LEGAL CONTESTS are inherent and desirable features of the Jewish legal process... [It] accommodates dissent by the authorities of Jewish law and legitimates the conduct of the dissenters among them...

"Jewish law" is not found in any single position, but rather which all positions are represented, with their gradations of disagreement and shadings of controversy.

It is natural for us to fear that conflict in our age might bring us to a point of no return - a place where rapprochement forever eludes us...[but] we do not need to fear conflict, because our tradition has built into that conflict the process of honing understandings, and allowing multi-valent truths...

BRINGING MUSIC BACK TO THE HIGH HOLY DAYS

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With a Rosh HaShanah that begin the evening of Labour Day, HHD 2021 was a whirlwind around a moving target. The summer was week after week of uncertainty about Provincial re-opening plans. In August, we were optimistic that we would be able to live-stream from the Temple. The choir went to work quickly, dusting off our repertoire and learning how to use singing masks.

The HHD could not have been the same without our Choir’s gifts. My deepest thanks to David Rosner, Michael Simmons, and the vocalists. We may not have been able to gather as a whole community, but with your tireless efforts, we could share a precious slice of the "before times" that we miss so dearly.