

DAF TSAFON

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As we gather this Shabbat, we stand on the edge of something truly magnificent — the beginning of the Ten Days of Teshuvah, starting with Rosh Hashanah. It's not just the start of a new calendar year. It's the moment we, the Jewish People, are invited to participate in a royal encounter — to meet the Creator of the Universe.

This experience is open to all, but it's reserved for a unique few: Am Yisrael. And it's unlike any other time of year.

Throughout the year, we refer to God as *HaKel HaKadosh* — the Holy God. But, beginning with Rosh Hashanah, we shift to *HaMelech HaKadosh* — the Holy King. This isn't just a poetic flourish; it's halachically significant. If someone mistakenly says *HaKel HaKadosh* in the Amidah during these days, they must repeat the entire prayer. It's as if the email was sent to the wrong address — returned to sender.

The shofar is the trumpet that announces this shift. Chassidic masters teach that Rosh Hashanah night is the **night of coronation** — when we crown Hashem as King of the world.

And with the arrival of royalty, there are expectations.

When a king visits, we elevate our conduct. Our speech, our actions, our rituals — all must reflect the dignity of the moment. The King comes to tour His kingdom, to see what we've built,

what we've achieved, and how we've grown. He meets with the leadership, hears our concerns, and evaluates our performance. Are we living up to our potential? Are we fulfilling our roles?

The liturgy of this season reflects these themes of **coronation, arrival, and judgment**. The shofar calls us to wake up — to reflect on who we are, what we've become, and who we want to be. These aren't questions we answer in a single moment. That's why we're given ten days — ten days to look inward, to recalibrate, and to return.

So tonight, as we welcome this Shabbat, let's begin preparing ourselves — spiritually and emotionally — for the arrival of the King. Let's reflect on the year that was, and the year we hope to build. And let's enter Rosh Hashanah ready to crown Hashem anew, with sincerity, joy, and awe.

Shana Tova Umetukah to congregants and friends...

Shabbat Shalom

Haftarah

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THE TRANSFORMATION OF ZION

Isaiah LX

The prophet addressing Zion tells that her redemption is near and that she will radiate the light of God's glory to all nations. Her exiled children are returning, and many nations bring precious gifts by land and sea for the service of the Temple. She will receive homage from her former oppressors and be transformed into a city of splendour and joy. Peace and righteousness will replace tyranny, God will be her everlasting light, and Zion will become numerous and mighty.

מזל טוב
Mazal Tov
to our
Bar Mitzvah

EZEKIEL DANIELEWICZ

son of Maximiliano and Alejandra,
brother of Malena and adored grandson of
Ana Lubecki and Silvia Bransburg.

Mazal Tov also to the Danielewicz, Lubecki and Bransburg
families as well as their extended family and friends.

מזל טוב
Wedding anniversary

Leslie and Paula Schrieber

מזל טוב
Bar Mitzvah anniversary

Tyler Hubersman

**Our congregation acknowledges the following
yahrzeit anniversaries and wishes long life to those
who are commemorating a yahrzeit
during the coming week.**

חיים ארוכים

Erika Agoston	mother of Esther Reich
Erwin Forrester	father of Peter Forrester
Eileen Freedman	mother of Ellie Freedman
Nancye Goldstein	mother of Jenni Ulman and Belinda Braham, grandmother of Brett Ulman, Kahlee Tintner, Rebecca Flax and Sophie Braham
Perry (Ted) Herzberg	father-in-law of Heymann Zwarenstein
William Klompus	father of Hazel Chapman
Joseph Victor Landor	father of David Landor
Hodda Lopis	mother of Gillian Heymann
Naomi Marks	mother of Harold Marks
Bert Morris	grandfather of Sarah Zukerman
Ilona Pach	grandmother of Peter Forrester
Helen Schrieber	mother of Leslie Schrieber
Regina Shapiro	mother of Helen Layman
Audrey Suntup	mother-in-law of Leonard Kirsch
Daisy Toooh	mother of Philippa Vituli