

Dear Friends and Members of Temple Bat Yam,

As the year draws to a close and we celebrate the Festival of Lights, I want to take a moment to reflect on the meaningful moments we've shared this past year and to extend my warmest wishes for a joyful Chanukah.

Chanukah is a time of hope, resilience, and the celebration of our enduring spirit. As we light the menorah each night, may we remember the miracles of the past and embrace the light within ourselves and our community. Let us gather with family and friends, share stories, and create new memories that will illuminate our paths in the coming year. I encourage you to participate in our festive gatherings at the temple, where we will celebrate together with song, prayer, and joy.

Looking back at the High Holidays, I am filled with gratitude for the profound experiences we shared. Our services were a beautiful blend of tradition and innovation, with heartfelt prayers and uplifting music that brought us closer together. Amber Ikeman was an inspirational Cantorial

Soloist and Kimberly Hess played beautifully on the piano and organ. It was inspiring to see so many of you come together to reflect on the past year, seek forgiveness, and renew our commitments to one another and our community. We all felt the void left by Cheryl Taustins absence and she will forever be remembered as her spirit remains in our sanctuary.

Thank you to everyone who contributed their time and talents to make our High Holidays a success. Your dedication and spirit have helped strengthen our bonds and ensure that Temple Bat Yam remains a warm and welcoming home for all.

As we step into a new year, let us carry the lessons of the High Holidays and the light of Chanukah with us. Together, we can continue to foster a community filled with love, support, and understanding.

Wishing you all a Happy Chanukah filled with peace, joy, and light!

Warm regards,

Jerry Selig
President, Temple Bat Yam