

## **From the Executive Director**

Shana tova! It's hard to believe that by the time you receive this OZ will be in full High Holiday mode. Usually this time of year as the leaves begin to change you can hear a different hum in our offices; chairs being placed in the social hall, challot baking, children singing new and old songs about apples and honey. We've been saying this a lot, but this year is unlike any other. There are no chairs to be set, as we'll be joining together virtually instead of in person, and the hum that usually fills our office is a hum in each of our homes as we work to create, manage and provide a fulfilling and meaningful High Holiday experience in these strange times.

Our services and events will be online but they will be rich and varied. Our clergy are working to design learning, prayer, song, story-telling, personal reflection and community engagement that is meaningful and ensures our community's health and safety.

There will be two ways to join: live at our service times and through viewing pre-recorded segments on your own schedule. In the coming days and weeks you'll hear more about accessing our services and engaging with us. In the interim, you can visit our [High Holidays website](#) for updated information. This year more than ever we are relying on your donations to make these connections possible.

After the High Holidays we want to stay connected. We know it will be more challenging to have outdoor connection opportunities as the weather begins to turn, and we want to find ways for our community to continue to build and grow.

Please check the Lunch & Learn schedule for the coming months, and offer to augment our monthly presentations. Do you have a topic you're an expert on and would like to provide a lecture? Great at a craft you'd like to teach or a food you'd like to demonstrate how to cook? Contact me to offer your skills and talent to the OZ community through Zoom. We will get through this time together.

*~ Sarah Glassman  
Executive Director*