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Bringing About a Time of Change

A TIME FOR REFLECTION

The High Holiday season is a time of reflection and introspection. We immerse ourselves—body and soul—into the work of assessing who we were in the past year and deepening our commitment to who we want to be in the year to come.

When this period of reflection ends with the wail of the shofar on Yom Kippur, we re-enter the world, dedicated to fulfill our vows for change.

A TIME FOR ACTION

Now is the time to turn our lofty commitments into tangible actions to impact our renewed world. Now is the time to move from reflecting about justice to pursuing it. Now is the time to build the world that we imagined in our meditation and our prayer.

We reflected on our generosity and greed of the past year;

Now is the time to share of our resources to support the vulnerable

We reflected on the ways in which we have used and abused power during the past year;

Now is the time to harness our political power to advocate for those without a voice

We reflected on how our actions have affected others over the past year;

Now is the time to act intentionally and decisively, to stand up as leaders for change, and to motivate others to join the struggle for human rights.

A TIME FOR TRANSFORMATION

Together, let the momentum of this time of change lead us individually and collectively to true *teshuvah*, *tefillah* and *tzedakah*—introspection, prayer and pursuit of justice. May we be blessed to fully engage in the process of reflection and then transition to action, so that this New Year may bring about the transformations that we seek in the world.