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Dear friends,

As we approach the Jewish High Holidays, a time of deep reflection culminating in Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, I want to share some thoughts with you.



We are currently in the season where we delve into the book of Deuteronomy, which is the last part of The Five Books of Moses. In '[Deuteronomy: Lessons from the Fifth Book of Moses](#),' I explore these texts and their significance.

One verse from Deuteronomy stands out: "See, I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse; therefore, choose life that you and your children may live..." (Deuteronomy 30:15-19).



In '[Leadership and Choices: Then and Now](#),' I reflect on the decisions made during World War II and how they resonate with present-day challenges, such as Putin's ongoing aggression in Ukraine.

This month holds personal significance for me as it prompts deep reflection on our actions over the past year. We are called to remember, seek forgiveness, and make amends.



This summer, Pope Francis visited Canada with the purpose of apologizing to the First Nations people. What significance does this kind of leadership carry? In '[Reconciliation and Healing: The Pope's visit to Canada](#),' I offer a Jewish perspective on the Pope's visit.

I wish you and your loved ones a year filled with blessings, good health, prosperity, and joy.

Abigail