



**Judaism Your Way**

# **Welcoming the New Year in Community**

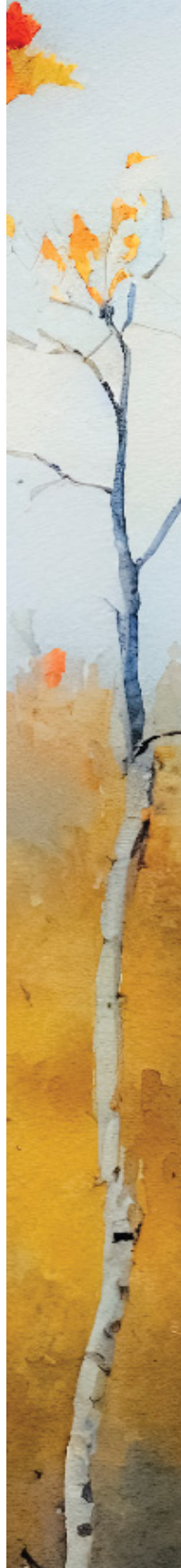
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# Your Presence is a Blessing

Welcome! We are so grateful to gather with you as we celebrate the Jewish High Holidays. Whether you're joining us online or in the tent, we hope this time together uplifts your spirit, offers you connection, and brings you joy.

At Judaism Your Way, we're an open tent, embracing everyone who seeks a connection to Jewish life. Whether this is your first or your 100th time in Jewish space, we welcome you exactly as you are, with only love and appreciation, and without judgment. We invite you to embrace the new year and the present moment, by dropping your shoulders, opening your heart, and taking a deep breath to simply be.

Rosh Hashanah celebrates the turning of the new year, with the themes of creation and re-creation. May these services help us to commit more deeply to re-creation and healing that is so needed in our world – personally, nationally, globally. Yom Kippur invites us to practice the healing power of teshuvah – returning to integrity. On Yom Kippur, we reflect on our own agency and the impact of our actions. We take time to recommit to what is most authentic, meaningful and sacred to us in our lives, relationships, and communities.

Many of us struggle with the dominant metaphor of the Sacred in our culture: God as a big powerful man. If that has been a struggle for you, please know that you're not alone. Fortunately, Judaism offers a diverse and colorful palette of alternative metaphors for the Sacred: Being and Becoming, Life Unfolding, Place, Presence, Voice, Fire, Cloud, Water, Rock, Oneness, Wholeness, Love, and That Which has No Name. You'll encounter these metaphors throughout our services, and we hope you find a metaphor that spiritually moves you.

If you are new to our community, welcome! We're so glad you're here and please don't worry—our service leaders will be your guides. Please take care of your needs, whatever they may be, during services. You're welcome to get up, stretch, move, sing, dance, cry, and wander the gardens if you want.

May our services help you connect deeply during these High Holidays and throughout the year ahead.

*L'shanah tovah!* Blessings for a sweet new year.



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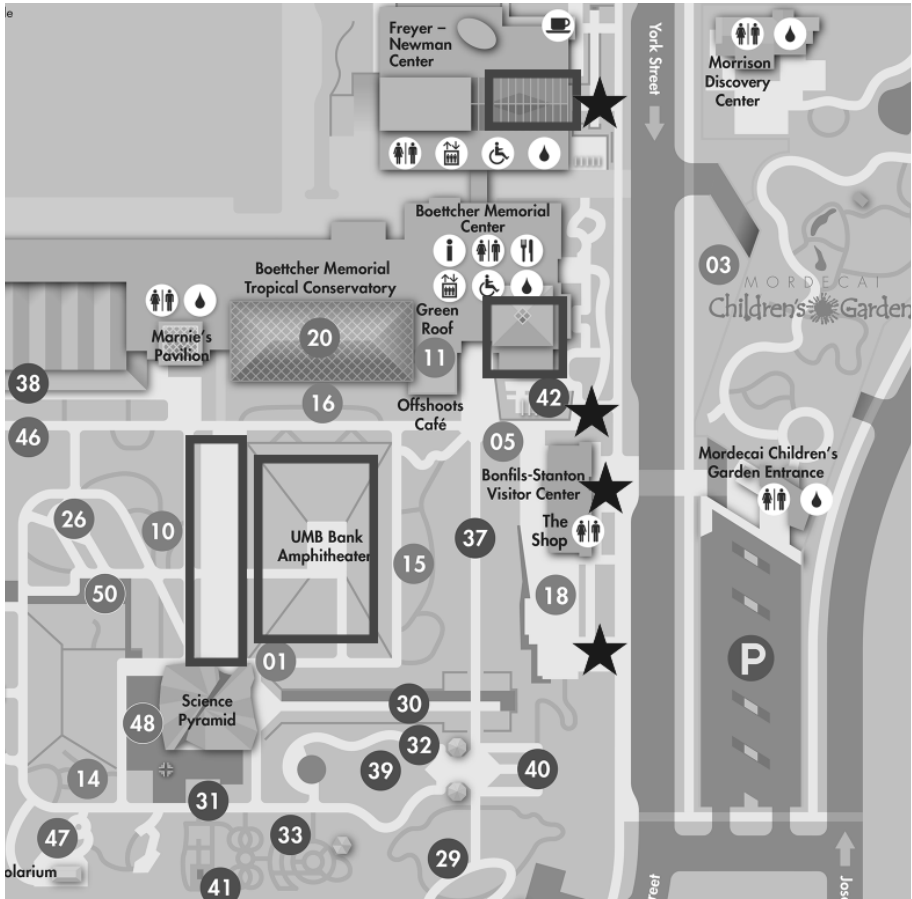
# Making Your High Holiday Experience Meaningful and Safe

We're thrilled to welcome you to our inclusive community as we gather for the High Holidays. To ensure everyone feels empowered and prepared, we've provided the following safety information:

- **Situational Awareness:** Please review the map below to familiarize yourself with the locations of all exits at the Denver Botanic Gardens.
- **Medical Emergencies:** If you require assistance, the EMS team, easily identifiable in red shirts, will be stationed just outside the tent.
- **Report Concerns:** If you notice any suspicious, erratic, or threatening behavior, please report it immediately to JYW staff, police officers, or volunteers in blue vests.

We're committed to creating a safe and supportive environment for all.

## Denver Botanic Gardens – Exits Marked with Stars



As a maximally inclusive community, we welcome you however you are to celebrate the High Holidays with us. Attendees who are physically or verbally disruptive to the service will be asked to leave the Denver Botanic Gardens immediately.

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Be strong, be strong, and may we strengthen one another

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will correct it in future publications.

## Ivy's Niggun

Rabbi Shir Yaakov Feit

*Yai lai, yai lai...*

## I'm Awake / Modeh-Modah Ani

Hazzan Jesse Roemer

I'm awake, I'm awake, I'm awake! (repeat)

מוֹדָה/מוֹדָה אֲנִי לְפָנֶיךָ, מֶלֶךְ חַי וְקַיִם

Call and Response:

*Modeh/Modah ani*

*I'fanecha,*

*Melech chai chai v'kayam*

## Shehecheyanu

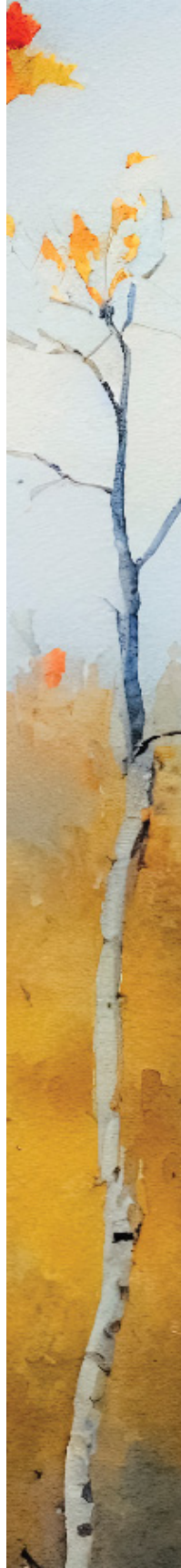
Zvika Pik

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם  
שֶׁהֵחַיְנוּ וְקִיַּמְנוּ וְהִגִּיעַנוּ לְזֶמֶן הַזֶּה:

*Baruch atah Adonai Eloheinu melech ha-olam  
shehecheyanu v'kiy'manu v'higianu lazman hazeh.*

*Amen*

(Translation: Blessed is the Flow of Being, giving us life, sustaining us, and bringing us to this moment.)





# Hal'l'l'l'luyah

Shira Klein

Chorus:

*Hal'l'l'l'l'l'l' ... la-l'le-lu-yah*

*Hal'l'l'l'l'l'l' ... la-l'le-lu-yah*

*Hal'l'l'l'l'l'l' ... la-l'le-lu-yah*

*Hal'l'l'l'l'l'l' ... la-l'le-looooooyah!*

Wave hello to someone far away from you

Wave hello and say "SHALOM!" ("hello")

Wave hello to someone far away from you

Wave hello and sing "HALLELUYAH!"

(Chorus)

Scratch the back of someone sitting next to you

Scratch their back and say "TODAH!" ("thank you")

Scratch the back the person sitting next to you

Scratch their back and say "HALLELUYAH!"

(Chorus)

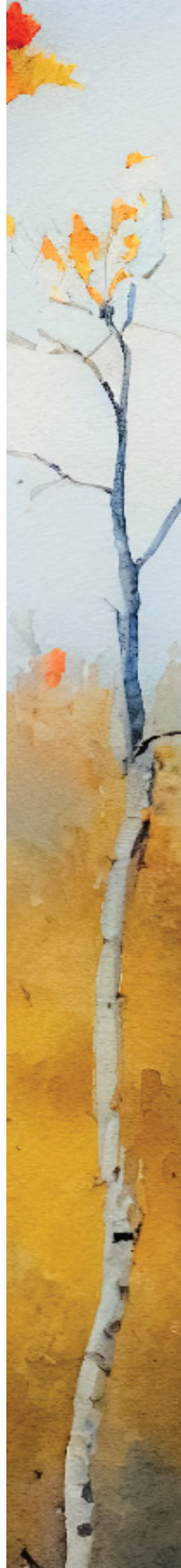
Look into the eyes of someone very special

Look into their eyes and see their "N'SHAMAH" ("soul")

Look into the eyes of someone very special

Look into their eyes and sing "HALLELUYAH!"

(Chorus)



## **We Are One**

*Emily Aronoff Teck*

We are One and God is One  
When we sing, we sing as One  
(x2)

Chorus:

*Lalala Lalalalala Lalala Lalalalala*

We are One and God is One  
When we clap, we clap as one  
(x2)

(Chorus – with clapping)

We One and God is One  
When we pray, we pray as one  
(x2)

## **Sh'ma / Listen**

*Deuteronomy 6:4*

*Zvika Pik*

**שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ יְהוָה אֶחָד:  
בְּרוּךְ שֵׁם כְּבוֹד מַלְכוּתוֹ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד:**

*Sh'ma Yisrael*

Listen, those who dance with the Divine,

*Adonai Eloheinu Adonai echad*

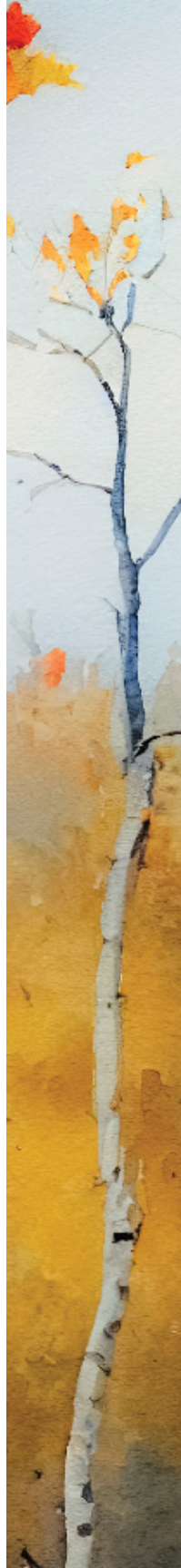
The Source of our being is one!

*Baruch shem k'vod malchuto,*

Blessed is the Presence whose splendor

*l'olam va-ed.*

shines through all time and space.





## Oseh Shalom

Melody and English Lyrics by Elana Jagoda-Kaye

עֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמִרְוּמָיו, הוּא יַעֲשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם עֲלֵינוּ.  
עֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמִרְוּמָיו, הִיא תַעֲשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם עֲלֵינוּ.

*Oseh shalom bimromav hu ya'aseh, hu ya'aseh, hu  
ya'aseh shalom aleinu.*

*Oseh shalom bimromav hee ta'aseh, hee ta'aseh,  
hee ta'aseh shalom aleinu.*

May the One, may the One who makes peace, bring  
peace down, bring peace down.

## Interactive I'm Sorry Time!

### Tap Your Heart

*Eliana Light*

Chorus:

Tap, tap, tap your heart (x3)

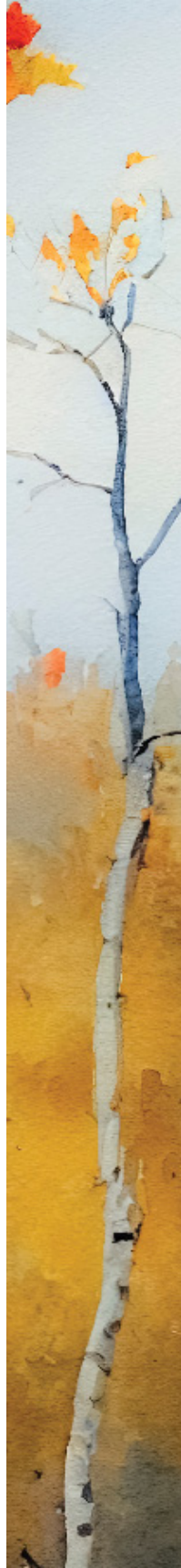
On Yom Kippur it's time to restart

Yai dai dai dai dai Yai dai dai dai dai ....

*Ashamnu, Bagadnu, Gazalnu, Dibarnu Dofi*

We've made mistakes, We've done bad things  
But this is what, the new year brings  
A chance to change, A chance to grow  
With one first step, Nice and slow

We've used bad words, and hurt our friends  
But these mistakes, Are not the end  
We do teshuvah, We learn to do good  
So we tap our heart, To remind us we should



## **Kirtan Kaddish**

*Music by Rabbi Andrew Hahn*

*Yitbarach shimcha / sh'meich*

May their names be blessed (repeat) (x8)

From now until forever and forever (x8)

## **Family Blessing**

*Emily Aronoff Teck*

You are a blessing

Every Day

When I watch you grow

Learn and play

So I'll love you and keep you

and I'll hug you and kiss you

Forever and ever, Forever and ever (and ever)

You are a blessing

Every day

When you care for me

help our family

I'll love you and keep you

and I'll hug you and kiss you

Forever and ever, Forever and ever (and ever)

*(Everyone Echo:)*

May God Bless You

May God Keep You

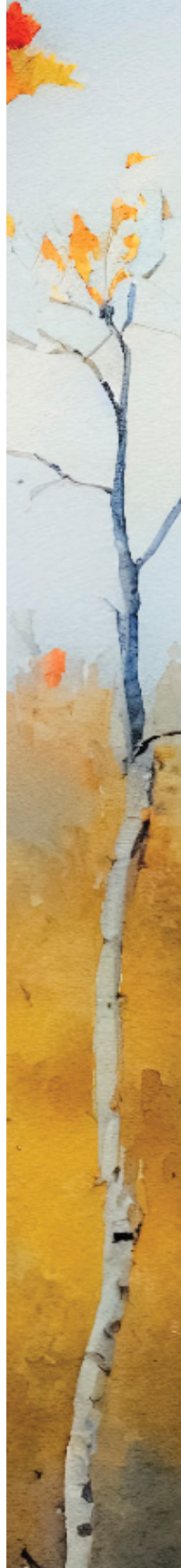
Shine light on you

Help you find peace

May God watch you

and stay with you

Forever and ever, Forever and ever (and ever)



## **I Have a Voice**

*Elana Arian*

I will open my eyes (I will open my eyes)  
I will not look away (I will not look away)  
I will use this gift I've been given, Everyday

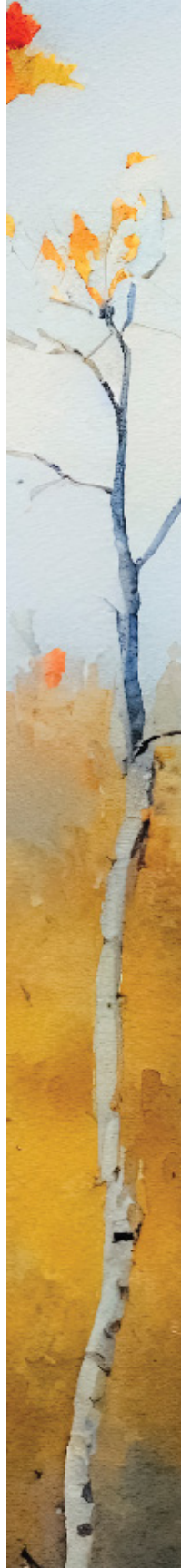
I have a voice  
My voice is powerful  
My voice can change the world (x2)

I will give of myself (I will give of myself)  
I will reach out my hand (I will reach out my hand)  
I will use this heart I've been given  
And make a stand!

### CHORUS

I will fight for the truth (I will fight for the truth)  
I'll stand up for what's right (I'll stand up for what's right)  
I will use this strength I've been given,  
And be a light!

### CHORUS



## **Building a Better World**

*Ellen Allard*

We're building a better world,  
We're building a better world,  
We're building a better world,  
One person at a time

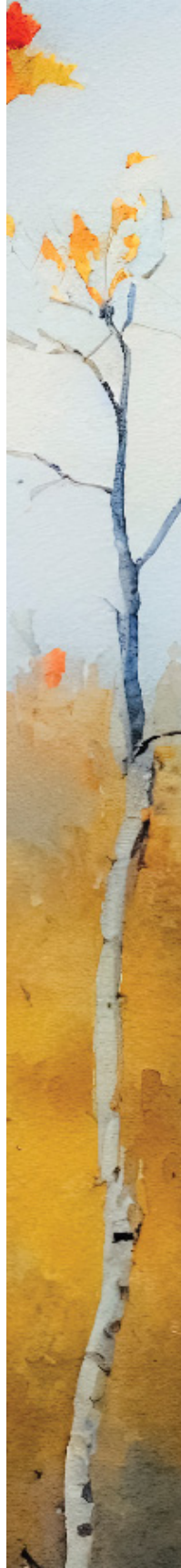
And the world goes round and round  
And the world goes round and round and round (x2)

We're building a world with (love, peace, family)  
One person at a time

And the world goes round and round  
And the world goes round and round and round (x2)

**Have a happy and meaningful new year!!**

**See you at our next Shabbat Sing Along!**



# Open Tent Be Mitzvah

The Open Tent Be Mitzvah program is unique, in part, because of the range of our students. Many of our students' families are interfaith/mixed heritage. Many of our students are coming into formal Jewish education for the first time or are returning into the educational space looking for a renewed experience. So, if you're ready for your child, or ready yourself, to embark on an incredible journey of personal growth, connection, and radical hospitality, join us for our Open Tent Be Mitzvah program. It's an experience like no other, tailored just for you. Explore more and register at:

[www.judaismyourway.org/open-tent-be-mitzvah](http://www.judaismyourway.org/open-tent-be-mitzvah)



## Learning in a Classroom

This model is geared towards tweens who want to learn with peers within a two year period. In Year One, students explore Judaism 101 through experiential learning. In Year Two, students pick the Torah or Chai cohort – as they explore designing their unique Shabbat service.



## One-On-One Mentorship

Build a relationship with a mentor and develop a fully customized focus of study. Students design their own Shabbat service after taking a deep dive into how they connect with Judaism in a meaningful way.



## Adult Re & Be Mitzvah

Within a cohort of adult peers, you will explore prayer and delve into growing your relationship with Judaism. Next cohort will begin in 2025. Registration opening soon!



# Year Round Programming



**Shabbat aLIVE**



**Shabbat Sing-Along**



**Unlearning Jewish Anxiety**



**Kaddish Circle**

**Looking for a way to connect your family to Judaism and community in a hands-on, meaningful way?**



**Changing the World Together**

This program is for elementary-aged students and their grown ups to create community and practice the Jewish value of Tikkun Olam, repairing the world. We meet four times in locations around the front range to engage in service learning, build community together and strengthen our Jewish values.

Spots are limited and filling up fast!  
Register today at:  
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