

OR SHALOM SYNAGOGUE

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Message from the Rabbi

Dear Holy Community,

Approaching my fifth celebration of the High and Holy Days as rabbi of Or Shalom, I am gratified by the vitality of our community. The breadth of our practice and service newly includes a regular schedule of programs in the arts, weekly adult study, and new senior staff to coordinate the education of our children. This year, I look forward to the deepening of our twin commitments to spiritual development and social justice. We will foster Jewish meditation with our first meditation retreat, in late Fall, and food security, with a Spring pilot in which young adults with refined food interests create pop-up dinners for participants in neighbouring social service agency programs.

We are flourishing, and our challenges are problems of success – not enough space and resources to comfortably support our unfolding.

But there are more important things than success, and in evaluating our work together, I take to heart these words of Abraham Joshua Heschel: “I did not ask for success; I asked for wonder.” Indeed, the blessing I offer, this year, is that we achieve the higher attainment of reverence for the cosmic grandeur of which we are so privileged to be a part. May our ongoing collaborations be fueled by gratitude and promote harmony.

Shana Tova,
Rabbi Hannah



Message from the Chair

Dear friends,

I have never been traditionally observant, but since discovering the chevra on East 10th years ago, I've come to deeply value the practice of prayer-song and the striving to heal our world I found at Or Shalom.

Surely, my remaining cynicism dissipates at the sound of the Shofar on Rosh Hashanah. Each year our liturgy's images of a heavenly gate and courtroom trial, the great book of names, and stories of sorrow and joy remind me of the profound history that sustains us; and in the company of hundreds, singing as if with one voice, I know the possibility of transcendence, deep engagement, and a fleeting sense of the ineffable. So, I join you in eager anticipation of our collective gathering, the sight of familiar faces, the inspiration of our davening leaders and learned teachers, and the respite from everyday life we experience in the transformed hall of the JCC.

On behalf of the board of Or Shalom, my sincere thanks to all our staff, teachers, service leaders, volunteers, donors, and rabbis who have made this collective journey to 5780 possible, and who sustain the sanctuary and community that is Or Shalom.

Shana Tova,
Martin Gotfrit

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a Chorus of Human and Whale Voices

created in collaboration
with guest composer
Leah Abramson

and Prayers of Supplication:

what do you call into being
for yourself? for humanity?
for the earth?

Or Shalom Yom Kippur Mincha 5780

Wednesday, Oct. 9

5:15 p.m.

JCC Wosk Auditorium

950 West 41st Ave

Free & open to all



Entering the Days of Awe

with World-Renowned Scholar of
Jewish Mysticism Dr. Daniel Matt



Friday, Sept. 20

6:30 p.m. - Vegetarian potluck
dinner

7:30 p.m. - Shekhinah, The
Feminine Half of God

Saturday, Sept. 21

7:30 p.m. - How Kabbalah Can
Stimulate Us to Renew Our Lives

Programs punctuated
by intervals
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No cost
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