

AVA GELL ROSH HASHANA MORNING 2021/5782

Hello everyone! Happy New Year,
I'm so happy that we all are here,
Some in temple and some virtually,
Still celebrating together with our Jewish family.
We reflect on the year that has passed:
Through troubling times we stood steadfast,
Each one of us has changed and come into our own,
In a way, like the symbolic apple being grown:
The way we have adapted to this hybrid transition
Is like an apple blossom coming to fruition,
It looks like a miracle from flower to fruit
But in actuality is an admirable and arduous pursuit,
This pandemic has pulled our apple off the family tree,
The future ahead we can't easily foresee,
But bumps and bruises we have weathered
As our siddur encourages– by holding hands and marching together!
The supportive and loving community is what makes our apple sweet,
Our “little shul that could” is an AMAZING feat!
I love the memories I have of this place,
My Jewish heritage I get to embrace,
And I always learn from my community
And am inspired by our persevering sense of unity!
As I look forward to this New Year that begins,
I hope we can all delight in small joys and wins,
To bring to our temple a positive attitude,
To “dip” into the pride and the happiness and gratitude,
I truly hope this New Year is sweet and sunny,
Like dipping apples into honey.