



As we come together as a *Kehillah Kedusha,* a Sacred Community, to welcome the New Year, we take a moment to greet and welcome each other into our *Makom Kadosh,* Sacred Space.

WOW!

How awesome are your communities, Jacob the places where you gather, Israel!

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How awesome it is that we are all here together today!

In English we often call our prayer space a "Synagogue" or 'Temple." You may also have heard someone use the Yiddush word "*shul.*" In Hebrew, in addition to מָקוֹם קָבוּעַ, synagogue, there is also the phrase, בֵּית כְּנָסֶת, from *Sefer Beresheet* when *Avraham* created a prayer space to pray to God. pray refers to a holy place that is separate and unique. As we enter this מָקוֹם קָבוּעַ we join our community to pray together.



Halleluyah! Praise God!

We praise God in God's holiness We praise God for God's awesome acts with a *Shofar* blast and by strumming the lute and harp by beating drums and dancing by blowing the flute and crashing cymbals.

Let all souls that breathe praise God!

Our tradition celebrates our uniqueness. Some have the gift of music, others can create beautiful art; all of these special talents, when they come from the heart, are ways we can praise God.



During the time of the Temple in Jerusalem the Shofar was used to gather people for prayer. Today we use our own voices to gather our community together.

COME! Let us bless God! Bless God now and forever!



God, our parent, our ruler, we have sinned before You. There is no other ruler like You! God, help us return to You. God, help us create a good new year. God help us heal those who are ill in our community.

God! Answer us and help us create אָרָקָה *tzedakah,* righteousness and הַסָ*ד Hesed,* compassion in our world!



Moshe commanded us to follow the Torah that we have received as an inheritance of the Congregation of Jacob.

Today You give us strength Today You bless us

Today You make us great Today You write us in for a good life Today You hear our prayers Today You receive our prayers Today You inspire us with Your justice



