



DOWNTOWN SYNAGOGUE

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Dear Friends:

Jewish holidays have evolved over millennia to meet the changing needs of the Jewish people. This year our *Yamim Noraim*, Days of Awe, will strike a balance between tradition and innovation as we prioritize keeping one another safe. **Every learning opportunity and service except Tashlich/shofar blowing will be online and accessible through our website.**

Tashlich at Milliken State Park on Sunday September 20 will include a live shofar blowing. Masks and social distancing will be required but we will be spiritually together. Please also visit our website for details about our travelling shofar blowers.

We are proud to partner again with our friends at Congregation T'chayah and the Reconstructionist Congregation of Detroit for some of our services. We are also proud of our continued partnership with the Bethel Community Transformation Center and are using their magnificent sanctuary for filming.

Please RSVP at tinyurl.com/5781HHD. Doing so will enable online access to our machzor. And since we cannot catch-up in person, **please email us** (adminassistant@downtownsynagogue.org) **your photos from 5780!** Include new babies, 2020 graduates, and other simchas. During a year of tremendous loss, please also include loved ones lost, as we honor their memories. Photos will be displayed during our online worship and/or on our website. Even if not in person, we will celebrate and mourn as a community.

The Isaac Agree Downtown Synagogue is committed to its mission of providing High Holiday services free of charge and obligation. We are proud to provide services, programs, and spiritual support during this challenging time. We have reached over 1,000 people in 5780 with an operating budget of \$500,000. As we enter the New Year, we invite you, our supporters, to make community. Thank you for considering a gift to the Downtown Synagogue.

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Donors of \$500 or more will have the option to request a mailed hardcopy machzor!

As always, we look forward to entering the New Year with you. May it be one of increased joy and sweetness.

With gratitude,

Rabbi Ariana Silverman

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