we do not know,  
And those we don't like  
even as our souls open to the Source of All Life,  
who knows more  
than we'd like to be known.

And may we feel in our kishkes (that's our insides)  
the abundant blessings of the Holy One,  
as we say:

Adonai oz l'amo yitein, Adonai y'varech et amo vashalom.  
May god give strength unto our people,  
may god bless all people, everywhere, with peace.

## **GATES**

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**By R. Rachel Barenblat**

The gates are opening.  
A transition in time:  
notice and walk through.

Tonight we open ourselves  
to possibility, to becoming  
better than we were before.

Tonight we prepare  
to breathe into our changes  
and begin anew.

Tonight we turn from despair  
and open toward hope, even if  
we aren't certain, even if

we feel wobbly as fawns  
learning to bound  
across an open summer field.

Tonight we turn from inattention  
and open toward awe, even if  
we don't remember the way.

The gates are opening  
above a sapphire floor.  
God waits. Will we come in?

# TEKIAH

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## **From Congregation Beth Shalom, Northbrook, IL**

Let us cast away our misdeeds of wasted time,  
So that we will not squander our most limited resource.  
Tekiah.

Let us cast away our misdeeds of harshness,  
So that those we love will not be harmed by our words or deeds.  
Tekiah.

Let us cast away our misdeeds of selfishness,  
So that we share of ourselves to enrich ourselves and others.  
Tekiah.

Let us cast away our misdeeds of not trusting our friends  
and lovers,  
So that they will trust us in return.  
Tekiah.

Let us cast away our misdeeds of manipulation,  
So that we cherish instead of exploit.  
Tekiah.

Let us cast away our misdeeds of deception,  
So that we may be honest with each other, ourselves, and God.  
Tekiah.

Let us cast away our misdeeds of greed,  
So that we do not make others dependent on our over-reaching.  
Tekiah.

Let us cast away our misdeeds of indifference,  
So that we may respond to the needs of others.  
Tekiah.

Let us cast away our misdeeds of righteous posturing,  
So that our values speak louder than our rhetoric.  
Tekiah.

Let us cast away our misdeeds of indulging others' excesses,  
So that we earn and do not purchase their love and loyalty.  
Tekiah.

Let us cast away our misdeeds of ignoring God's call,  
So that our repentance next year is of deed, not of heart.  
Tekiah.

Let us cast away our misdeeds of dishonoring our tradition,  
So that we and others may be drawn closer to Torah.  
Tekiah.

Let us cast away our misdeeds of casting away purity and piety,  
So that we may live lives of goodness and Godliness.  
Tekiah Gedola!

# THE REAL HERO

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**Yehuda Amichai**

The real hero of the Isaac story was the ram,  
who didn't know about the conspiracy between the others.

As if he had volunteered to die instead of Isaac.

I want to sing a song in his memory—  
about his curly wool and his human eyes,  
about the horns that were silent on his living head,  
and how they made those horns into shofars when he was  
Slaughtered

to sound their battle cries  
or to blare out their obscene joy.

I want to remember the last frame  
like a photo in an elegant fashion magazine:  
the young man tanned and manicured in his jazzy suit  
and beside him the angel, dressed for a party  
in a long silk gown,  
both of them empty-eyed, looking  
at two empty places,

and behind them, like a colored backdrop, the ram,  
caught in the thicket before the slaughter.

The thicket was his last friend.

The angel went home.

Isaac went home.

The angel went home.

Isaac went home.

Abraham and God had gone long before.

But the real hero of the Isaac story  
was the ram.

## WRITE THE NEXT PAGE OF YOUR STORY

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**From The National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership**

As you celebrate this Rosh Hashanah, consider the following questions and help yourself write the next page in your story.

- Where do you most need a second chance in your life?  
And what are you willing to do in order to take advantage of it?
- From whom do you wish you could get a second chance?  
And how could you begin to let them know that is your desire?
- To whom are you willing to offer a second chance, and how will you do it?
- How will offering that second chance to someone else actually liberate you to be who you most want to be?

This High Holiday season, give yourself the second chance to which you are entitled, and try to do the same for others, and experience for yourself how much there is to celebrate in doing so.

# A MEDITATION

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**By Sam Hoffer**

As I pray for a year of life and blessing, may God grant me  
the humility to know that I am only one among many,  
the strength to make a difference for good,  
the tenderness of spirit to contribute to charity,  
the wisdom to embrace differences,  
the courage to confront evil,  
the insight to know that what I do affects others,  
the understanding to treasure the beauty and bounty of this world,  
the trust to have faith in the future,  
and the inspiration to give life meaning.

## CHARLES DARWIN

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"It is not the strongest of the species that survives, nor the most intelligent that survives. It is the one that is the most adaptable to change."

# LISTENING BEYOND WORDS

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**By Rabbi David Wolpe**

"Dear God open my lips and my mouth will offer your praises."

This is one of many prayers that asks for God's help in expression. Words are often inadequate to the fullness of our feeling. In a famous passage, Flaubert writes of Madame Bovary, whose speech is pedestrian but whose feelings overflow: "Human speech is like a cracked tin kettle, on which we hammer out tunes to make bears dance when we long to move the stars."

When we talk to each other we must listen to the currents that run underneath the words. Moses stumbled in speech, but not because his feelings were slight; Bilaam was fluent but not because his heart was great.

In infancy a cry is our only means of expression. As we grow, despite our deepening capacities we may still feel as though there are no words more stirring and pointed than that cry, holding in it the full sweep of need. We pray to God to open our lips because we are jammed and jumbled inside and there is so very much to say.

# High Holidays 5782

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & ACTIVITIES AT TIFERETH ISRAEL

Sat, Aug 28	10:00 pm	Havdalah & Selichot Service	Sun, Sep 12	11:00 am	Cemetery Service at Mt. Lebanon
Sun, Sep 5	9:00 am	Social Action Food Deliveries			<b><u>YOM KIPPUR</u></b>
	10:00 am	Goldberg Cleanup Day			
Mon, Sep 6	10:00 am	<b><u>ROSH HASHANA</u></b>	Wed, Sep 15		<b>EREV YOM KIPPUR</b>
		<b>EREV ROSH HASHANA</b>		6:30 pm	Wolman Mincha
	6:30 pm	Wolman Ma'ariv		6:45 pm	Wolman Kol Nidre Cherner Kol Nidre
Tue, Sep 7		<b>ROSH HASHANA DAY I</b>	Thu, Sep 16		<b>YOM KIPPUR DAY</b>
	9:00 am	Wolman Service Cherner Service		9:00 am	Wolman Service Cherner Service
	10:00 am	TI Tots Rosh Hashana		10:00 am	TI Tots Yom Kippur Yoga
	10:30 am	Children's Programming		10:30 am	Children's Programming
	4:30 pm	Tashlich in Rock Creek Park w/ BYO dinner picnic		~ noon	Wolman Yizkor (approx. time)
	6:30 pm	Mincha and Ma'ariv in Rock Creek Park		Mid-afternoon	Learning Sessions
				6:00 pm	Wolman Mincha
				7:00 pm	Wolman Neilah
Wed, Sep 8		<b>ROSH HASHANA DAY II</b>			
	9:00 am	Wolman Service			
	5:00 pm	TI Tots Tashlich			

*Register for services at [bit.ly/THhreg21](https://bit.ly/THhreg21)*



# SUKKOT

AT TIFERETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION

*Sun, Sep 19 at 10:30 am • TI Tots Sukkah Decoration*

## **TUE, SEP 21 | SUKKOT 1**

9:00 am • Festival Service\*

## **WED, SEP 22 | SUKKOT 2**

9:00 am • Festival Service\*

## **CHOL HAMOED**

Thu, Sep 23 at 4:00 pm • Werbow Sukkah Open House

Fri, Sep 24 at 6:30 pm • Uptown Shabbat\*

Sat, Sep 25 at 9:00 am • Shabbat Services & Reading  
of Kohelet\*

## **SUN, SEP 26 | CHOL HAMOED**

9:00 am • Chol Hamoed Service\*

12:15 pm • Kadima Pizza in the Hut (for 6-8th grade)

5:30 pm • Sushi in the Sukkah for TI Teens

7:30 pm • Politics & Beer in the Sukkah\*

## **MON, SEP 27 | HOSHANA RABAH**

7:30 am • Morning Service\*

## **TUE, SEP 28 | SHEMINI ATZERET**

9:00 am • Festival Service\*

~11:00 am • Yizkor Service\*

7:15 pm • Erev Simchat Torah Service\* & "Tour the Torah"

## **WED, SEP 29 | SIMCHAT TORAH**

9:00 am • Festival Service and Hakafot\*

4:30 pm • TI Tots Dance with the Torah

*\*In person and on Zoom*

Learn more at [bit.ly/fallchaggim21](https://bit.ly/fallchaggim21)

# A NOTE FROM THE INTERIM EDUCATION DIRECTOR, RABBI KELLEY GLUDT

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I can't imagine a better way to bring in the new year than being welcomed and embraced by the amazing Tifereth Israel community!

I have had the privilege of meeting a smattering of TI staff, lay leaders and congregants. It is abundantly clear that this congregation cares both for one another and the larger community, feels compelled to do good work in the world, thirsts for authentic Jewish expression, actively engages in our tradition, and pursues learning at all ages and stages.

I come to TI following a decade at an urban synagogue in Baltimore and six years at a shul in Tucson, Arizona. Both positions centered largely on lifelong learning and contributed to my passion for experiential education and relational learning. I hope to support all of TI's younger members as they find ways to rebuild their Jewish community after a year apart and to re-engage in active, hands-on and relevant Jewish learning.

This Rosh Hashanah when we blow the shofar, take some comfort in the fact that the ram's horn is the only Biblical instrument still used as part of our liturgy. In fact, modification of a shofar renders it unfit for use. This means that there is literally no debate

concerning a shofar's look or sound. The notes we hear today calling our souls to account is the exact same one heard by our foremothers and forefathers. As you celebrate this new year, remember that as different as it may look, our tradition continues to offer us this annual opportunity to find deep, abiding meaning in our lives and to celebrate our blessings.

Rob and Romi join me in wishing you all a happy, healthy and sweet new year and we all look forward to seeing you in 5782!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rabbi Kelley R. Gludt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'R'.

Rabbi Kelley Gludt

*Interim Education Director*



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EDUCATION MEANS TEACHING A CHILD TO BE CURIOUS, TO WONDER, TO REFLECT, TO ENQUIRE. THE CHILD WHO ASKS BECOMES A PARTNER IN THE LEARNING PROCESS, AN ACTIVE RECIPIENT. TO ASK IS TO GROW.

- RABBI JONATHAN SACKS



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# TI TOTS FALL '21 CALENDAR

## SEPTEMBER



7  
Virtual Rosh  
Hashanah



8  
Tashlich



16  
Yoga in the Park



19  
Sukkah Decorating



29  
Dance with the Torah

## OCTOBER



10  
Zoo Meet Up



15  
Kabbalat Shabbat



16  
Potluck Lunch

## NOVEMBER



6  
Tot Shabbat



14  
Hike



20  
Havdallah

## DECEMBER



5  
Hannukah Party



18  
Havdallah

# YOUTH & FAMILY FALL '21 CALENDAR

## SEPTEMBER

5

FAMILY:

HIGH HOLIDAY CLEANUP

23

TI TEEN:

NOSH & DROSH

26

KADIMA:

PIZZA IN THE HUT

TI TEEN:

SUSHI IN THE SUKKAH

## OCTOBER

1

YOUTH 7:

SEMINAR

3

YOUTH 4/5:

FOOD & FUN

YOUTH 6:

BNAI MITZVAH  
COMMUNITY BUILDING

10

KADIMA:

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

14

TI TEEN:

NOSH & DROSH

17

YOUTH 6:

BEING A PART  
OF A COMMUNITY

20

TI TEEN:

MONSTER GOLF

28

TI TEEN:

NOSH & DROSH

## NOVEMBER

7

YOUTH 4:

SIDDUR PARTY

11

TI TEEN:

NOSH & DROSH

13

YOUTH 6:

HAVDALAH & G-D TALK

14

KADIMA:

GAME DAY

## DECEMBER

5

FOR ALL:

HANNUKAH

EXTRAVAGANZA

KADIMA & TI TEEN:

MASTER CHEF

SUFGANIYA EDITION

YOUTH 6:

MITZVAH PROJECTS

9

TI TEEN:

NOSH & DROSH

12

YOUTH 4/5:

FOOD & FUN

19

YOUTH 6:

OPENING UP  
YOUR PARSHA

23

TI TEEN:

NOSH & DROSH



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## LULAV & ETROG ORDER & PICK UP TIMES:

Order at [bit.ly/tilulav21](https://bit.ly/tilulav21) by September 8 at 9:00 am

Pick up times:

Sunday, September 19 from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Monday, September 20 from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

THE TI SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO

# ADDRESS ISSUES OF RACIAL JUSTICE FROM A JEWISH PERSPECTIVE



*Please note: Dates are tentative  
check the [TI calendar](#) for updates*

**Weekly at TI on Friday evenings at 6 pm**  
Racial Justice Vigil

**October 9, 2021**

The Curse of Ham: An Exercise in Misinterpretation

**January 29, 2022**

Hebraic by Convenience:

The Use of the Torah as a Defense of Slavery in the USA

**February**

Jews Come in All Colors: Shabbat Panel Discussion

**April 16, or April 23, 2022**

Song of Songs (fiction based on Shir HaShirim)

**June 18, 2022**

Black by Convenience: Colorism in Eurocentric Culture



## LEARN ABOUT THE SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Our commitment to tikkun olam is a natural outgrowth of TI's progressive concern for both the local community and the broader world around us. At TI, tikkun olam means a hands-on approach and TI's Social Action Committee sponsors a wide spectrum of thriving projects.

Learn more: [bit.ly/TISocialAction](https://bit.ly/TISocialAction)



## EMPTY YOUR POCKETS

*Sponsored by the Social Action Committee*

**SUPPORT AFGHAN REFUGEES BY DONATING TO "HOMES NOT BORDERS"**

To Donate: [bit.ly/TIdonate21](https://bit.ly/TIdonate21)

*Reconnect. Re-engage. Recharge.*

Get to know your new friends this year at TI.

**Havdalah Potlucks**  
**Mishloach Manot**  
**Parsha in the Park**  
**and more!**

Have an idea for something you would like to see?

Email [timembership@tifereth-israel.org](mailto:timembership@tifereth-israel.org)



## LEARN ABOUT THE HELPING HANDS COMMITTEE & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

TI members support each other through life cycle events - births and deaths - as well as when members are ill, homebound or in need of a ride to services or a doctor. Assistance is organized by the Committee.

Need help? Want to offer help?  
Learn more at: [bit.ly/tihelpinghands](https://bit.ly/tihelpinghands)



# ADD YOUR VOICES TO OURS!



Kol Nashim (KN) - the voice of Women at TI - sponsors activities of interest to women: panel discussions, guest speakers, cooking classes, monthly book club, and more.

## Upcoming events :

- October** Members Connection Brunch
- November** Panel: Impact of the Pandemic on Families
- December** Stand-up Comedy!
- January** Annual Game Night
- Spring** Spring Out and About: Return to Glenstone
- Spring** KN Shabbat
- Monthly** Monthly Book Club (fiction and nonfiction)

Learn more at: [bit.ly/TIKolNashim](https://bit.ly/TIKolNashim)

# LEARN ABOUT GEVARIM



Gevaram offers programs and activities that enhance TI members' sense of community and appreciation for Judaism, as well as provide a variety of educational, social and cultural activities of particular interest to men, while also welcoming women to participate.

Learn more: [bit.ly/TIGevaram](https://bit.ly/TIGevaram)



## GREEN COMMITTEE

We help lead our community in caring for our Earth. Join us.

- Climate Action
- Greening our Building
- Rain Garden

For more information contact  
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# ACCESSIBILITY

We are committed to being a welcoming and inclusive community so that each individual can participate as fully as possible in the High Holidays.

We will be offering:

**Accessible Seating**  
**Assisted Listening Devices**  
**Large Print High Holiday Prayer Books**  
**Home Delivery of High Holiday Prayer Books**  
**Accessible Parking**

If you have accessibility needs,  
please contact [info@tifereth-israel.org](mailto:info@tifereth-israel.org).

## FUNERAL PRACTICES

At TI, just as we stand by each other in times of joy,  
we also provide support in times of sorrow.

**To learn more about:**

- The Funeral Practices Committee
  - Learning to do tahara
  - Becoming a shomer

Go to [bit.ly/TIFuneralPractices](https://bit.ly/TIFuneralPractices)



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