

Hatikva –

The Hope One of my favorite Jewish songs to sing is Hatikva, the National anthem of Israel, When I sing it as a non-Israeli, I still fill with pride for what the Jewish people have been able to accomplish in my lifetime. When I hear this song, my mind almost always goes back to the movie Casablanca, When Victor Laszlo comes into Ricks and in seeing the occupational force in the saloon, instructs Sam the piano player to play Les Marseillaise (thank you Google for getting the spelling right). It is a powerful scene of standing up for what you believe in and what is worth fighting for and risking your life for.

So what does that have to do with my message this month?

My hope is that for our High Holiday services this year, that we are back at the synagogue in person. We have not had an in-person High Holiday service in 3 years and I miss all the people that I normally see on the High Holidays. I HOPE that I am not being too optimistic, and I know that some of you will still be joining us on Zoom, but I for one am excited to be back in the synagogue.

The Yahrzeit request is included in this newsletter, in case you did you receive the temple email. Please make sure you get us your names by September 1st, so I have time to make sure the presentation is ready for Yom Kippur.

I HOPE you have had a healthy summer and I look forward to seeing YOU in September.

With much love,  
Howie