

ROSH HASHANAH MESSAGE

5780, a New Year, a new beginning. Let this be a year for living with *derech eretz*, with civility and respect. A year inspired by Reform Jewish values; our inclusivity, our openness, our capacity for curiosity and for living outward facing Jewish lives of value and meaning. Let this be a year when we become seekers of peace, valuing compromise and engaging on conflict only when it is 'for the sake of heaven.' Let this be a year for the building of trust, for the values of honesty and empathy. A year for honouring our past and for building our future. A year for treasuring and protecting our fragile earth; for living for the sake of our future generations. A year of thankfulness, and a year of forgiveness.

I wish you, your families and all of your loved ones a very happy and sweet new year, a *shanah tovah u'metukah*. *Shanah tovah tikateivu*, may you write your story in this coming year's book of good life.

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