

Rosh Hashanah 5786 Greeting

Dear Friends,

As we enter the year 5786, we do so carry both profound grief and unshakeable hope. The horrors of October 7th and the surge of antisemitism across Europe have tested our communities like never before in recent memory.

We remember those murdered, the hostages still held captive, and all who continue to suffer. Their names are written on our hearts as we approach the Days of Awe.

We stand strongly against hatred in all its forms. When synagogues are threatened and Jewish children fear wearing their identity openly, we respond not with retreat but with renewed commitment to our values and traditions.

We remain united as one Jewish people; we are bound together by shared destiny and mutual responsibility.

We build bridges with our neighbours of all faiths who have shown solidarity during these dark times, while never compromising our core principles or security.

We educate and inspire the next generation to be proud Jews and contributing citizens, equipped to face whatever challenges may come.

The shofar's call reminds us that even in our darkest hours, renewal is possible. As we pray "May the outgoing year and its curses end; may the new year and its blessings begin," we commit ourselves to being agents of that blessing.

To every Jew in Europe: You belong here. Your Jewish identity is not a burden to hide but a gift to embrace. Together, we will continue to thrive, to contribute, and to fulfil our sacred mission in this world.

May 5786 bring freedom to the captives, healing to the wounded, safety to our communities, and peace to all who seek it.

Shana Tova u'Metukah - A good and sweet new year to you and your families.

With blessings



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