



Temple Micah

You have been told what the Eternal One requires of you:
only to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.

– Micah, 6:8

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Shalom Temple Micah Members & Friends,

Last year at this time, I wrote to you, as your new rabbi filled with expectations about what this journey would bring. Over this past year, it has been a pleasure to get to know each other as we observed Shabbat and holidays together, welcomed new life into our families and watched with pride as our children deepened their Jewish identities at religious school. We have rejoiced as the next generation of Jews began to take their place among our people as Bar and Bat Mitzvah. And as a congregation, we reached a significant milestone, as we celebrated fifty years of vibrant communal life. Yet even as we notice our blessings, we also become aware of our losses and the places that are still deeply in need of healing. As we usher in the New Year, I am grateful that Temple Micah is a place where we can bring our collective joys and sorrows into the sacred container of our community.

Of course, none of this would be possible without the dedication of the many volunteers and staff who help to make Temple Micah such a special place - a dedicated Board, led by Ivy Cohen; a thriving religious school, led by Sue Weiner and a team of committed teachers; Adrienne Rubin, our Cantorial Soloist, who shares her love of music and Judaism; Jennifer Byrnes, our Synagogue Administrator, who keeps us running smoothly; the many volunteers who share their time and energy; and all of you who help make Temple Micah such a dynamic, welcoming community.

We look forward to seeing you at High Holiday services, which begin this year on September 29th (the complete schedule is enclosed). We are especially excited to announce expanded programs and services for children; including a family service for young children.

There is always a lot happening at Temple Micah, including monthly Shabbat services, Religious School, Hebrew High School, Adult Education and more. The 2019-2020 Temple Micah calendar is included with this mailing and also available on our website (temple-micah.org). We hope you'll mark your calendars now and plan to join us for another exciting year!

As we enjoy the remaining days of summer and prepare for the New Year of 5780, may I be the first to wish you a *Shanah Tovah u'Metukah*, a happy and healthy New Year.

L'Shalom,
Rabbi Elisa