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D'VAR HA'RAV: A WORD FROM RABBI MARK

Make Way for the New Year

One of my favorite insights is found in the simple word “joy.” Embedded within it is the expressive Yiddish word, “oy.” Hopefully the summer brought along ample joy, but of course in the wider world there’s been a lot of “oy.” How was your summer? “Fun and relaxing?” “Feh. Meh. Oy?” Needing a bit of a breather after the news one day (let’s be honest, most days), I googled the words, “Jewish” and “Zen,” just to see what might come up. Here’s what I found: “The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single oy.” And, “If you wish to know The Way, don’t ask for directions. Argue.” I’m not exactly sure what I was hoping to find, but these two sayings made me laugh and cry at the same time. How can we make way for the New Year? Argue? Of course we know the old saying, “two Jews, three opinions.” “The way” is different for each of us whether it’s through arguing, having courageous conversations, protesting to bring about change in our country and in Israel, taking a stand, meditating, singing, praying, walking, and/or writing. You name it, we’ve been trying it all. Perhaps one way to enter into the New Year is to make more room.

A parable. The Baal Shem Tov, the eighteenth-century founder of the Hasidic movement, was once traveling in a wagon that was packed full of passengers. Even though there was no room to move, when he saw a hitchhiker on the road, he nonetheless urged the driver to stop and offer the fellow a ride. “But there’s no more room for anybody else,” responded the driver. “What are you talking about?” said the Baal Shem Tov. “All we need to do is love each other just a little bit more, and there will be plenty of room.” To me this doesn’t necessarily mean there will be less opinions or arguments, or that the “feh, meh, and oy” will go away. Our relationships include all of these, and love. So, maybe more love can help make more room—where there is dissonance in our hearts, within our families and friends, community, and in the wider world. Maybe this won’t change the world. But, maybe it can change us—or how we walk in the world together.

The month of Elul, prior to the New Year, is an auspicious time, not just for planning but also for preparing ourselves for what’s to come. The Hebrew letters that spell “Elul” are also said to stand for the phrase, “*Ani L’dodi, V’dodi Li* / I am my Beloved’s and my Beloved is Mine.” (Song of Songs 6:3)

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GATHER TOGETHER

High Holidays 5786

9/22 Erev Rosh Hashanah
9/23 Rosh Hashanah Day 1
9/24 Rosh Hashanah Day 2

10/1 Kol Nidre
10/2 Yom Kippur

Please check our website for service times and locations, alternative services (including for families and tots), additional High Holiday info, Zoom links:

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The sounds, sights, and smells of Fall arrive long before the season is actually upon us. With these senses come the anticipation of our Days of Awe, from Rosh Hashanah through the end of Yom Kippur. I still get that back-to-school feeling from my childhood, that excitement and trepidation of the year to come. This year, that feeling is even stronger as I embark on my role as President of our amazing congregation.

In just the first couple of months in this role, I've made some key observations that might seem obvious, but I want to share them because of how vital these are to our sense of community.

1. The world is complicated. Given the same basic values and understanding of the facts, which are often hard to distinguish from opinion, perspective can lead to different conclusions. We read the Torah scrolls from beginning to end year after year because we approach them with a new lens that comes with new experiences from the time before.
2. Facing challenges with these different perspectives can actually make us stronger and more cohesive. Instead of allowing our differences to divide us, we can forge stronger respect and admiration for each other and learn from one another.
3. The more we do for each other, the more we want to do for each other; we become ever more invested in the community we foster.
4. Likewise, the more we do for each other, the more it feels comfortable to ask for help. We all need help and I love that we can all ask for it.
5. Our unique relationship with Dartmouth Hillel is to be celebrated. It's incredible how much each entity gives to and gets from each other.
6. Community activities nurture these connections, amplifying our shared joy in celebrations and supporting each other in mourning losses. Those attending Saturday morning services inspire more of a crowd to come every week and our community Passover seder is always highly attended and so enjoyed. We provide amazing educational opportunities, including our thriving Hebrew School and many options for adults. Besides those, we have fun social events and philanthropic outlets for everyone. Praying, learning, engaging in tikkun olam, and just having fun together all reinforce our ties to each other.

A common theme here is that sharing ourselves with each other forges something greater than the sum of us as individuals. My goal is to strengthen all that I have observed, making everyone feel welcome and needed in our community. I feel so privileged to be connected to all of you and wish each of you a celebratory Rosh Hashana and meaningful introspection through Yom Kippur. We all pray for peace in the world and our inner peace as we struggle through these challenging times.

L'shana tova! *Lori*

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HEBREW SCHOOL AND YOUTH HAPPENINGS

Hello from the Hebrew School hallway,

Summer was quiet. I was supposed to do a professional development workshop at Pardes in Jerusalem but the war put it online. I learned some interesting things about facilitating controversial conversations and learning from folks who hold different opinions, and I plan to offer some workshops this year for Hebrew school faculty, Dartmouth Hillel students, and any community members who would like to participate.

Although I didn't go to Israel, I did make a trip to the Yiddish Book Center in Amherst, MA. Who knows how to tell the difference between Yiddish and Hebrew typewriters? Check out the photo below and see if you can figure it out. I will make a challah for the first person who reads this and emails me the answer: school@uvjc.org

The Hebrew school faculty this year is made up of all returning teachers and a nice crop of new madrichim from last year's b'mitzvah palooza. As teachers we have Daphna Fineberg '26, Ben Katz '26, Alex Rockmore '27, and Darci Rochkind '28, joined by Kinneret Melamut, Heidi Kaufman, Grace Stewart, Sophie Hopkins, Mikayla Kravetz; madrichim are Phoebe Orner, Kate Stewart, Sophia Horowitz, Edie Rojansky, Liora Aner, Aimery Weikert, and Evei Pilchik; and our trusty Assistant Director Amos Kornfeld.

This year's Jew Crew is doing a full day-trip to Boston on Veteran's Day. The Crew will meet about once a month for social events, community service, holiday gatherings, and adventures.

Lshana tova, *Melissa*



Family Shabbat at Storrs Pond with the Good Humor Ice Cream Truck on 9/5/2025



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שיחת השנה

TALK OF THE SEASON: HIGH HOLIDAY SYMBOLISM AND REFLECTIONS



NEW ENGLAND APPLES AND HONEY

By Beth Kanell, for *anno mundi* 5786

Ask enough questions

and the face of the new year will smile and bless your path.

Was *Rosh ha-Shanah* made for New England? We welcome apples, host honey from clover, from linden trees, from golden wildflowers, bright glory of a holiday meal and the warmth of hugs, sweet to us as these days grow crisp and frost teases.

Bold McIntosh is a cool-climate treasure—yet the crunch, the tang, the pie-perfect strength of Granny Smith thrives, ripens, in the Galilee, the Golan Heights. *Ein Shemer* apples in pale yellow skin glow, blush, rise from seed in *kibbutz*

to thrive on our Gulf Coast, summer ripe, juicy. Ask another:

How does the plaintive call of the Shofar make New England home, high among mountains and rocky rivers? Child of my heart, recall the geese you heard at dusk. *Tekiah*,

they cry, repeating diaspora's long farewell, fading into distance till the answer to your question echoes: *Shuvah Yisrael*, return to Hashem, to the fruit of courage and caring.

THE POMEGRANATE

The pomegranate, which ripens in Israel during this season, has many sweet seeds inside of it. A midrash that states that there are 613 seeds in the pomegranate, symbolizing the 613 *mitzvot* (commandments). Whether or not this number is accurate, the pomegranate has come to symbolize *mitzvot* and good deeds.

Barukh atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melekh Ha-Olam, Borei P'ri Ha-eitz. [Blessed are You, Adonai, our God, Sovereign over all, who creates the fruit of the tree.] May it be Your will, Adonai our God, that we be as full of good deeds as the pomegranate is full of seeds.

Food for thought: What would you like your life to be filled with this coming year? What acts of kindness do you want to practice in the year to come?

THE CARROT

The Hebrew word for “carrot,” *gezer*, is reminiscent of the infinitive *ligzor*, meaning both to cut and to decree. Therefore, the carrot on the Rosh Hashanah table traditionally carries with it a wish that God judge us with positive decrees.

[Blessed are You, Adonai, our God, Sovereign over all, who creates the fruit of the tree.] May it be Your will, Adonai our God, to decree upon us good decrees and favorable judgment.

Food for thought: What do I want to be known for this year? What's my intention for the year?

Source: ritualwell.org/ritual/rosh-hashanah-seder-booklet

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COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT: UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATES – UPCOMING UVJC COMMUNITY EVENTS

Thursday, 10/9 @ 5:30pm | Eastman Sukkah Gathering & Veggie Potluck

Friday, 10/10 @ 6pm | Shabbat in the Sukkah

Saturday, 10/25 @ 11:30am | Lunch & Learn
The Importance of Local News, Rob Gurwitt

Saturday, 11/15 @ 11:30am | Lunch & Learn
A History of Jews in the U.S. Military, Dr. Robyn Jacobs & Dr. David Soybel

Saturday, 12/13 @ 11:30am | Lunch & Learn
A Dive into Jewish Music via the Dartmouth Jewish Sound Archive, Alexander Hartov

Monthly during Sunday Hebrew School | Kol Ha'Emek Parent's Chavurah
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Our sages taught that this refers to the relationship between the Divine and us, as we begin to draw closer together in love, kindness, compassion, and forgiveness. From the midrash we learn, “A single opening of *teshuva* or, a change, as small as the eye of a needle, is enough for G-d to open entrances large enough for wagons and carriages to pass through.”

Even our simple ritual of eating apples and honey on Rosh Hashana has a deep and hidden meaning about love. We don't eat them just because they are New England's quintessential Fall fruit, but because in the Song of Songs, King Solomon depicts the love G-d has for us in this way: “Beneath the apple tree there I aroused you[r love].” (8:5) Literally, “*tachat hatapuach orarticha* – under the apple tree, I aroused you.” When we eat apples, at the core of it all (pun intended) is the deep matter of arousing love—for ourselves, for each other, for the world, and for healing. As for the honey, like life, it's sticky, messy, and sweet. Through it all, sticking together as a community is sacred. To borrow from a quote about theater, which I think relates as well to community: “In our own, theater can be the place where we come together, reaching with and through stories, to who we are and to who we can be.” (Juliet Stevenson)

May we continue to come together, make room for others, share our stories, and create small openings of change.

L'shana tova, a good, sweet, and peaceful New Year, *Rabbi Mark*

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The UVJC is having a food drive to support the **UPPER VALLEY HAVEN** and **CLAREMONT SOUP KITCHEN**. The drive will begin on 9/22 and end on 10/19. Bags will be available during High Holiday services. Thank you for supporting our local community!



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- High Holiday Appeal** (sustaining ongoing Jewish life in our community)
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Wishing you a good & sweet 5786!



High Holiday Schedule 5786/2025

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To borrow High Holiday books email Chris at office@uvjc.org or call 603-646-0460

Monday, September 22nd - Erev Rosh Hashanah Service – 6:30 pm (Rollins Chapel); Sermon: Rabbi Mark Melamut

Tuesday, September 23rd - Rosh Hashanah Day 1 Service – 9 am (Rollins Chapel); Sermon: Rabbi Seth Linfield

Tuesday, September 23rd - Tashlich at Occom Pond - 3 pm

Tuesday, September 23rd - Rosh Hashanah Day 1 Family Service – 10 am (Storrs Pond, Byrne Pavilion)

Tuesday, September 23rd - Rosh Hashanah Day 1 Tot Service – 10 am (Roth Center)

Wednesday, September 24th - Rosh Hashanah Day 2 Service – 9 am (Roth Center)

Sermon: "From Din To Rachamim (From Judgment to Compassion): Discerning the Voice of God"

Rabbi Brian Besser with Rabbi Mark Melamut and Rabbi Seth Linfield

Wednesday, October 1st - Kol Nidre Service – 6:30 pm (Rollins Chapel); Sermon: Rabbi Seth Linfield

Musical Meditation on Piano and Cello: "Kol Nidrei, Op. 47, Max Bruch, 1880"

Thursday, October 2nd - Yom Kippur Service – 9 am (Rollins Chapel); Sermon: Rabbi Mark Melamut

Thursday, October 2nd - Yom Kippur Family Service – 10 am (Roth Center)

Thursday, October 2nd - Yom Kippur Tot Service – 10 am (Roth Center)

Thursday, October 2nd - Study Session, with Rabbi Brian Besser – 2 pm (Rollins Chapel)

"Jonah & Us" - Study, meditation, and discussion of the character of Jonah, as a stand-in for each of us.

Thursday, October 2nd - Yizkor Service – 4 pm (Rollins Chapel)

Thursday, October 2nd - Mincha Service – 5 pm (Rollins Chapel)

Thursday, October 2nd - Ne'ilah Service – 6 pm (Rollins Chapel)

(break the fast, 7:00 pm)

Tuesday, October 7th - Sukkot Day 1 Service, 10 am (Roth Center)

Wednesday, October 8th - Sukkot Day 2 Service, 10 am (Roth Center)

Tuesday, October 14th - Shemini Atzeret and Yizkor Service, 10 am (Roth Center)

Wednesday, October 15th - Simchat Torah Service, 10 am (Roth Center)

We wish you and your family a warm L'Shana Tova!

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Please GO to UVJC.org for the Current Calendar	1 8 ELUL 🇺🇸 Labor Day	2 9 ELUL 1:30 pm Chronicles Class	3 10 ELUL	4 11 ELUL 7:00 pm Parshat Class	5 12 ELUL 🕯️🕯️ 6:51 6:00 pm Musical Shabbat Service 6:00 pm Family Shabbat Service, Storrs	6 13 ELUL 🕯️🕯️ Ki Seitzei 10:00 am Contemplative Shabbat Service
7 14 ELUL	8 15 ELUL	9 16 ELUL 1:30 pm Chronicles Class	10 17 ELUL	11 18 ELUL	12 19 ELUL 🕯️🕯️ 6:39 6:00 pm Shabbat Service	13 20 ELUL 🕯️🕯️ Ki Savo 10:00 am Shabbat Service 11:30 am Lunch and Learn with Evan Cohn 6:30 pm Slices, Study Selihot
14 21 ELUL 🔱 Selichos Begin 11:00 am Parent's Chavurah 3:30 pm Israeli Folk Dancing	15 22 ELUL 1:00 pm Mahjong	16 23 ELUL 1:30 pm Chronicles Class	17 24 ELUL	18 25 ELUL 7:00 pm UVJC Board Meeting	19 26 ELUL 🕯️🕯️ 6:26 6:00 pm Shabbat Service	20 27 ELUL 🕯️🕯️ Nitzavim 10:00 am Shabbat Service
21 28 ELUL	22 29 ELUL 🔱 Erev Rosh Hashanah 🕯️🕯️ 6:21 6:30 pm Erev Rosh Hashanah Service, Rollins Chapel	23 1 TISHREI 🔱 Rosh Hashanah - Day 1 See High Holiday Schedule for Service Times/Locations	24 2 TISHREI 🔱 Rosh Hashanah - Day 2 9:00 am Rosh Hashanah Day 2 Service, Roth Center	25 3 TISHREI 🔱 Fast of Gedalyah	26 4 TISHREI 🕯️🕯️ 6:14 6:00 pm Shabbat Service	27 5 TISHREI 🕯️🕯️ Vayelech 10:00 am Shabbat Service
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5 13 TISHREI	6 14 TISHREI  5:57	7 15 TISHREI ⚡Succos - Day 1 10:00 am Sukkot Day 1 Service	8 16 TISHREI ⚡Succos - Day 2 10:00 am Sukkot Day 2 Service	9 17 TISHREI ⚡Succos - First Intermediate Day 5:30 pm Eastman Sukkah Event and Potluck 7:00 pm Parshat Class	10 18 TISHREI ⚡Succos - Second Intermediate Day  5:50 6:00 pm Shabbat Service Shabbat in the Sukkah	11 19 TISHREI ⚡Succos - Third Intermediate Day 10:00 am Shabbat Service
12 20 TISHREI ⚡Succos - Fourth Intermediate Day	13 21 TISHREI ⚡Succos - Fifth Intermediate Day ⚡Hoshanah Rabbah  5:45 🇺🇸Columbus Day	14 22 TISHREI ⚡Shemini Atzeres 10:00 am Shemini Atzeret and Yizkor Service	15 23 TISHREI ⚡Simchas Torah 10:00 am Simchat Torah Service	16 24 TISHREI 7:00 pm UVJC Board Meeting	17 25 TISHREI  5:39 6:00 pm Shabbat Service	18 26 TISHREI ⚡Bereishis 10:00 am Shabbat Service
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