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Newsletter

THE MONTH OF ELUL

Dear friends,

As we enter the Jewish month of Elul and approach the Jewish year 5782, it's a time for us to reflect on the challenges and blessings ahead.

Jews worldwide are engaging in deep introspection and repentance and preparing for the High Holy Days. There's a collective effort to renew our connection with G-d and pursue individual and communal development. However, amidst this spiritual journey, I can't help but ponder the troubling resurgence of antisemitism across the globe, which is a matter of grave concern for our Jewish community.



Amidst difficulties, we seek guidance from our tradition's teachings. How can Jewish people achieve reconciliation and forgiveness? The topic of '**Forgiveness and its impact**' explores this question, emphasizing the process of forgiveness and the powerful effects of prayer and repentance in helping to create a happy and prosperous new year.



In '[Finding Solace in Torah, Film, and Modern Teachings Amidst a Pandemic](#), we explore the importance of wisely utilizing our time, even when seeking entertainment. Amidst the challenges of the pandemic, thoughtful engagement with media can offer solace and nourishment for the soul.



Meanwhile, '[Herod the Great Unveiled: Power, Betrayal, Tragedy](#)' invites us to reflect on principles of leadership and accountability, drawing parallels to timeless narratives that continue to shape Jewish communal life and individual actions.

As we begin the new year, may we be blessed with good health, prosperity, and the strength to overcome any obstacles that come our way.

Shana tova ve metuka!

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