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HIGH HOLIDAY PROGRAMS 5781 / 2020

Dear Or Shalom Friends,

Most of our High Holiday offerings will be of a virtual nature, with two opportunities for in-person gathering. I'd like to take this opportunity to outline the offerings we are working toward, using our creativity to mark the New Year meaningfully.

Here is a preview of our High Holiday plans, as conceived to date:

Sunday, August 30, 11:30 AM: SHOFAR CORPS TRAINING, an online shofar blowing training with guest teacher Michael Chusid, for up to 18 folks who have shofarot.

Just after Labour Day (day and time TBA): PICK-UP OF ROSH HASHANAH ACTIVITY BOXES for families with children in our child programs.

Saturday night, September 12, 8PM: Zoom SELICHOT - a slam of stories, prayers and poems generated by this year's strange crossing into the new year. What are our stories about how this time has sharpened our sense of what's vital? What loads can we lighten? What seems superfluous to life now? What is the special quality of this time? What is the name of this transformation? Our evening will be punctuated by jazz interludes based on High Holiday melodies.

Friday night, September 18, 8:15PM: a 45 minute KABBALAT CHAG zoomed from the Bayit with Rabbi Hannah – candle lighting, and the haunting *nusach* of *erev Rosh Hashanah*.

Saturday morning, September 19, 10AM-12:30PM: YOM TOV SERVICE zoomed from the Bayit with Rabbi Hannah, Harriet Frost and other leaders.

Saturday afternoon, September 19, 4PM, 5PM: TASHLICH AND SHOFAR in person at a waterfront location TBA. Up to 49 pre-registered persons will be admitted to the waterfront site for a self-led *Tashlich* inspired by a small booklet of contemplative texts and ritual prompts inviting release. Each hour the shofar will be sounded, from safe distance, facing out to the water.

Sunday morning, September 20, 10-11AM: in-house FAMILY SERVICE for up to 49 pre-registered parents and children at the Bayit led by Rabbi Hannah with Matthew Gindin. We may include the community at large via zoom.

Sunday morning, September 20, 11 AM: SHOFAR – blown from the back deck of Or Shalom, to be viewed and heard from the yard below by families in attendance and via zoom by the larger community.

Continuing, on Sunday morning, September 20, 11:30AM-1PM: TORAH SERVICE AND MUSAF zoomed from the Bayit with Rabbi Hannah, Rabbi Susan, Harley Rothstein and other leaders.

Sunday afternoon, September 20, 3-4PM: ISAAC IN A BIND – a pre-taped theatrical presentation of Midrash in the *Akeida* (Binding of Isaac) produced by Avi Dolgin, followed by interactive conversation.

Sunday evening, September 27, 6:30PM: EREV YOM KIPPUR SERVICE, zoomed from the Bayit with Rabbi Hannah, Effron Esseiva, Harriet Frost and other leaders.

Monday morning September 28, 10AM: YOM KIPPUR SERVICE, zoomed from the Bayit with Rabbi Hannah, Reb Laura, Charles Kaplan, Wendy Rubin and other leaders.

Monday afternoon, September 28 ZOOM PULL-OUT GROUPS (times and programs TBA).

Monday evening, September 28, 6:30-7:30 PM: NEILAH SERVICE, zoomed from the Bayit with Rabbi Hannah, Reb Hillel, Harley Rothstein and other leaders.

These offerings will soon be posted on our website and updated as the offerings develop and in keeping with current with health and safety guidelines.

With blessings,

Rabbi Hannah