



welcomes you to
High Holy Day Services for 5782

Wherever you are in your journey,
you are welcome here.

Yom Kippur ~ Neilah

The Closing Hour

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איזהו עשיר, השמח בחלקו

Who is rich? One who rejoices in their lot. [Pirkei Avot 4:1]

There have been so many members of our community who have given of their time, energy, ability and know-how in preparation for this season. We would like to take a moment for *hakarat hatov* - recognizing with gratitude, those who have contributed in order to get us to this day.

Above all, thank you to our Executive Director, Robin Rosenfeld, for juggling many many balls at one time and doing so with grace and mastery. Robin, you are a rock and a source of strength for us all.

Thank you Anna Rubin and the entire CJC choir for your flexibility and heart-full resilience as we navigated the ever-changing COVID landscape. You have helped us lean into hiddur mitzvah - beautifying our services with your angelic voices - and you have brought a sense of comfort and normalcy to an uncertain year.

Thank you to our tech team, Leilani, Brandon, Daryl, Kat and Dan. Thank you for helping to get us organized, for being present for filming videos ahead of time and for streamlining our services, making them safely accessible to our beloved CJC community.

Thank you to our Ba'alei Shofar (shofar blowers), Elijah Singleton and Jacob Sorak. With your powerful blasts, you have called us into community, into attention, into hope.

Thank you to our Torah readers for the hours of study and preparation you put in in order to bring Torah to our community. Thank you to everyone who rose for an honor - for an aliyah, a recorded reading, and candle lightings - for adding your voices to our service. And thank you to our schleppers, Hans Plugge, David Trossman, David Zinner and Brian Yellin, for carefully moving our ark, machzorim and all the other accoutrement needed for a High Holiday service, as well as Lisa Pomerantz, Ronee Rothman, Cathy Stogel, Sue Morss, Chick Rhodehamel and Jim Lubitz for assisting in making our sanctuary shine. And thank you to Heléne Kass for her work organizing our service on the second day of Rosh Hashanah.

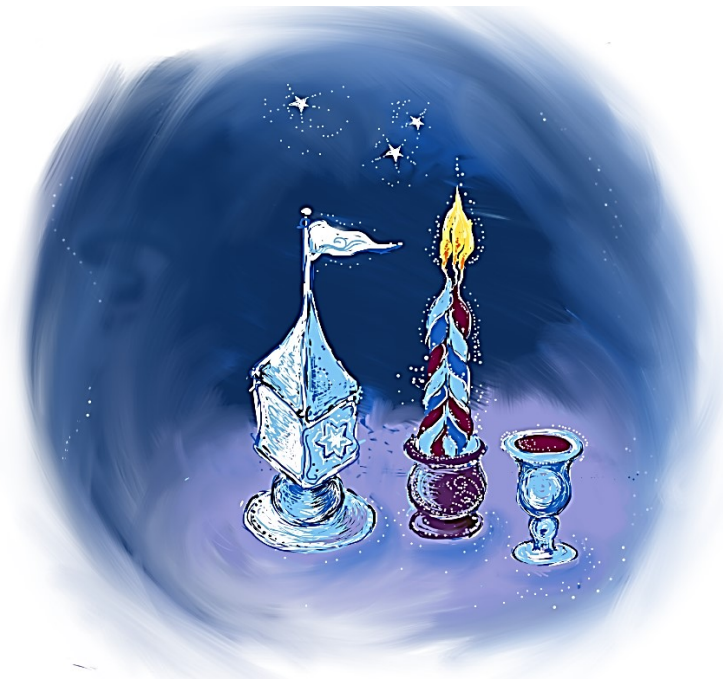
And finally, thanks to you, the members of our CJC family. Thank you for being here - together, while apart. Thank you for stepping into this season of teshuvah with courage and with an open heart. Thanks to you, we begin 5782, in strength and in community.

And one more special thank you from the Rabbi:

So much gratitude to Cantors Jan Morrison and Linda Baer who stepped up this year offering their musical leadership to CJC. Thank you both for being rockstar co-creators - thank you for your vision, your energy, your time and support and your beautiful harmonies through our months of holy preparation. Jan, thank you for reuniting the choir in the midst of pandemic. Linda, thank you for creating the supplements for our services this year. CJC abounds with such labors of love.

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Supplement 1: Neilah

by Alden Solovy

Wait.

There is something else,
G-d of Old,
I must show You.

It's dark
And secret.
Part sadness.
Part anger.
Part fear.

Listen.

There is something else,
G-d of Old,
I must tell You.

It's hard
And heavy.
Part pride.
Part guilt.
Part shame.

Stay.

There is something else,
G-d of Old,
I need from You.

It's ancient
And new.
Part Torah.
Part Mitzvot.
Part joy and love and light.

G-d of Justice,

G-d of Mercy,
Hear my plea.

Wait for me to return to You.

Listen as I confess to You.
Stay as I struggle to live my life as a blessing,
According to Your wisdom,
According to Your law,
According to Your word.

Supplement 2: Closing Hour

by Marcia Falk

May the heart open
even in the hour of closing
for the day draws to an end.

The day turns, the sun turns away,
and a voice of slender silence
rends the air ---

sound of a breaking heart,
sound of the heart
breaking open.

