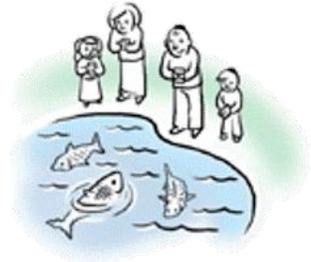


Tashlich Service for Rosh Hashanah afternoon 5781 (2nd day due to Shabbat)

Ezekiel 18:31

הִשְׁלִיכוּ מֵעַלְיֹכֶם אֶת-כָּל-פְּשָׁעֵיכֶם אֲשֶׁר פָּשַׁעְתֶּם בָּם וַעֲשׂוּ
לְכֶם לֵב חֲדָשׁ וְרוּחַ חֲדָשָׁה:



Cast away all the transgressions by which you have
offended, and get yourselves a new heart and a new
spirit.

אֲבִינוּ מִלְּפָנֵינוּ חֲנֻנוּ וְעֲגִנוּ כִּי אֵין בָּנוּ מַעֲשִׂים עֲשֵׂה עִמָּנוּ צְדָקָה וְחֶסֶד וְהוֹשִׁיעֵנוּ:
Our Father, our King, graciously answer us, although we are without
merits. Deal with us charitably and lovingly save us.

Let us cast away

Today we come to this river to "cast away" our accumulated sins and
transgressions so that we may purify our hearts and our souls as the new year
begins.

Let us cast away the part of ourselves that is deceptive, so that we will mislead
no one in word or deed, nor pretend to be what we are not.

Let us cast away the part of ourselves that is vain, which prompts us to strive
for goals that bring neither true fulfillment nor genuine contentment. Let us
cast away the part of ourselves that is stubborn, so that we will neither persist
in foolish habits nor fail to acknowledge our will to change.

Let us cast away the part of ourselves that is jealous, so that we will neither be
consumed by desire for what we lack nor grow unmindful of the blessings that
are already ours.

Let us cast away the part of ourselves that is selfish, which keeps us from
enriching our lives through wider concerns and great sharing and from
reaching out in love to other human beings.

Let us cast away the part of ourselves that is apathetic, so that we may be sensitive to the sufferings of others, responsive to the needs of people everywhere, and responsible for all of God's creation.

Let us cast away the part of us that is arrogant, so that we can learn, grow, and make whatever changes we need to make to be the best that we can be.

Amen

A Prayer for Tashlich (from *Ritualwell.org*)

Here I am again
ready to let go of my mistakes.

Help me to release myself
from all the ways I've missed the mark.

Help me to stop carrying
the karmic baggage of my poor choices.

As I cast this bread upon the waters
lift my troubles off my shoulders.

Help me to know that last year is over,
washed away like crumbs in the current.

Open my heart to blessing and gratitude.
Renew my soul as the dew renews the grasses.

Now, walk to the water's edge. Consider what parts of your life you want to cast away. Then, take pieces of bread and throw them into the river. As each piece falls, feel yourself become lighter, freer, and open to the possibilities a new year offers.

A Prayer for the Jewish New Year (Rabbi John L. Rosove)

May we hold lovingly in our thoughts those who suffer from tyranny, subjection, cruelty, and injustice, and work every day towards the alleviation of their suffering.

May we recognize our solidarity with the stranger, outcast, downtrodden, abused, and deprived, that no human being be treated as “other,” that our common humanity weaves us together in one fabric of mutuality, one garment of destiny.

May we pursue the Biblical prophet’s vision of peace, that we might live harmoniously with each other and side by side, respecting differences, cherishing diversity, with no one exploiting the weak, each living without fear of the other, each revering Divinity in every human soul.

May we struggle against institutional injustice, free those from oppression and contempt, act with purity of heart and mind, despising none, defrauding none, hating none, cherishing all, honoring every child of God, every creature of the earth.

May the Jewish people, the state of Israel, and all peoples know peace in this New Year, and may we nurture kindness and love everywhere.

