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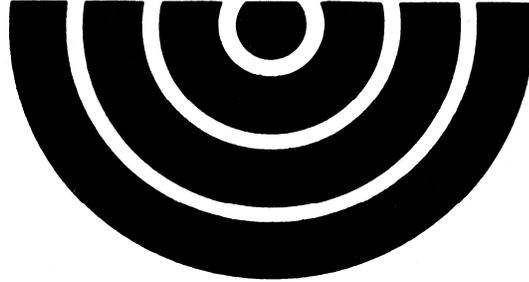
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The Congregation of
New Light**

In Chicago

**Your People,
Your Community,
Your Synagogue**

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Your Light
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The New Light

**Your People, Your Community, Your Synagogue
... and Your New Year**

By Marvin Levin, OC Co-President

As you may have noticed, Congregation Or Chadash has adopted a new slogan: *Your People, Your Community, Your Synagogue*. Many thanks to **Ether Meyer**, our Director of Communications, for developing this idea. It encapsulates in a single phrase much of what makes Or Chadash a special place. I'd like to share my personal thoughts on what this slogan means to me.

Your People – I see these words as reflecting our Jewish connection. We are, first and foremost, a Jewish organization. Ruth spoke to Naomi, “Your people shall be my people.” Sometimes we joke about MOT: member of the tribe. But to those who want to connect with their Judaism (and I assume anyone reading these words is very likely to be in that

group) there is a definite sense of people.

Our Director of Ritual, **Carol Goldbaum**, recently said to me that while we are affiliated with URJ, the Union for Reform Judaism, we are not exactly a Reform synagogue. Our services are designed to encompass liturgy that is comfortable to members with conservative or traditional Jewish backgrounds as well as those with Reform backgrounds. The sense of connection with our people is an overriding connection that helps define who and what Or Chadash is.

Your Community – When Or Chadash was inducted into the Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame in 2006, we were cited as a Jewish voice in the GLBT

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community as well as a GLBT voice in the Jewish community. The term "faith community" has been prevalent in the media lately. Yet for me *your community* here refers to the GLBT community. The majority of Or Chadash members are indeed part of that community. Our prayerbook, our educational classes and our social events are often geared to GLBT issues and activities. We're more than "gay friendly"; the GLBT component of Or Chadash is something very special to us.

I recently received a copy of an article in the newspaper *Forward* (www.forward.com/articles/12994/) entitled "As Acceptance Grows, Gay Synagogues Torn Between the Straight and Narrow." It tells of a GLBT synagogue in Atlanta struggling with how to deal with non-GLBT Jews who wanted to join their congregation. Membership in Or Chadash has always been open to everyone. **Our** community has always been inclusive.

Your Synagogue – Is this slogan like a mathematical equation: your people + your community = your synagogue? No, not really. It's more like "the total is greater than the sum of its parts." When I think about Congregation Or Chadash, about what brought me here and about why I became involved in its leadership, I feel a sense of connection with the synagogue as a whole. Many of you know I've been an involved Jew for most of my adult life, but only came to grips with my sexuality a few years ago. I already was – and still am - a member of Beth Emet The Free Synagogue in Evanston. I attend services there, serve on a committee and take classes there. So I wasn't

looking for a place to worship. By the time I joined Or Chadash I had already joined a few GLBT groups and made new friends, so I wasn't looking for a new community. But I felt something special at Or Chadash. It was a warm and welcoming place. I was first invited to attend a service by **Norman Sandfield**, whom I had met a few weeks earlier at an Out at CHS event sponsored by the [then called] Chicago Historical Society. By a fluke of coincidence, when Norman and I went to dinner before the service, we ran into **Rabbi Edwards** and **Susan Boone** in the restaurant and joined them for dinner. So by the time I walked into the building I had already met the rabbi and his wife, and experienced their warmth and friendliness. And that evening I felt very much at home at services and socializing with its members. And I came again. And then I volunteered to serve on the Board.

Today's synagogue is often thought of as comprising three main components: it's a *beit tefillah* – a house of worship, a *beit midrash* – a house of study – and a *beit k'nesset* – a house of gathering. Or Chadash embraces those three aspects of a synagogue, combining being Jewish with being gay. So Or Chadash has become my synagogue.

I'd love to hear from you. Does **Your People – Your Community – Your Synagogue** resonate with you?

Your New Year – It's Elul, the month preceding the High Holidays, the Days of Awe, Rosh

Hashanah and Yom Kippur. The Ritual Committee is hard at work making sure that our services provide a place for members and guests to observe this special time in the Jewish cycle of days. Elul is considered a time to prepare, to reflect on our lives and to get ready for when we will ask God to bless us with another year in the Book of Life. It's also the time to renew (or start) your membership and to volunteer to participate in High Holiday services. Please do.

From my home to yours I wish you *Le shana tovatikatevu*, May you be inscribed in the Book of Life for a good year.

B'shalom,
-- Marvin

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October Theatre Outing

Henry V

By Rick Greenthal

Or Chadash will be going to see Shakespeare's *Henry V*, directed by Joel Fink (Rick Greenthal's partner) on Saturday evening, **October 11th** at 7:30pm.

Henry V explores the nature of power and the responsibilities of those in power. Although set in the 1400s, *Henry V* speaks today to the qualities we want in a leader and the qualities that a leader can expect from those he leads. Henry learns to deal with war, betrayal, strategy, needs of his nation, the price of conflict, and ultimately about love in Shakespeare's historical masterpiece. But more than a history play, this is the history of one man's journey to understanding of conscience and the relationship of the personal and political.

The performance will take place in Roosevelt University's O'Malley Theatre, 431 S. Wabash, 7th floor. Although the tickets are no charge (they are a donation from Roosevelt's Theatre Conservatory), they must be reserved in advance no later than Monday, October 6th. To reserve tickets, please leave a message on the hotline (773-271-2148) or email Rick Greenthal at office@OrChadash.org.

Prior to the performance, we will be meeting for dinner at Amarit Thai Restaurant, 600 S. Dearborn, at 5:45pm. Please let us know if you will be coming to dinner, so that we can reserve a large enough table.

The Jews of Tombstone

By Susan Jacobson

So I'm standing in Boothill Cemetery, just outside of Tombstone, Arizona, where the grave markers note cause of death as "shot" "stabbed" "hanged by mistake." Suddenly I notice a sign reading "Jewish Cemetery and Memorial." Curious, I follow a short path and come to a monument reading "Dedicated to the Jewish Pioneers & Their Indian Friends, erected by the Jewish Friendship Club of Green Valley."

Now I am really curious – Jewish pioneers in Israel, yes, but in the Old West? And in rough and tumble Tombstone, site of the infamous gunfight at the OK Corral?

A bit of research and I learn that there were indeed a number of Jews among the early settlers of Arizona, including Tombstone. Lured by the promise of silver and keen to take advantage of commercial possibilities in frontier communities, Jews made their way west. There were Jewish barbers, locksmiths, hotel operators and clerks. Jews owned restaurants, stores, and banks; they worked in the mines and operated businesses. In Tombstone, Ike Levy operated a saloon; prospector Mark Lulley owned a nearby mine which he had named "The Wandering Jew Mine."

One of Tombstone's most notable Jewish residents was mine superintendent Abraham Hyman Emanuel, who arrived there in 1880 to manage the Vizina Mine. He later was superintendent of the Waterville Mill and Mining Company and then of the Tombstone Water, Mill and Lumber Company. In 1896 he was elected mayor of Tombstone and served for three terms, until 1900. Emanuel, who never married, is said to have had a passion for roses and

spent a great deal of time cultivating them in his small garden. He was an impeccable dresser and always wore a two-carat diamond pin in his shirt front.

Records show that in 1881 the Jewish residents of Tombstone formed themselves into an association known as the Tombstone Hebrew Association. The object of the Association was "to provide a suitable place for holding services on the approaching holidays and for the furtherance of all that may be of interest to the Hebrew residents of this city."

Back at the cemetery, I learn that this section of Boot Hill Graveyard had in fact been a Jewish cemetery, and served as the burial place of 26 Jewish pioneers, though their graves are unmarked.

One of the most unlikely Jewish connections to Tombstone is the fact that Josephine Sarah Marcus, common-law wife of the notorious lawman Wyatt Earp, was Jewish. After she and Earp left Tombstone, they traveled throughout the frontier area. When Earp died in Los Angeles in 1929, Josephine buried his ashes in a Marcus family plot in the Hills of Eternity Cemetery in Colma, California, alongside where she would be interred fifteen years later. Thus the ashes of Wyatt Earp have come to rest in a Jewish cemetery.

Wandering amid the buildings of old Tombstone and hearing stories about shootouts and silver mines was very alien to me. Learning about the Jewish roots of old Tombstone gave it a very different resonance.

Much of this information comes from "The Jewish Pioneers of Tombstone and Arizona" by Ron W. Fischer, 2002.

Four Opportunities to Help

By *Mindy Stillman*,
Social Actions Chair

1. MAOT CHITIM

Join us on Sunday, **September 21st** at 9:45 am (new time) at 2111 N Halsted (new location) to deliver Rosh Hashanah food packages to residents of the building. Or Chadash will be the only group at this building. What an excellent way to start your Sunday! Contact office@OrChadash.org to let us know you'll be joining us in this mitzvah.

2. JOIN TEAM OR CHADASH

Participate in the AIDS Run & Walk Chicago 2008 on Saturday, **September 20th**!

There are 6 easy steps to register online:

1. Go to: www.aidsrunwalk.org
2. Click on **Register Now!**
3. Complete the Participant Information Web Form

4. Select **Join an Existing Team**

5. Type **Or Chadash for Vital Bridges** in the search bar

6. Click on **Join** for our team and complete your registration!

Advance registration is a mere \$25. All participants are encouraged to raise a minimum of \$50.

Last year we designated that our funds raised went directly to Vital Bridges, and we will again be partnering with them! You can set up online fundraising on the web site.

This is a 5K event (which is only 3.1 miles). All participants will receive an event t-shirt, and runners will get their time recording chip on race day.

3. TZEDAKAH COLLECTION

Bring in your Tzedakah boxes to our Sukkot service on Friday, **October 17th**. We will be collecting for **Table to Table's Project Leket - Gleaning the Fields**.

Israel is blessed with a thriving agricultural sector. Kibbutzim, farmers and large corporations combine each year to produce more than enough fruit and vegetables to satisfy the needs of all Israelis. But the downside to this overabundance is waste. Some farmers find it unprofitable to harvest all the produce their fields have given, while others simply cannot pick their entire crop before it begins to rot. In both cases, tens of thousands of tons of fresh fruits and vegetables are wasted each year.

4. JUF UPTOWN CAFE

Don't miss your chance to volunteer at the Café on Thursday, **October 16th, from 5:30 pm - 7:15 pm**. Contact office@OrChadash.org to reserve your place today!

Dybbuks and Visionaries

By *Martha Fourt, Education Chair*

"Halloween" term of Or Chadash education begins this October

Following the High Holidays, it will be time to return to the mitzvah of study and learning. The "Halloween" term will feature the power of imagination creating modern Zionism, and in traditional tales of dybbuks.

We'll meet in the beautiful Emanuel Library on six **Sunday mornings**.

* **10am - 11:15am**: Rabbi Edwards will teach the History of Zionism - Part 2 (Part 1 is not required). Last fall we studied how Zionism emerged from the European enlightenment,

and read writings of important Zionist thinkers from the late 17th century through the early 20th century, and learned how competing visions and motivations presaged the various political strands of modern Zionism. Our primary text will again be Arthur Hertzberg's *A Zionist Reader* (please get a copy if you don't already have one).

* **11:15 to 11:45am** - Rabbi Edwards will continue his popular "Biblical Hebrew Verse of the Day," pulling apart the grammar and meaning of a selected Biblical verse to help us improve our Hebrew and our understanding of the biblical text. **This is a free class.**

* **11:45am to 1:00pm** - Howard Aronson will teach S. Ansky's Yiddish play, "The Dybbuk" (in English!). We'll learn about Hasidism and Kaballah, and watch a movie version of the play. English translations are available from Amazon.com. Howie requests that students get a copy before the first class.

Cost for each class is:

\$50 for Or Chadash members

\$100 for non-members

Contact office@OrChadash.org to sign up

Class dates are currently:

October 19 and 26

November 9 and 16

December 7 and 14

Nov. 23 and Dec. 21 are alternative dates if needed

In addition to the scheduled classes, Ed Mogul leads a study group that meets occasionally to read and discuss the works of Moses Maimonides, the great medieval scholar, physician, and philosopher also known as Rambam. Contact Ed Mogul at office@OrChadash.org for details.

Selichot: The Beginning of the Days of Awe

By Carol Goldbaum,
Director of Ritual

Saturday night, **September 20**, will begin the Days of Awe with Selichot observance. We will meet at Carla's home at **8PM**. The evening will begin with viewing the recent film "Watermarks." It is a movie with themes of redemption and is the story of the Jewish Women's Swim Team of Germany. It includes seeing how some of these women still swim in their 80s and 90s; it is quite inspiring. This will be followed by a discussion led by Matt Simonette and brief service as well as the first sounding of the Shofar for the High Holidays. Call 773-271-2148 or email the office at office@orchadash.org if you need directions to Carla's.

High Holidays Reminder

ROSH HASHANAH

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Mon 9/29 8:00PM

Rosh Hashanah Morning Services

Tuesday 9/30 10:00AM

Tashlich at the beach 1:30 PM

Luncheon (reservations necessary)
2:00 PM

Shabbat Shuva Evening Services

Friday 10/3 8:00 PM

Shabbat Shuva Morning Services

Saturday 10/4 10AM

YOM KIPPUR

Kol Nidre

Wednesday 10/8 6:30 PM

Yom Kippur

Morning Services

Thursday 10/9 10:00

Yiskor Services

12:45 PM

Closing

4:45 PM

Havdalah & Break the Fast

7:15 PM

High Holidays Reminder, con't

Supper in the Sukkah

Friday 10/17

SIMCHAS TORAH

Monday 10/20

See www.orchadash.org for details and ticket information

Volunteer to Ush

By *Maryl Rosen*

What the heck is that? What does it mean, "to ush"? The infinitive, "to ush," is "ushering" condensed to its essence. You might be wondering right now, "does 'ush' have an essence"? Without pulling out your high school notes on existentialism, let me just explain.

The High Holidays are central to us as Jews and to our community; we celebrate the New Year together, and on Yom Kippur we seek forgiveness from God together. We meet, we pray, we return to our roots. Those who ush perform an essential task: they welcome us to our *shul* and to our community.

There are also great benefits to ushing. You get to welcome new and old members and meet some people. You get to participate in services without having to read Hebrew. You get to wear a boutonniere. You get to direct people to their seats and tell them where the restrooms are and to turn off their cell phones. You get a personal "thanks" from me. Who wouldn't want all that?

With that said, please ush. Please contact office@OrChadash.org for more information and to volunteer.

Our Mission

To provide a warm and affirming community where all Jews can feel welcome. To accomplish this mission, Or Chadash will:

Remember that it was founded as an answer to the prejudice that gay and lesbian Jews experienced in other synagogues;

Strive to ensure that no Jew experiences prejudice within our community;

Maintain affiliations with the Union for Reform Judaism and the World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations;

Build strong ties within the greater Jewish community of the metropolitan Chicago area;

Dedicate itself to the basic obligations of Jewish life, including:

- **Respecting** the contributions of people of all generations
- **Sharing** the life-cycle events of its members
- **Celebrating** Shabbat and the holidays
- **Fostering** prayer with sincerity
- **Visiting** the sick
- **Comforting** the bereaved
- **Encouraging** the study of Torah

Congregation Or Chadash is a not-for-profit organization that is largely supported by contributions from its members and friends. Please remember us generously.

World Congress of GLBT Jews Board Meeting

By Bill Wahler

On August 21 and 22 I was privileged to attend the annual board meeting of the World Congress of GLBT Jews in Ft. Lauderdale, as the delegate from Or Chadash. With delegates from Boston to Los Angeles, Chicago to Houston, as well as Mexico and Argentina, it was a very diverse group that met. There are also members from Europe, South Africa and Australia who did not make it. (Check out their website: www.glbtejews.org to see all of the members and the scope of the World Congress.)

With the dual purpose of being the Gay voice in the Jewish Community and the Jewish voice in the Gay Community, the board faced a very full agenda.

Much discussion centered on the upcoming conference in Philadelphia (October 24-26) which looks to be an exciting weekend. I encourage any member who is able, to try and get there. We heard several reports on a growing number of GLBT Jewish groups in Latin America and their work within the greater Jewish community, something that would have been unheard of a few years ago. Hopefully, in the near future there will be a mini conference in Buenos Aires.

There were the usual nuts and bolts bureaucratic items including bylaw changes and elections.

The second day was devoted primarily to strategic planning. Among the topics included were fundraising, future conferences, outreach to mainstream congregations, youth outreach and engaging the Eastern Hemisphere member organizations.

A series of regional conferences in various locations around the world would be planned for the next several years.

The World Congress accepted the invitation of Congregation Or Chadash to be the host of their 2009 board meeting. It is tentatively set for August 6 and 7, in advance of Market Days.

Market Days 2008 in Review

By Robin Sampliner

Or Chadash's booth at Halsted Street Market Days was a success! Lots of people stopped by our booth, got information about our programs, took fliers about the Cocktails @ 7, G-d @ 8 service and the High Holidays, and we got plenty of Green Cards. Susan Jacobson is going to be busy contacting potential new members! And we received donations for four Jewish-Pride flags.

It never ceases to amaze me that some people still find it hard to believe that

there is such a thing as gay Jews. We got plenty of looks of amazement from passersby. To me that signals that we need to be out in the public eye more, getting the word out about Or Chadash. One way we will be doing that is placing our leftover Market Days fliers at the Center on Halsted. And Ethel has a great marketing/advertising plan for the synagogue for the next year.

Thank you to all Or Chadash congregants that stopped by the booth to show their support. And special thanks to those that took a shift in the booth: Bill, Rick, Lilli, Reuben, Barry, Marvin, Jay, Len, Tom, Susan, David, Sara, Rich, Carol, Mindy, Ethel, Maryl, Bob, Mike, Yehuda, and Beth. Another special thank you to David and Lee for letting Or Chadash use the vestibule at their condo to store the supplies for our booth.

See you again next year at Market Days!



Cycles of Our Lives

Happy Birthday:

September 2 Victoria Scott Swirin
September 5 David Miller
September 6 Suzanne Geller
September 10 Angelique Wahlberg
September 12 Andrew Deppe
September 14 Rick Greenthal
September 21 Sara E. Allen
September 26 Dillie Grunauer
September 26 Mindy Joy Mayer
September 27 Jay Gelles
September 27 Norman L. Sandfield
September 29 Catherine Harvey

Happy Anniversary:

September 3 Stephanie Friedman and Maria Parks
September 10 Pamella R. Fettig and Mindy Joy Mayer

Thanks for the Oneg....

Friday, September 5: Oneg sponsored by Suzanne Geller in honor of her birthday

Saturday, September 6: Lunch still available for sponsorship

Friday, September 12: Oneg sponsored by Rick Greenthal in honor of his birthday

Friday, September 19: Oneg still available for Sponsorship

Friday, September 26: Oneg still available for sponsorship

Erev Rosh Hashanah, September 29: Oneg available for sponsorship

September Service Schedule

September 5: Shabbat service with Rabbi Edwards, 8 p.m.

September 6: Saturday morning service, 10 a.m. A light lunch follows.

September 12: Torah service with Mindy Stillman, Carla Cenker, and Sara Fischer, 8 p.m.

September 19: Shabbat service with Carol Goldbaum and Judith Golden, 8 p.m.

September 26: Shabbat service with Rabbi Edwards, 8 p.m. A potluck dinner precedes the service at 7 p.m. Please bring a kosher style side dish (no pork or shellfish, no mixing of meat and milk) or dessert to share.

Thanks for the donation!

Thank you for the donations in honor of the birth of Julia Hadassah Friedman-Parks from Lilli Kornblum, Howard Aronson and Rick Greenthal.

Yahrzeit donations in memory of Tim Preston from Linda Preston, in memory of Vince Grosz from Maurice Schwartz, in memory of Avrum Yankiel Stroz from Morris Stroz, and in memory of Rae G. Gosin from Sylvia Porter.

Also, we received a general donation to the Wax/Pooley Challenge Grant from Susan Boone.

Maryl Rosen, Howard Wax and Rob Pooley sponsored, in part, the 8/2/08 Oneg in honor of Julia Hadassah Friedman-Parks.

ONEG SPONSORSHIP

Celebrate a birthday, graduation or anniversary, or/honor/memorialize a loved one with an oneg sponsorship. Please contact the Or Chadash office at office@orchadash.org to make arrangements and pick a date. Thank you!

September Dine-around

Ok, this month we are enjoying Chinese food. No, this is not in honor of the Olympics, as those are long over. We just like the food.

As last month, here is a little information about our people in China, actually Shanghai. This is an interesting history, going back to the Silk Road days. More recently, there was a large immigration to Shanghai during the early days of WWII. Since Shanghai did not require visas, a large number of Jews from Europe moved there. Check out our history at:

<http://haruth.com/jw/AsiaJewsShanghai.htm>

Let's taste history at the September dine-around which will be at **Wing-Hoe, 5356 N. Sheridan Road on September 12 at 6:15 p.m.** No reservations are needed, but try to arrive by 6 p.m. to ensure adequate seating.
Bete' Avon

Cocktails, God, and Or Chadash

On August 22 we held our annual Cocktails at 7, God at 8 event to a great turnout. Our members came in great number, and we welcomed a bunch of new people. Everyone was enjoying talking to friends, meeting new people, and just enjoying the event. The new people felt included because all our members made the event *hamisch*. It is truly special when no one in a room full of people feels alone or left out. It demonstrated what Marvin wrote in his article.

Returning to the Comforts of Home

By Rabbi Laurence Edwards

These weeks between Tisha B'Av and Rosh Hashanah are a season of comfort. All seven *haftarot* come from the later chapters of the Book of Isaiah, which encourage the exiles in Babylon to prepare themselves for return to the Land of Israel. This is referred to as a message of *nehemta*, comfort (as in, "Comfort! Comfort, my people!" – Isa. 40.1)

The comforts of Judaism are not quite the same as the comforts dangled before us by 21st-century American consumer culture. The comfort Isaiah is talking about is not the comfort of putting up one's feet on the recliner, sipping a margarita, and clicking through 270 channels on the big-screen HDTV.

Neither is this notion of comfort what we mean when we say that we are looking for a synagogue where we can feel "comfortable." Of course we want Or Chadash to feel like a kind of home for all of us. And we do indeed (rather well, I think) try to practice *hachnasat orchim* – the welcoming of guests and visitors in such a way that they too might come to feel at home among us. But feeling "at home" does not always mean feeling "comfortable" and comfort is not all we seek from a synagogue.

There must always be a sense of challenge before us. America is our home, and especially in this election season we are well aware of the challenge and responsibility that lie before us. Israel is also our home, but we can hardly feel "comfortable" when we think of the many

challenges faced by that small country. Or Chadash, and – more importantly! – Torah are our home. Sometimes we feel their embrace and sometimes their challenge; sometimes a hug and a pat on the back, and sometimes the demand to do more and do it better.

Indeed, it may seem sometimes that Judaism presents us with a task like that of Sisyphus. Our obligations are endless, and redemption – what we imagine to be the ultimate goal of history and of all our efforts – is no closer than it ever was. But Rashi, in one of his comments on the Torah, reminds us that we never get to see the entire picture (even on a big-screen HDTV). We must do our duty, and leave it to God to do God's part. And the Gerer Rebbe preached that brooding on our shortcomings, our sins, only leaves us trapped in them. In the time we are brooding, he says, "we could be stringing pearls for the sake of heaven!"

So the comfort that Torah offers us is the comfort of endless duty – but also of *teshuvah*, the opportunity to return home, set right what we can, and start again. It is not the promise of a comfortable chair in which to kick back. It is the promise of connection and meaning and purpose, the possibility to mourn our failings, ask forgiveness, and be assured of another chance. We say of the dead, "May her soul be bound up in the bond of life." Judaism offers us that opportunity while we are still alive. 613 mitzvot – all the comforts of home!

Reflection for Rosh Chodesh Elul

By Judith Golden

A month of preparation
For standing naked before You

Finishing unfinished business
Asking and granting forgiveness
Coming clean
Facing my fear to face You
unashamed

Lightening
Shedding burdens
Burdens of withholding
Burdens of holding back
Burdens of cluttered mind
and cluttered space
and cluttered relationships

Removing obstacles
So inner light can shine
Touching Eternal Light

I open my heart

To shine with the freedom of being
me
Living in You

This month we are pleased to add a new columnist to the list of regular contributors. Judith Golden, our Cantorial soloist, will be sharing her reflections each month. Welcome, Judith

Meditation

By Betsy Platkin Teutsch

Teshuvah/turning need not be a dramatically large change to be significant. A subtle shift now, of even just a fraction of a degree out of 360, can take one on a vastly different path over the course of a life's trajectory.

-- from "Kol Haneshamah -
Prayerbook for the Days of Awe"