



Dear Friends,

We hope that you are all having a safe and healthy summer as we continue to live through the uncertainty and chaos of this moment. The Temple Micah community has shown its compassion, support, and commitment during these tumultuous times. We are inspired by your robust participation in our online services, study, and programs. You have shown that a synagogue is not a building, but the web of sacred relationships we forge with each other.

As the High Holy Days approach, we'd like to give you a brief overview of what to expect. **After serious consideration, we have made the difficult decision to hold High Holy Day services online this year.** Just as we continue to strive to create engaging Shabbat worship, we are working to create meaningful and inspiring High Holy Day experiences. Our clergy, staff, and lay leaders are seeking to thoughtfully address this unique moment and take advantage of the opportunity given to us to re-imagine and re-create what worship in community can be.

We draw upon Micah's commitment to innovation, striving for bold creativity. We are following in our long Micah tradition to "break" what is not yet broken, and we are excited to experiment with new modalities and mediums.

We will have interactive components, videos featuring our own artists and musicians, opportunities for study and reflection, online gatherings for families, and more that we haven't even thought of yet. "Ask the Rabbi" will strain the use of the chat box.

At the same time we feel profound loss of not being able to join together in person, we are proud of the resilience, care, and open-heartedness our community has shown these last few months. Together, we will work to make the start of 5781 meaningful, even as we know that among our deepest prayers, we hope to be together in person for 5782.

Shalom,

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