



September 17, 2020

From our Temple president...

Dear Friend(s):

On behalf of our Board of Trustees, it is a pleasure to invite you to this year's digital High Holy Day services and celebrations at Temple Shir Shalom. Our services will be led by Rabbi Michael Joseph and Paul Richards, our High Holy Day Cantor. We hope that you and your loved ones will participate in some or all of this year's services.

When it became apparent that the health risks involved in gathering, praying, singing, and chanting could not be surmounted, we decided that our responsibility to our congregation and our staff demanded that we go 100% digital. Yet it is precisely at this challenging moment that we most need to support our congregation. Though our physical doors have been closed, we have remained up and running. Rabbi Joseph has been conducting Shabbat services, B-Mitzvah lessons and ceremonies, weddings, baby-namings, conversions, Torah study, Havdalah services, and supportive virtual visits, and the Board has been making "Reaching out, not touching you" calls, trying to maintain some normalcy in our congregational lives.

Through all the changes to our Temple program over the past seven months, expenses have barely changed. The mortgage must still be paid, payroll for our excellent staff must be met, and our building maintained for the day when it will finally reopen. Below (and above) you will find buttons for our annual High Holy Day Appeal, and we ask you to give as generously as you have in the past.

On behalf of the Temple Board and all the committee members and volunteers who make Temple Shir Shalom a sacred place, let me wish you a very healthy and happy New Year. Our true strength as a congregation resides in our hearts, and no pandemic can take that strength away from us. Let's do what we do best: rise up together in community and move forward from strength to strength. I look forward to sharing a screen with you beginning on Erev Rosh Hashanah, September 18, 2020 at 8 pm.

Marcia Storch, President

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