

Tashlich

Casting Our Sins Away

The water is pure, teaching us that it is time to cleanse ourselves and wash away all of our mistakes. Today we begin a new year of goodness. Today, as we throw away our crumbs, let us resolve to rid ourselves of all bad habits and any grudges that we may have had. May we always feel God's love for us and know that God will help us improve ourselves in this new year.

Looking Back

- ◆ During the past year, what has made you really happy?
- ◆ What do you really regret not doing last year?
- ◆ What opportunities did you miss?
- ◆ Whom do you wish you had not hurt?
- ◆ How might you make up for what you did?
- ◆ What was a Jewish high for you this past year?
- ◆ What was a Jewish low for you this past year?

Looking Forward

- ◆ What new goals have you set for yourself for the coming year?
- ◆ How would you like to do things differently in the coming year?
- ◆ How will you enhance your life Jewishly during the coming year?

Today is the Birthday of the World

- ◆ What two wishes do you have for the world on its birthday?



Etz Chayim

Tashlich Service

For

Rosh Hashanah



During this season of repentance, we are called upon to do *T'shuvah*, to return to God in sincerity and in truth. Through prayer and study, reflection and ritual, we strive to begin the new year in the spirit of humility, self-scrutiny, and spiritual renewal.

Teshuvah

Is it possible, to fill the hole in my soul?
Is it possible, to be, always with God?
Is it possible, to hear the shofar's call?
Is it possible, to make myself anew?

*There will be a way,
The path revealed today,
When my heart and soul know God.*

Is it possible, to open the door to my heart?
Is it possible, to lose that stony part?
Is it possible, to be one with Yisrael?
Is it possible to live its Torah too?

*There will be a way,
The path revealed today,
When my heart and soul know God.*



THE RIVER KNOWS YOUR NAME

-John Hiatt

Oh the river knows your name
And your tears falling like rain
All around you suffering and pain
Oh the river knows your name.

*And the river hears you cry
As the lightning cracks the open sky
As your momma sings a lullaby
Oh the river she knows why.*

Let the river wash you down
Beneath the surface
With a rushing sound
Like a freight train passing through town
Let the river wash you down.

*Let the river take away
All the words
That you and I could never say
In the silence darling let us pray
Let the river take it all away.*

Oh the river knows your name
From the Brazos to the Wabash
To the Seine
No two journeys
Are ever quite the same
But the river knows your name
Oh the river knows your name.



מן המצר קראתי יה ענני במרחב יה
Min hameitzar karati Ya,
Anani vamerchav Ya.

**Out of the depths I called upon the Lord.
The Lord answered me and set me free.**

Let us cast away the sin of deception, so that we will mislead no one in word or deed, nor pretend to be what we are not.

Let us cast away the sin of vain ambition, which prompts us to strive for goals, which bring neither true fulfillment nor genuine contentment.

Let us cast away the sin of stubbornness, so that we will neither persist in foolish habits nor fail to acknowledge our will to change.

Let us cast away the sin of envy, so that we will neither be consumed by desire for what we lack nor grow unmindful of the blessings, which are already ours.

Let us cast away the sin of selfishness, which keeps us from enriching our lives through wider concerns, and greater sharing, and from reaching out in love to other human beings.

Let us cast away the sin of indifference, so that we may be sensitive to the sufferings of others and responsive to the needs of our people everywhere.

Let us cast away the sin of pride and arrogance, so that we can worship and serve God's purpose in humility and truth.

השבנו יי אליך ונשובה חדש ימינו כקדם
Ha-shiveynu Adonai eylecha v'na-shuva,
chadesh yameynu k'kedem.

Turn us to You, O Lord, and we shall return; Renew us as in days of old.