



GREETINGS
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Dear Oseh community,

Hinenu. Here we are. As we come together again for the High Holy days, we notice that while our circumstances are not quite as dramatically different as last year, they are still profoundly different from what we have previously known. Some of us must still participate remotely, and some of us are here in the Oseh sanctuary, wearing our ubiquitous masks.

Let us all be grateful for the Breath of Life that flows through each of our bodies. This season of reflection encourages us to each feel the preciousness of our lives and the continuing cloud of the pandemic forces us each to feel the fragility of our lives.

We have been thinking a lot recently of the profound instruction Judaism offers us from *parshat Nitzvavim* in Deuteronomy, which we always read right before Rosh Hashanah: I call heaven and earth to witness before you this day: I have put before you life and death, blessing and curse. Choose life, that you and your descendants may live! ([Deuteronomy 30:19](#))

This verse has always had deep resonance throughout Judaism, but it has assumed a new level of meaning during the pandemic. Our choosing to be vaccinated is a choosing of life, both life for ourselves and our loved ones, but also life for our broader community and country as every vaccination brings us closer to ending the pandemic.

This verse can be brought to bear on so many other levels. We are invited to reflect: what is it that increases life, and what is it that decreases life? How do the words we use with each other increase or decrease life? What about our food choices--how do these increase or decrease life for our bodies or for the land and soil that supports us? Our work for racial justice is another example of choosing life as we know that the lives of Black and brown people have been far too often undervalued by our police and our culture. Now, as we near the end of yet another record hot summer--how do we choose life for the climate, for the fundamental system which nurtures all life on this planet?

May we deeply reflect on these and many other questions close to our hearts this season.

May we each be inscribed and sealed in the Book of Life for good!

Shanah tovah,

Rabbis Josh and Daria



We wish our Oseh family & friends
peace, love, happiness, and
God's blessing in 5782. L'shanah Tovah!
Andy & Nikki Lincoln

Shanah Tovah!
Wishing you the blessings of
Health, Joy and Renewal

Steve Kaplan and
Lynne Gaynes-Kaplan



Wishing everyone a Happy New Year.
We hope that 5782 brings us all health,
happiness, and togetherness!

Shelley & Adam Reese

L'shana Tovah! A happy, sweet, and
meaningful new year to all of our Oseh
Shalom friends and family.

Beth, Andy, Molly, and Lee Friedman

Best wishes for a happy, healthy and
sweet
New Year!

Nancey and Steve Parker

The Metzman Family wishes all people on the planet a full year of health, happiness, and connection.

And knowing our community Ruach will shine on our children, and families in 5782!

Todah Rabah to all who kept Oseh going throughout the challenges of the last 18 months. You have been amazing.

A joyous, healthy, happy year to all our
Oseh family filled with smiles, hugs and
friends.

Melody, Gary, Juli and Josh

Wishing all a happy, healthy, and sweet
new year!

Weiss Family - Cathy, Rob, Ben, Lindsey,
Michele

Wishing everyone a very happy and Sweet
New Year. L'Shanah Tovah!

The Menyuk clan.

In honor of Oseh Shalom, my wonderful extended Jewish family. Celebrating that this year we can once again be together in person to pray, learn and celebrate our simchas.

-John Riehl



Wishing everyone good health, happiness,
peace and prosperity. Today and all
through the year! L'shanah Tovah!

Linda and Art Solomon

Welcome Back Fellow Congregants!

Shana Tova

Brad Sachs and Karen Meckler

-May you be inscribed in the Book of Life for a happy & healthy year.

Oseh Shalom's Sisterhood & Men's Club

-Together again in 5782-L'Hayim Oseh Shalom *Mishpaha!* Val Kaplan

-L'Shanah Tova from Ernest & Elmina Hilsenrath

-Happy New Year - Michael, Karen, Neven, Noah & Katish Sussman

-Steve and Sheila Urman wish everyone a sweet, healthy new year.

-Chag Sameach from the Wacks family

-Wishing all a happy, healthy, and joyous new year!

Sue & Rich Burger

-L'shanah tovah tikateivu v'teichateimu from Gary & Bonnie Gaines

-L'Shana Tova from Hannah Gould

-O.K. I get it. Time to send COVID-19 to any planet other than Earth.

Barry Segal

-L'Shana Tovah 5782 from the Potemken-Friedman family!

-Have a Joyous, Healthy and Peaceful New Year. Rich & Sue Burger



Life Long Learning Calendar 2021-2022

Sunday, October 17, 2021 at 10am

Dr. Miriam Isaacs, Professor of Yiddish Language and Culture, will be speaking about Yiddish comedian and actor Simon Dzigan (Zoom and/or in-person, to be announced)

Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at 7pm

Jewish Museum of Maryland: Beyond Baltimore Program (Zoom)

Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at 7pm

Book talk by author Leslie P. Barry on her novel "Newark Minutemen: A True Legend about One Man's Mission to Save a Nation's Soul" (Zoom)

Co-sponsored by the Howard County Jewish Federation and other area synagogues

Sunday, December 12, 2021 at 5pm

"Chewdaism: A Taste of Jewish Montreal"

Film screening followed by a catered deli sandwich dinner to follow

(In-person)

More to come in 2022. Watch the Oseh Calendar and the e-news for information

Please contact Marla Singer at moosewonk@gmail.com for any questions.

**Oseh Shalom welcomes the following
new members in 5782:**

Amy & Dennis Gottesmann

Victor & Rachel Nemchenok

Alan & Karen Rubinstein

Alan & Lauren Sachs

Marisa Strakovsky

NEW AND PROSPECTIVE MEMBER BRUNCH

SUNDAY, November 7, 2021

AT 10:00 A.M.

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