

Cantorial Message

October 2021

October is my favorite month of the year. I love the color of the leaves; feel more alive and aware of the beauty around me. Maybe it's the crisp air, the crystal blue sky, pumpkin pancakes, making soup, classical music, or wearing cozy sweaters. It reminds me of how beautiful and precious this planet is. When I was a kid, I watched almost all the space missions and daydreamed about being in space. During class, I wished the Starship Enterprise would "beam me up", so I could see the Earth from space and travel to different planets. With my love of space exploration, I was very excited to have stumbled upon the SpaceX mission, Inspiration4, and began to follow the 4, all civilian, non-professional astronauts, as they trained to fly into space in the Dragon spacecraft. I binged watched the 3 or 4 episodes on Netflix and waited to see the launch. When the SpaceX Dragon spacecraft with the Inspiration4 crew, was in orbit and floating around the cabin, they showed us the view from the newly installed dome window, or cupola. I was once again truly in awe at the beauty of our blue planet. It never gets old for me. Julie Gold's song says, "From a distance the world looks blue and green and the snowcapped mountains white. From a distance the ocean meets the stream and the eagle takes to flight, From a distance there is harmony and it echoes through the land. It's the song of hope, it's the song of peace, it's the song of every man." We really do look like a peaceful planet. It's beauty reminds of the Midrash that says, "When G-d created the first man, He said to him, 'See My works, how beautiful and praiseworthy they are. And everything that I created, I created it for you. Be careful not to spoil or destroy My world—for if you do, there will be nobody after you to repair it.'" G-d created this beautiful world for us to take care of, so that we, our children, our grandchildren, and all the generations that follow us, can live on the beautiful planet and be sustained by it. I hope you have a chance to see some of the transmissions from the Inspiration4 launch and mission, and others that have captured these amazing pictures and videos of our truly awe inspiring planet. Here's to human ingenuity that may someday allow everyone to travel in space and enjoy this view from above!

Many thanks and appreciation to all those who participated, worked behind the scenes, helped in any way to ensure that our High Holy Day Services were successful and spiritually fulfilling.

Thank you to Rabbi Marc, who is always looking for meaningful ways to engage our congregation.

Thank you to those who helped build the Sukkah. The Religious School students enjoyed hanging their decorations in it.

Please watch for classes that I will be offering in the November's bulletin.

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