



I am honored to serve you as your Rabbi!! I am glad to follow in the steps of my mentor and friend Rabbi

Mark Goldman, Rabbi Fred Raskind, and Rabbi Nadia Siritsky. My family and I are anxious to celebrate this coming High Holidays and Jewish life with all of you. These last 18 months were difficult for all of us. I pray that all of us will overcome the COVID pandemic! I hope that the New Year 5782 will bring us hope and a complete cure!

In Hebrew, the New Year is called Rosh Hashanah. Rosh Hashanah has four names: Rosh Hashanah, Yom Teruah, Yom Ha Din and Yom Ha Zicaron.

Rosh Hashanah, because we, the Jewish people, celebrate the creation of the world

time that, as a collective people, we ask for forgiveness. First we go to the fellow human being that we think we did something wrong to, then to God. As Rabbi Moses Nachmanides wrote: "Rosh Hashanah is the Day of Judgment with Mercy and Yom Kippur is a Day of Mercy with Judgment." (Ramban, Leviticus 23:24)

Yom Ha Zicaron, the day of remembering, because we review the past year trying to realize what things we did wrong and we ask for forgiveness.

Ten days after Rosh Hashanah we will gather for Yom Kippur, the holiest day of the year, and its first service will be Kol Nidre, which falls on Wednesday, September 15th. We will gather to ask for forgiveness after ten days of introspection. On those ten days, we need