

### A MESSAGE FROM RABBI BAUMAN



Dear Touro Synagogue Family,

Here we are, finally seated together in the Touro Synagogue sanctuary, praying and singing the familiar words that herald in the new year of 5785. To begin a new year with integrity, our tradition teaches that we must deeply reflect on the year that is ending and all it taught us - about ourselves and about the world we share. For each of us in our personal lives, 5784 was full of every human experience - joys and hardship, births and deaths, health and sickness, triumphs and failings, and hopefully deepening relationships with those who matter the most to us.

On the communal level, it is hard to remember a year that brought more confounding and challenging teachings than 5784. It was a year of catastrophic violence, beginning with the slaughters and kidnappings of October 7 and continuing through months of brutal war with Hamas in Gaza that has claimed thousands of lives. It was a year of tension with and sometimes alienation from longtime allies and community partners, and also a year of Jewish solidarity and strength as we relied on the resilience we necessarily have developed over centuries. It was a year of relentless soul-searching as deeply held Jewish values and commitments seemed to collide with one another daily. There is so much to say about 5784, so much yet to understand, and we will most certainly explore its messages together during the High Holidays and throughout the year.

In the shadow of a year like that, what shall we build when we come together? When I consider this question, my mind returns to one particular night during my time in Jerusalem this summer when I went to a public singing session at a local yeshiva. On this particular evening, a few hundred people crowded into a single space with the same song sheet, lifted our voices in beautiful, spontaneous harmonies, and inevitably felt close to something Beyond. And as close as I may have felt to my neighbor in the seat next to me, his prayers were his own, as were mine ... because we came into the space with different experiences, different needs. I feel absolutely sure that there were prayers of thanksgiving in that room in Jerusalem, and prayers of lamentation, too. There were prayers rooted in fear and prayers rooted in joy. There were prayers uttered in support of individuals and prayers uttered on behalf of the entire People. All those prayers, in all their diversity, danced through the space, lifting one another toward the One who hears all prayers.

And so may it be with us as we stand at the threshold of this new year in our sanctuary. We sit together, say the same words, hear the same shofar blast, support and elevate one another's voices, and through that elevation receive the gift of space for whatever is written upon each of our hearts. The claim of this season of Return is that our very presence can be a balm, a spiritual stance for community, pluralism, and the basic conviction that we need each other. With the gifts of open heartedness and passion that each of us brings, the High Holiday season of 5785 promises to reaffirm that ancient claim of connection, and we will model how, in all our complexity and messiness, our earnest voices lifted in song and prayer are the sukkah that each of us needs, this year and every year.

L'shanah Tovah,



# A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Dear friends,

Shana Tovah and welcome home! Welcome back to our historic building, beautifully renovated and restored because of your generosity. As we celebrate the High Holidays together in our sacred spaces this year, I will be thinking with gratitude of what our extraordinary congregation and its leaders have done to bring us to this moment. Because of the many devoted and loving congregants who contributed so generously to the Lifting the Sky Campaign, we now have:

- A new heating and air conditioning system with the crucial infrastructure to support it.
- A beautiful new library on the 2nd floor with adjacent learning spaces for children and adults.
- refreshed and fully outfitted classrooms throughout the building.
- an elevator in the Education Building so that all of us can reach those beautiful new spaces.
- a beautifully designed lobby entrance and well-appointed seating area.
- expanded, redesigned and efficiently organized administrative spaces.
- updated restrooms throughout the building and a new accessible, all-gender family restroom on the 1st floor.
- a cleaned and restored exterior, including the stained-glass windows in the Sanctuary, and new roofs.

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All of this and more was made possible by you, our devoted Touro Synagogue congregation. The Co-Chairs of the Lifting the Sky Campaign, Susan and Lou Good, Ruth and Larry Kullman, and Beth and Austin Lavin, worked tirelessly, literally for years, to ensure the success of this project. We will have the opportunity during the High Holidays to honor them and to express our gratitude as a congregation. Please mark your calendars for a special Sukkot Havdalah on October 19 when we will celebrate the opening of the building and express deepest gratitude to all of you whose generous donations, advice, guidance, and talents allowed us to complete this extraordinary project.

Speaking of gratitude, we asked you this year to consider a significant increase in your contribution to our Voluntary Annual Support Program, and you have responded with love, generosity and devotion to Touro. As you know, literally everything we do at Touro Synagogue is enabled by the generosity of our congregants through this program. Our clergy, staff and lay leadership are profoundly grateful for your stepping up to the challenge this year. Thanks to your support, we have so many wonderful opportunities to work, grow, learn and enjoy experiences with our Touro community this year. Here are a few:

- Expanded opportunities to worship and to study sacred texts, including First Shabbat and our new, clergy-led Torah Study each Shabbat morning.
- A welcoming outreach to new members and long-time members alike through our Ambassador Program.
- A revitalized initiative to combat hunger in our community, including plans for reinitiating our garden.
- Ongoing work to develop Touro's Climate Action Plan that will guide important work in the coming years.
- A developing program to educate our congregation about the origins and impact of anti-Semitism and to prepare us to address it in our community and beyond.
- Ongoing work on non-partisan Voter Registration and Pledge-to-Vote programs.

I hope you will take advantage of these opportunities and more according to your interests. If you're looking for community, Touro Synagogue is here for you! If you're looking to do mitzvot, to seek justice, we are with you in that struggle. If you're looking to study, learn, and worship in long held Jewish tradition, you will find it here. Feel free to reach out to me or to any member of our leadership for more information and to get involved. May 5785 be a year of joy and peace for you and your loved ones. May you seek experiences with your Touro community that are rich and meaningful, and may you find them this year in full.

Shana Tovah,

Laura

# **TOURO SYNAGOGUE HIGH HOLIDAYS 5785**

# **ROSH HASHANAH**

EREV ROSH HASHANAH SERVICE WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 8:00PM

ROSH HASHANAH MORNING SERVICE THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 10:00AM

Rosh Hashanah Family Services For All Families With Children Thursday, October 3, 9:00am

### Tashlich, Casting Away and Starting Anew Saturday, October 5, 5:00pm

We will gather at The Fly for Tashlich, a ritual of "casting off" the remnants of the past year that we wish to leave behind. With music, prayer, light refreshments, and time spent together as a community, we will look ahead to the possibilities and opportunities for 5785 alongside our congregational family. Be sure to bring your bread or bird seed! *All ages are welcome. Refreshments and activities for children included.* 

# **DURING THE DAYS OF AWE**

Dr. Michael Cohen

### Shabbat Shuvah Friday, October 4, 6:00pm

The Shabbat between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur is a unique moment on our calendar. Amidst the Yamim Noraim, the Days of Awe, we are invited to prepare for Yom Kippur and linger in the mindset of teshuvah. On this Shabbat Shuvah, the Shabbat of Return - to ourselves, to the right path, to God and to community - we will gather as a congregational family for a solemn and spiritual Shabbat service.

This year's Shabbat Shuvah guest speaker will be Dr. Michael Cohen, the Stuart and Suzanne Grant Professor in the American Jewish Experience at Tulane University. Mike is the chair and Sizeler Professor of the Department of Jewish Studies, and he directs the Stuart and Suzanne

Grant Center for the American Jewish Experience, and he will share with us some of the latest and most profound questions and responses among historians to this moment in American Jewish history.

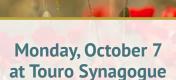
# Kever Avot: Bringing our Ancestors into the New Year Sunday, October 6, 11:30am

We, along with our sister congregation Temple Sinai, will participate in the tradition of Kever Avot, visiting the graves of loved ones between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Whether or not loved ones are laid to rest in Hebrew Rest Cemetery, all are invited to attend this brief and meditative service and recall our dearly departed whom we carry with us into this new year. **RSVPs Requested: bit.ly/TouroKeverAvot** 



# A SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

**Marking One Year Since October 7** 



Led by Touro and Sinai Clergy

After a year of unimaginable loss, we will gather to acknowledge this first painful yahrzeit of October 7 with poetry, song, and ritual.

5:00PM

Study Session with Clergy Shiva: The Poems of October 7

6:00PM

Memorial Service in the Sanctuary with Congregational Voices

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# YOM KIPPUR

### KOL NIDRE SERVICE FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11 AT 8:00PM

# YOM KIPPUR MORNING SERVICE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12 AT 10:00AM

Yom Kippur Family Services For All Families With Children Saturday, October 12, 9:00am

Yom Kippur Afternoon Sessions: Stay The Whole Day! Saturday, October 12, 12:15pm-3:15pm

As we emerge from the contemplative depths of the Yom Kippur morning prayer service, everyone is encouraged to remain at the Synagogue all day, engaging learning sessions and services including the following opportunities.

12:15pm Embracing Judaism Panel Discussion for those curious about conversion

**Explore Touro's New Spaces** 

1:15pm Campus Reflections by Tulane Hillel Executive Director Gary Brandt

2:15pm Songs of Hope and Healing: A Reflective, Musical Hour

3:15pm Afternoon Service

### Yizkor Memorial Service, 4:30pm Neilah Concluding Service, 5:15pm

We remember all our loved ones whom we have lost in recent and distant days. The 5785 Book of Remembrance will be made available in the sanctuary and electronically. We will conclude with our last Tekiah Gedolah and Havdalah at 6:00pm.

# SUKKOT

Sukkot is known as the most joyful holiday of the Jewish year. Its hallmarks are a return to the gentle embrace of nature, audacious hospitality, and an open heart to those who have neither home nor shelter. We will savor this week of communion with our natural world by shaking the lulay, dwelling outside in the sukkah, and reflecting on our responsibility to provide for all. *Learn more about our Sukkot events at tourosynagogue.com/hhd*.

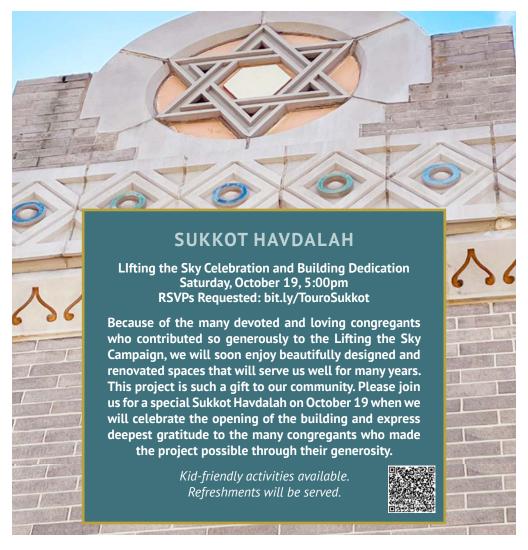
Touro Synagogue Sukkah Build Sunday, October 13, 9:00am

Sukkot Festival Service and Celebration Wednesday, October 16, 5:30pm

Book Discussion in the Sukkah The Amen Effect by Sharon Brous Wednesday, October 16, 7:30pm

Festive Shabbat Service and Dinner in the Sukkah Friday, October 18, 6:00pm

Sukkot Rocks! For Ages 0-4 Saturday, October 19, 10:00am



# SIMCHAT TORAH

# Simchat Torah Celebration with Panorama Jazz Band Wednesday, October 23, 5:30pm

Our Touro family will gather to celebrate our return to the beginning of the Torah! We will celebrate the end of the Torah cycle with a festive service, special programming and moments for children, hakafot (marching) around the sanctuary, and the exuberant music of Panorama Jazz Band. Followed by a Congregational Dinner.

# Festival Yizkor Service Friday, October 25, 5:00pm

Our tradition teaches that when we observe festivals together as a community, we also bring the memories of those who are no longer with us. We will read the names of those in our extended Touro Synagogue family who have died since last Simchat Torah. We will also read the names of loved ones we have lost in years past. Please call Donna in the office at (504) 895-4843 to add the names of those you are remembering at our Yizkor service.

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### YOUTH HOLIDAY EXPERIENCES

# Rosh Hashanah Family Services For All Families With Children Thursday, October 3, 9:00am

There will be two services taking place simultaneously, one intended for early childhood and one intended for elementary-aged children. As always, please choose the best service for your family to attend.

# Rosh Hashanah Kehilah KIDosha Service For Students In 3rd-6th Grade Thursday, October 3

Students in 3rd through 6th grade will be invited to step out of the main service and join a special Rosh Hashanah experience tailored just for them, offering a meaningful and age-appropriate small group learning opportunity.

Tashlich At The Fly Saturday, October 5, 5:00pm

# Yom Kippur Family Service For All Families With Children Saturday, October 12, 9:00am

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# SUKKOT & SIMCHAT TORAH FOR TEENS, KIDS, & FAMILIES

6th-8th Grade Erev Sukkot Celebration & Sukkah Decorating Wednesday, October 16, 6:00pm

Shabbat Sukkot Celebration Friday, October 18, 6:00pm

**Sukkot Rocks! Saturday, October 19, 10:00am**For all families with kids up to age 5. Siblings welcome!

Yamim Yafim Pk-5th Grade Sukkot Celebration Sunday, October 20, 9:30am

9th-12th Grade Teen Night In Sukkah: Hosted By TASTY & BBYO Tuesday, October 22, 6:00pm

Simchat Torah Celebration With Panorama Jazz Band Wednesday, October 23, 5:30pm



# A MESSAGE FROM LIFTING THE SKY CO-CHAIRS

Dear Touro Family,

We are excited that Touro Synagogue's capital renovations are nearing completion as we enter the High Holiday season. Thanks to the generosity of our Touro community and others, Touro has completed nearly \$8 million in revitalization projects to make our historic synagogue home more accessible, comfortable and functional. We can't wait to be together and breathe congregational life into our newly refurbished spaces!

With nearly 300 congregational donors to this once-in-a-generation campaign effort, we are looking forward to celebrating and dedicating our renovated spaces with you this fall. As you visit Touro over the coming weeks, please know that some campaign-related signage is temporary as we work to finalize and install permanent donor recognition plaques around our building. Specifically, the recognition wall located across from the living room that honors donors of \$18,000+ will be temporary until December 2024. We anticipate dedicating the permanent installation at our congregational Chanukah celebration this year!

There are still opportunities for supporting the Lifting The Sky campaign or increasing your gift to meet the donor recognition signage levels, and there is still a need for funding to meet our Campaign Goal. We must receive your commitments by November 1 to be included on the donor recognition wall. Please contact President Laura Levy by email at laura.silven.levy@gmail.com or 504-491-3000 if you are interested in further discussing your contribution. You can also pledge or make a gift online by visiting tourosynagogue.com/lifting-the-sky-pledge.

Please know how sincerely grateful and humbled we are by the full support of our Touro community and the gifts of all sizes which add up to make these improvements a reality for the Touro of today and generations to come. Save the date for a congregational celebration of our building reopening on Saturday, October 19 at 5:00pm!

With deep appreciation,

Susan and Lou Good Ruth and Larry Kullman Beth and Austin Lavin Campaign Co-Chairs

# **SUKKOT HAVDALAH**

Lifting the Sky Celebration and Building Dedication Saturday, October 19, 5:00pm See page 9 for more details!

# KABBALAT HASHANAH: GREETING THE NEW YEAR

שִׁירוּ ליי שִׁיר חדשׁ, Shiru LAdonai shir chadash, שִׁירוּ לַייָ כָּל הָאֶבֶץ. shiru LAdonai kol ha·aretz. שִׁירוּ לַייִ בַּרְכוּ שִׁמוֹ, Shiru LAdonai bar'chu sh'mo, בַּשִּׂרוּ מִיּוֹם לִיוֹם יִשׁוּעַתוֹ. bas'ru miyom l'yom y'shuato. ספרו בגוים כבודו, sap'ru vagoyim k'vodo, בָּכַל הַעַמִּים נִפָּלְאוֹתֵיו. b'chol ha·amim nifl'otav. כי גדול יי ומהלל מאד, Ki gadol Adonai umhulal m'od, נורא הוא על כַּל אֵלהִים. nora hu al kol elohim.

Sing to Adonai a new song, sing to Adonai, all the earth. Sing to Adonai, bless God's name, proclaim God's victory day after day. Tell of God's glory among the nations, God's wondrous deeds, among all peoples. For Adonai is great and much acclaimed, God is held in awe by all divine beings.

. הַבְּה נְשִׁירָה שִׁיר הַלְּלוּ־יָה. Hava nashira shir hal'luyah.

Let us sing a song of praise. Hallelujah.

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At the new moon, at the full moon, for our feast-day, sound the shofar!

For that is the law of Israel, the way of the God of Jacob.

 The first mitzvah in the Torah is "Let there be light!"
So we are commanded:
in everything you do, be a menorah, a bringer of light.
Live with honor, act with integrity, do your work with passion—
and the radiance of your deeds will live after you.
May our ideals burn bright, forever unextinguished,
and may we live our lives like the flames we kindle—
always stretching upward, striving for the good, reaching for You.

בְּרוּךְ אַתְּה יְיִ אַלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הְעוֹלְם, Eloheinu melech ha·olam, אַלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הְעוֹלְם, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav, v'tzivanu l'hadlik neir wُל שַׁבְּת וְשֶׁל יוֹם טוֹב.

Source of blessing, Eternal our God, You fill the universe with majestic might, teaching us holiness through sacred obligations, giving us the mitzvah of bringing light on Shabbat and this festival.

# SERVICE FOR THE SOUNDING OF THE SHOFAR

# Malchuyot — Sovereign of All Creation

בּוֹתֵינוּ מֵלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ בּוֹלּהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ בּוֹלְהִינוּ בּוֹלְהִינוּ בּוֹתִינוּ יִאָבוֹתֵינוּ v'imoteinu, m'loch al kol הְעוֹלְם כָּלוֹ בִּכְבוֹדֶךְ, ha·olam kulo bichvodecha, יְהִנְּשֵׂא עַל כָּל הָאֶרֶץ בִּיקְרֵךְ.

God who is ours, and God of our fathers and mothers: In Your glory, reign over the infinite expanse of space and time.

עְלֵינוּ לְשַׁבֵּחַ לַאֲדוֹן הַכּּל, לְתֵת גְּדֻלְּה לְיוֹצֵר בְּרֵאשִׁית, שֶׁלֹּא עְשְׂנוּ כְּגוֹיֵי הָאֲרְצוֹת, וְלֹא שְׁמְנוּ כְּמִשְׁפְּחוֹת הָאֲדְ־ מְה, שֶׁלֹא שְׁם חֶלְמֵנוּ כְּהֶם, וְגֹרְלֵנוּ כְּכְל הֲמוֹנְם וַאֲנַחְנוּ כּוֹרְעִים וּמִשְׁתַּחֲוִים וּמוֹדִים, לִפְנִי מֶלֶךְ, מַלְכִי הַמְּלְכִים, הַקְּדוֹשׁ בְּרוּךְ הוּא.

Aleinu l'shabeiach laadon hakol, la'teit g'dula l'yotzeir b'reishit, shelo asanu k'goyei haaratzot, v'lo samanu k'mishp'chot haadamah, shelo sam chelkeinu kahem, v'goraleinu k'chol hamonam va'anachnu kor'im umishtachavim umodim, lifnei Melech, malchei ham'lachim, Hakadosh baruch hu.

Ours is the duty to praise the Sovereign of all, to honor the Artist of Creation,

Who made us unique in the human family, with a destiny all our own. For this we bend our knees and bow with gratitude before the Sovereign Almighty — Monarch of All— the Wellspring of holiness and blessing, who spread out the sky and fashioned the land, who dwells in beauty far beyond sight, whose powerful presence is the loftiest height.

בּרוּךְ אַתְּה יִיָּ,

Baruch atah Adonai,

Eloheinu Melech ha·olam,

אַלֹהִינוּ בֶּוֶבֶּרְ הְעוֹלְם,

asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav,

יִצוְנוּ לִשְׁמְוֹעַ קוֹל שׁוֹפְּר.

Source of blessing, Eternal our God, You fill the universe with majestic might summoning us to hear the sound of the shofar.

פְרוּךְ אַתְּה יְיָּ,
בּרוּךְ אַתְּה יְיָּ,
Eloheinu Melech ha∙olam,
אַלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הְעוֹלְם,
shehecheyanu v'kiy'manu v'higianu
מַוְבַּוֹן הַזֶּה.

Source of blessing, Eternal our God, You fill the universe with majestic might giving us life, upholding the life within us, and bringing us to this time.

תקיעה שברים תרועה תקיעה

T'kiah Sh'varim T'ruah T'kiah

אָבֶינוּ שְׂפְּבִינוּ עָרֵב לְפָנֶיךְּ,אֵל רָם וְנִשְׂא, ye'erav l'fanecha, El ram v'nisa, meivin uma·azin, mabit umakshiv וֹלְלוּל הְּלִיעְתֵנוּ. וֹתְקַבֵּל הְּרַחֲמִים וּבְרְצוֹן וֹנִאָבוּוּ. עַבֶּר בְּרַחֲמִים וּבְרְצוֹן הַנּבּר בַּרְצוֹן הַנָּבּי וּבְרָצוֹן הַלָּבִיים וּבְרְצוֹן שָּבָר בַּרְבִין מַבְּים וּבְרְצוֹן seder malchuyoteinu.

Let the wishes of our lips — our heart's desire — be pleasing before You, God Most High. You are knowing and attentive, watchful and aware when we call out: T'kiah! Lovingly, favorably receive our prayers of Malchuyot!

# Zichronot — Remembrance of Holy Community

Eloheinu vEilohei avoteinu אֱלֹהֵינוּ וֵאלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתְינוּ עֹיִנוּר, יִאִפּוֹתְינוּ,

. זְכְרֵנוֹ שְׁוֹב לְפָנֶירָ zochreinu b'zichron tov l'fanecha.

Blessed are we, blessed our gathering, as you remember us for goodness, and we open our hearts to the voice of the shofar.

Happy are we, who hear its call to return — the sacred trumpet of t'shuvah.

Blessed are we, held close by an ancient sound that echoes l'dor vador — from generation to generation.

Happy are we, rising to the joyful cry of a new year.

Blessed are we, who hear in these blasts of sound the voice of community.

Happy are we, who know its embrace,

its season of celebration, its quest for connection and purpose.

בּרוּךְ אַתְּדֹה, יְיָ, זוֹכֵר הַבְּרִית. Baruch atah, Adonai, zocheir hab'rit.

**Holy** is this gift of community, blessed the act of belonging. Praised are you, God who remembers the sacred bonds between us.

תקיעה שברים תרועה תקיעה

T'kiah Sh'varim T'ruah T'kiah

אָרֶשֶׁת שְּׂפְתֵינוּ אָרֶב שְׁפְתֵינוּ אָרֵב לְפְנֶיךּ,אֵל רְם וְנִשְׂא, ye'erav l'fanecha, El ram v'nisa, meivin uma·azin, mabit umakshiv וֹאָל הְקִיעְתֵנוּ. יֹלְקוֹל הְקִיעְתֵנוּ. utkabeil b'rachamim uvratzon בּבֶר זִבְרוֹנוֹתֵנוּ. seder zichronoteinu.

Let the wishes of our lips — our heart's desire — be pleasing before You, God Most High. You are knowing and attentive, watchful and aware when we call out: T'kiah! Lovingly receive our prayers of Zichronot!

# שופרות

# Shofarot — The Song of the New Year

Eloheinu vEilohei avoteinu אֱלֹהֵינוּ וֵאלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתְינוּ עֹיִנוּ בּוֹתְינוּ, יוֹאַמּוֹתְינוּ,

ַ t'ka b'shofar gadol l'cheiruteinu.

God — revealed to us and to our fathers and mothers before us — God of revelation: Play the song of our freedom on the Great Shofar.

היּוֹם הְרֵת עוֹלְם, היּוֹם הְרֵת עוֹלְם, היּוֹם יַעְמִיד בַּמִּשְׁפְּט היּוֹם יַעְמִיד בַּמִּשְׁפְּט היּוֹם יַעְמִיד בַּמִּשְׁפְּט kol y'tzurei olamim im k'vanim, im kaavadim. Im k'vanim: רבום אַב עַל בַּנִים, rachameinu k'racheim av al banim.

Today the world is born anew. This day, the whole of creation stands before You to be judged. As we are Your children, love us in the way of mothers and fathers. As we are Yours in service, guide us by the light of Your justice, grace, and holiness.

תקיעה שברים-תרועה תקיעה תקיעה שברים תקיעה תקיעה תרועה תקיעה גדולה

T'kiah Sh'varim-T'ruah T'kiah
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# Areshet s'fateinu אַרֵשָׁת שִׂפַתֵּינוּ

יָּעֶרֵב לְפְנֶיךּ,אֵל רָם וְנִשְׂא, יְעֶרֵב לְפְנֶיךּ,אֵל רָם וְנִשְׂא, ye'erav l'fanecha, El ram v'nisa, meivin uma·azin, mabit umakshiv l'kol t'kiateinu.

ו לְקוֹל הְּקִיעְתֵנוּ.

ו עולkabeil b'rachamim uvratzon מֵרֵר שׁוֹפְרוֹתֵינוּ.

seder shofroteinu.

Let the wishes of our lips — our heart's desire — be pleasing before You, God Most High. You are knowing and attentive, watchful and aware when we call out: T'kiah! Lovingly receive our prayers of Shofarot!



# **SONGS & POEMS** FOR REFLECTION

### ONE DAY / HASHKIVEINU MUSIC BY MATISYAHU. CRAIG TAUBMAN

One day, one day, one day

Sometimes I lay under the moon and thank God I'm breathing Then I pray, "Don't take me soon 'Cause I am here for a reason"

**CHORUS** Sometimes in my tears I drown

But I never let it get me down So when negativity surrounds

I know someday, it'll all turn around because

All my life, I've been waiting for I've been prayin' for, for the people to say That we don't wanna fight no more There'll be no more wars, and our children will play

Hashkiveinu Adonai Eloheinu l'shalom v'haamideinu Shomreinu l'chaim Ushmor tzeiteinu uvo-einu l'chaim ul'shalom mei-atah v'ad olam

Cause us, O God, to lie down this night in peace and raise us up, O Guardian to life.

Guard our exits and returns for life and peace, now and always.

#### **ACHEINU**

אַחֵינוּ כָּל בֵּית יִשִּׂרָאֵל Acheinu kol beit Yisra·el

הַנְּתוּנִים בַּצָּרָה וּבַשְּבִיָה Han'tunim b'tzara uvashivyah הַעומִדים בֵּין בַּיַם ha om'dim bein bayam —ובין ביבשה uvein bayabasha

הַמַּקוֹם יָרַחֵם עֵלֵיהֵם

Hamakom y'racheim aleihem יִוֹצִיאֵם מִצְּרָה לְרְוָחָה v'yotzieim mitzara lirvacha ומאפלה לאורה umeiafeilah l'orah וֹמשׁעבּוּד לגאלה umishibud lig·ulah קריב השתא בעגלא ובזמן קריב hashta ba agala uvizman kariv ואמרו אָמֵן. v'im'ru amein.

As for our family, the whole house of Israel, who are given over to trouble or captivity, whether they abide on the sea or on the dry land-

May the All-present have mercy upon them, and bring them forth from trouble to relief, from darkness to light, and from oppression to freedom, now, swiftly, soon—and let us say, Amen.

#### AL CHET SHECHATATI L'FANECHA

#### BY RABBI RACHEL BARENBLAT

על חטא שחטאתי לפניך...

I need to speak these words aloud and to know that the universe hears them. I get caught in old patterns and paradigms; I am stubborn and hard-headed. In the last year I have missed the mark more than I want to admit. Forgive me, Source of all being, for the sin I have sinned before you

By allowing my body to be an afterthought too often and too easily; By not walking, running, leaping, climbing or dancing although I am able; By eating in my car and at my desk, mindlessly and without blessing; By not embracing those who needed it, and not allowing myself to be embraced; By not praising every body's beauty, with our quirks and imperfections.

By letting my emotions run roughshod over the needs of others; By poking at sources of hurt like a child worrying a sore tooth; By revealing my heart before those who neither wanted nor needed to see it; By hiding love, out of fear of rejection, instead of giving love freely; By dwelling on what's internal when the world is desperate for healing.

By indulging in intellectual argument without humility or consideration; By reading words of vitriol, cultivating hot indignation; By eschewing intellectual discomfort that might prod me into growing; By living in anticipation, and letting anxiety rule me; By accepting defeatist thinking and the comfortable ache of despair.

By not being awake and grateful, despite uncountable blessings; By not being sufficiently gentle, with my actions or with my language; By being not pliant and flexible, but obstinate, stark, and unbending; By not being generous with my time, with my words or with my being; By not being kind to everyone who crosses my wandering path.

For all of these, eternal Source of forgiveness Help me know myself to be pardoned Help me feel in my bones that I'm forgiven Remind me I'm always already at/one with You.

#### WHO BY FIRE

#### BY LEONARD COHEN

And who by fire, who by water Who in the sunshine, who in the night time Who by high ordeal, who by common trial Who in your merry merry month of May Who by very slow decay And who shall I say is calling? And who in her lonely slip, who by barbiturate Who in these realms of love, who by something blunt And who by avalanche, who by powder Who for his greed, who for his hunger And who shall I say is calling? And who by brave assent, who by accident Who in solitude, who in this mirror Who by his lady's command, who by his own hand Who in mortal chains, who in power And who shall I say is calling? And who shall I say is calling? And who by fire who by water Who in the sunshine, who in the night time Who by high ordeal, who by common trial Who in your merry merry month of May Who by very slow decay And who shall I say is calling?

### LOVE IS BY RABBI KATIE BAUMAN

Love is the act of listening, Shema Yisrael, even when we don't want to hear.

Love is showing up, Atem Nitzavim, even when we'd rather stay home.

Love is the pursuit of justice, Tzedek, Tzedek Tirdof, even when it costs us our security.

Love is seeing the face of God in every human being, Tzelem Elohim, even when she doesn't look or pray like we do.

Love is never giving in to hopelessness, Od lo avda tikvateinu, because we know our children need us to be strong.

And love is never doing to the other what is hateful to us, V'ahavta l'reiacha kamocha, because we know that there is no other.

When we hear the word love, may we think of listening, standing up, pursuing justice, accepting, hoping, and uniting. And may we remember that our task is to put more love in the world, with every breath we take. As Rabbi Hillel says, "That is the whole Torah."

### A MAN AND HIS LIFE BY YEHUDA AMICHAI

אדם בחייו אין לו זמן שיהיה לו A man in his life doesn't have time to have . זמז לכל a time for everything.

ואין לו עת שתהיה לו עת He doesn't have enough seasons to have a season לכל חפץ. for every purpose.

קהלת לא צדק כשאמר כך. Oohelet didn't get it right when he said that.

אדם צריך לשנא ולאהב בבת אחת A man needs to love and hate in the same instant, to laugh and cry ובאותן עיניים לצחוק באותן ידים לזרוק אבנים ובאותן ידים לאסוף אותן, לעשות אהבה במלחמה ומלחמה באהבה.

with one and the same eves. with one and the same hands to throw stones, and with one and the same hands to gather them, to make love in war and war in love.

ולשנוא ולסלוח ולזכור ולשכוח ולסדר ולבלבל ולאכל ולעכל את מה שהסטוריה ארכה עושה בשנים רבות מאד.

To hate and forgive, to remember and forget, to arrange and confuse, to eat and digest what history elongates over a great many years.

אדם בחייו אין לו זמן. A man in his life doesn't have time. The moment he lets go, he seeks. כשהוא מוצא הוא שוכח, The moment he finds, he forgets. בשהוא שוכח הוא אוהב The moment he forgets, he loves. The moment he loves, he begins to forget.

ונפשו למודה, His soul is skilled.

שכור ועור בתענוגיו ובמכאוביו.

ונפשו מקצועית מאד his soul is very efficient. רק גופו נשאר חובב Only his body remains an amateur למיד. מנסה וטועה forever. It tries and errs. it doesn't learn, it gets confused, drunk and blind in its pleasures and its pains.

מצמק ומלא בעצמו ומתוק, העלים מתיבשים על האדמה, והענפים הערומים כבר מצביעים אל המקום שבו זמן לכל.

מות תאנים ימות בסתו He will die as figs do, in autumn, shriveled and full of himself and sweet, leaves dessicating on the ground, bare branches already pointing to the place where there's time for everything.

# PRAYER FOR EVERYTHING BY RABBI DEBORAH SILVER

Nishmat Kol Hai, Breath of Life bless the people of this community their families and their friends here and at home.

HaShekhinah, Beloved One bless our neighbors in this city may we live in harmony may we be proud of each other.

HaTzur, Protecting One bless this country, its government, all who strive for its welfare all who risk themselves to protect it.

Elohei Avoteinu, God of our ancestors bless the land of Israel may the pain of its inhabitants soon end, spread over it a shelter of peace.

Ma'ayan Hayyenu, Wellspring of our lives, bless the Jewish people may we be ambassadors of our tradition may we be spared from distress and shame.

Hamakom, All-present One bless the world and all that is in it help us defend it and preserve it for the generations that will follow us. May all this be so, And we say, Amen.

# WIDENING CIRCLES BY RAINER MARIA RILKE

I live my life in widening circles that reach out across the world. I may not complete this last one but I give myself to it.

I circle around God, around the primordial tower. I've been circling for thousands of years and I still don't know: am I a falcon, a storm, or a great song?

#### A PRAYER OF MOTHERS

#### BY RABBI TAMAR ELAD APPELBAUM AND SHEIKHA IBTISAM MAHAMID

God of Life

Who heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds

May it be your will to hear the prayer of mothers

For you did not create us to kill each other

Nor to live in fear, anger or hatred in your world

But rather you have created us so we can grant permission to one another to sanctify Your name of Life, your name of Peace in this world.

For these things I weep, my eye, my eye runs down with water

For our children crying at nights,

For parents holding their children with despair and darkness in their hearts For a gate that is closing and who will open it while day has not yet dawned.

And with my tears and prayers which I pray

And with the tears of all women who deeply feel the pain of these difficult days I raise my hands to you please God have mercy on us

Hear our voice that we shall not despair

That we shall see life in each other,

That we shall have mercy for each other,

That we shall have pity on each other,

That we shall hope for each other

And we shall write our lives in the book of Life

For your sake God of Life

Let us choose Life.

For you are Peace, your world is Peace and all that is yours is Peace, And so shall be your will and let us say Amen

# Rabbi Tamar Elad-Appelbaum

Rabbi Tamar Elad-Appelbaum is the founder of ZION: An Eretz Israeli Congregation in Jerusalem; and Vice President of the Masorti Rabbinical Assembly. Her work spans and links tradition and innovation, working toward Jewish spiritual and ethical renaissance. She devotes much of her energy to the renewal of community life in Israel and the struggle for human rights. Rabbi Elad-Appelbaum served as rabbi of Congregation Magen Avraham in the Negev; as a congregational rabbi in the New York suburbs alongside Rabbi Gordon Tucker; and as Assistant Dean of the Schechter Rabbinical Seminary in Jerusalem. In 2010 she was named by the Forward as one of the five most influential female religious leaders in Israel for her work promoting pluralism and Jewish religious freedom.

#### Sheikha Ibtisam Mahameed

My name is Ibtisam. I am Palestinian, living in northern Israel. My primary focus is on improving relations between Jews and Arabs in Israel, and I also work to improve the status of women in both Arab and Jewish society. Even though Arabs and Israelis live very close to one another, most have no social connection whatsoever. Most of my work is in the Palestinian community in Israel, especially amongst women whose position in Arab society is still repressed. I try to help them build up their confidence, and then I introduce them to groups of people of the three major faiths - Islam, Christianity and Judaism. For many years I have been counseling Arab and Jewish women regarding the status of women in society. As a religious Muslim woman, I work with religious Jewish, Druze, and Christian women on promoting peace by learning about each other's religions and cultures. I am on the board of Middleway, an NGO for the promotion of compassion and non-violence, and I helped found the Women's Interfaith Encounter, a program of the Interfaith Encounter Association.

# A PRAYER FOR VICTIMS OF A HURRICANE BY RABBI NAOMI LEVY

Are you watching, God? Have You seen the innocent swept away?

Are you listening, God? Have You heard their cries?

Be with them, God.

Be their strength and comfort.

Let them know You are near.

Work through us. God.

Teach us to be Your messengers on earth.

Wake us up, God.

Show us how to help.

Use us, god, shine through us.

Inspire us to rebuild the ruins.

Open our hearts so we can comfort the mourning.

Open our arms so we can extend our hands to those in need.

Shake us out of our complacency, God.

Be our quide,

Transform our helplessness into action,

Our generous intentions into charity.

Turn the prayers of our souls into acts of kindness and compassion.

Amen.

### PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

# BY US ARMY CHAPLAIN (MAJ) DAVID FROMMER AND RABBI CARLA FENVES MFT. TOGETHER WITH THEIR THREE CHILDREN

Giver of Torah,

At this time of great consequence for our nation, we look to you for hope.

Where we are gripped by fear, strengthen our courage as you did for Joshua.

Where we are fractured by division, unite us as you did Jacob and Esau.

Where we are silenced by hate, help us find our voice as you did for Esther.

God of our ancestors,

Let our children realize our dreams for a better union.

To treat each other with dignity and respect.

To live in a safe, secure and sustainable environment.

To access quality education and medical care.

To vote freely in a healthy democracy.

Bring our country together around the values that we all hold dear.

Our Rock and our Redeemer,

Watch over those who protect us on air, land, sea and space.

Grant our leaders wisdom and compassion,

and the resilience to keep their promises and earn our trust.

End meaningless violence and bring peace upon us.

Source of Life,

Bless the United States of America as we enter 5785.



# INTRODUCING FIRST SHABBAT

# Let's Build a Shabbat Morning Culture Together!

Shabbat morning is a sacred time of the week. In contrast to our non-stop culture, our tradition urges - actually commands - us to pause for 24 hours and experience another way of being. Shabbat observance generates its own delight, and First Shabbats of the month at Touro Synagogue will be a shelter for learning, prayer, and the nourishment that comes from community. Below is our First Shabbat Schedule.

#### FIRST SHABBAT MORNING SCHEDULE

#### 9:00am Shabbat Shiur\*

Sacred Text Study: A new weekly offering led by Touro clergy. \*Held every week unless otherwise noted.

#### 10:00am Shabbat Shacharit

A kid-forward, musical, multi-denominational, lay-led minyan rooted in tradition led by Chavurat Or'Leans. Visit chavuratorleans.com to learn more about this wonderful community partner who shares our inclusive values.

#### 10:00am Shabbat Rocks

A Shabbat prayer and learning experience for tots and their grownups, led by Touro Synagogue Educators. This program is intended for children ages 0-4.

#### 10:35am Kehilah KIDoshah

A Shabbat prayer and learning experience for big KIDS, led by Touro Synagogue Educators. This program is intended for children ages 5-12.

#### 11:45am Communal Shabbat Lunch

Sponsorship opportunities are available! To sponsor a monthly Shabbat lunch, please visit tourosynagogue.com/sponsorship.

# FIRST SHABBAT DATES | 2024-2025

October 5

November 2 February

April 19\*
\*3rd Shabbat this month!

December 7

January 4
February 1
March 8\*

May 3

\*2nd Shabbat this month!



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# **WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS!**

A hearty welcome to our new board members who began a two-year term on July 1, 2024: Elizabeth Gottfried, Ilana Horwitz, Allison Lestelle. and Sam Winston.



Liz Gottfried and her husband Larry moved to New Orleans in 2020 from the San Francisco Bay Area. They joined the Synagogue shortly after that and have found a true home at Touro. Liz is active in Torah Study, Uptown Hebrew, and the Choir. She is a graduate of Stanford University and spent her career in Financial Services at Wells Fargo, E\*TRADE Financial, and most recently with the Investment Risk Management firm, MSCI. Liz and Larry live in the Irish Channel and are enjoying their retirement

in this wonderful city. They have two grown daughters, Rachel who lives in Los Angeles, and Naomi who lives in Astoria, Queens. Liz looks forward to helping with the continued growth and enrichment of the congregation.



**Dr. Ilana Horwitz** is an Assistant Professor of Jewish Studies and Sociology and the Fields-Rayant Chair of Contemporary Jewish Life at the Grant Center for the American Jewish Experience at Tulane University. Ilana immigrated to the US from the former Soviet Union when she was 7 years old and spent the rest of her childhood and adolescence in the Philadelphia area. She and her family— Robbie, Araya and Mikayla—moved to New Orleans in 2021 after spending 12 years in the Bay Area.



Allison Lestelle, her husband Evan, and their children Sienna and Asher, moved from New York to New Orleans in 2020 where they quickly felt at home in the vibrant Touro community. Originally from Houston, Texas, Allison attended Tulane University and Tulane Law School. Following law school, Allison lived in New York City for over ten years, working in compliance at several banks, and she has worked at Bank of America since 2016. Allison enjoys participating in the many religious and community

events at Touro Synagogue and passing Jewish values on to her children.



Sam Winston grew up at Touro Synagogue having had his bar-mitzvah with Rabbi David Goldstein and Cantor Stephen Dubov. He is husband to his wonderful wife Heide and they have two boys, Lennon and Jonah, who both currently attend Yamim Yafim. Sam's parents, Marc and Jill Winston, have been members of Touro for many years. Sam and Heide are 2017 graduates of the Katz-Phillips Program. By day, Sam is an appellate lawyer where he heads up his own small firm, Winston Bergeron

LLP. He also recently joined Touro's volunteer choir and is honored to serve this community.

### **WELCOME NEW STAFF!**



**Sarah Tucker,** *Director of Operations,* has several years of non-profit operations experience, including serving as the Assistant Director of URJ Henry S. Jacobs Camp and the Business Operations and Events Manager at Pro Sports Assembly in Austin, Texas. While at Touro, Sarah will oversee day to day operations, with a primary focus on events, congregant relations, facilities, finance, IT, and security.

A native of Pensacola, Florida, she holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Florida and masters degrees from the University of Central Florida. Sarah's deep connection to Judaism and her passion for community have been central to

her career. She is excited to use her skills and enthusiasm to further Touro's mission of creating connection to Reform Judaism.



**Aaron Rothko,** *Hebrew and Music Educator and URJ CLASP Fellow,* graduated from Vassar College in 2020 with a major in Music. He has been an educator ever since, teaching at a variety of schools, including the JCC, youth programs, camps, as well as privately, and has led and played in a number of bands and ensembles. Originally from New York, Aaron moved to New Orleans in August of 2020 to join the Avodah Service Corps, where he worked at UNITY of Greater New Orleans.

Aaron supports all Hebrew learning for youth at Touro including B'nei Mitzvah tutoring and teaching in Uptown Hebrew. He will also be leading joyful music

sessions during Yamim Yafim on Sundays and tefillah on Wednesdays, and collaborating with Leila to support Kehilah KIDosha, our new Shabbat morning programming for kids. Aaron is thrilled to be joining the Touro community, and can't wait to work with its young members.



Leila Raymond, Educator for Youth and Teens and URJ CLASP Fellow, has just completed a Jewish Service Corp Year with Avodah here in New Orleans working in Public Health Dentistry. She graduated from Lawrence University, in Appleton, WI, a small liberal arts college where she was the president of the Jewish student organization on campus. Growing up in the Minneapolis Jewish community, attending the Minneapolis Jewish Day School and Adath Jeshurun Congregation fostered a love of creative Jewish education that Leila is excited to explore with you all.

Contact Us! Reach out to the Touro Office by calling 504-895-4843 or by email at tsmail@tourosynagogue.com.

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# **TOURO'S NEW AMBASSADOR PROGRAM**

At Touro Synagogue, we're working to foster a culture of belonging through our new Ambassador program, so that members feel noticed, named, known, and needed.

With that goal in mind, five different ambassador groups are connecting with new and recently joined members and supporting them in ways that are helpful and caring.

- **Initial Contacters** are reaching out and having conversations with new members, welcoming them, and connecting them to people and programs that align with their needs and interests. Kendell Scales Glade is the group leader.
- Shabbat Greeters/Community Hosts are greeting at Shabbat services and Shabbat dinners, acting as facilitators, seeking out newcomers, schmoozing, and making introductions. Naomi Yavneh-Klos is the group leader.
- Social Hosts are organizing and promoting casual social events and get-togethers off campus such as backyard Havdalahs, picnics, walks in the park, coffee meet-ups, and more. Stacey Weinreb is the group leader.
- Age & Stage Supporters are connecting with new members based on their stage of life, whether they're single, newly married, have a new baby, families with young children, those in the B'nei Mitzvah process, empty nesters, etc. Jeff Luria is the group leader.
- Affinity Group Supporters are connecting with new members based on how they identify, whether they're interfaith, multiracial, LGBTQ, Jews by choice, etc. Cathy Lazarus is the group leader.

With over 40 acting ambassadors, we're getting to know each other, offering advice and support, and having fun! And we're looking at ways to extend our efforts towards all congregants -- existing and new.

If you'd like to be an ambassador, or you'd like an ambassador to reach out to you, please email Julie Koppman at juliekoppman@gmail.com. Looking for answers to all kinds of questions about membership at Touro? Check out the new Membership FAQs on our web site, under About Us.

# **WELCOME NEW TOURO BABIES**

### Mazel Tov to the families of the following new babies:

Jack Bloom McCullough

Ellen Bloom and Daniel McCullough

Eliana Gaffney

Jennifer Feld and Sean Gaffney

Samuel McGrail

Sara Silbert and John McGrail

Eleanor Sands

Tiffany Cossich and Samuel Sands

**Edison Tebeleff** 

Hannah Udell and Jonathan Tebeleff

Gideon Yurco

Michal Erder and Isaac Yurco

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

# Touro Synagogue welcomes the following new members who joined our congregation in 5784:

Jenea and Steven Atkins

**Taylor Becnel** 

Arielle Berg and Kyle Adolph

Ellen Bloom and Daniel McCullough

Jack

Sarah Bodenstein and Jae McKee

Shirley and Benedikt Bolz

Anderson, Alastair

Molly Brackin-Bernard and Lewis Bernard

Matilda, Violet

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Gina Castellano and Julian Good, Jr.

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Shira Glazer and Matthew Rosenthal

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Shaffer, Jack, Margot

Joanna Haug and Aaron Rothko

Rachel Heiligman and Matthew Rufo

Elan, Azalea

Alexandra Herman and Ross Jourdan

Lisa and Evan Jacobs

Miles, Mason

Samantha Jaffe and Zachary Tanenbaum

Alicia and David Kasten

Robert Laviolette and David Shulman

**Donna and Louis Levin** 

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