

new year? How do we integrate new members and engage others more deeply in B'nai Tikvah's offerings, and in the world's many Jewish dramas? "Tikkun Olam," ("the repair of the world") has become the motto of American Jewry, but it will only be a buzzword if we see such tasks fulfilled with the blasting of a pertinent email.

"Tikkun" is needed in so many areas: so many people in need, alienation from our community, ignorance of our Torahs and traditions, interfaith misunderstandings and embracing the interfaith and multi-cultural energies which have connected with the synagogue community.

Our Social Action contingent is open to your suggestions. Our Sisterhood and Men's Group want to explore Jewish life more deeply. Our Membership and Chavurah enterprises need to go beyond its successes in signing people up, and create strategies for a more satisfying engagement.

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## ***Reflections...***

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### ***Rosh Hashanah 5771***



Good Yom Tov. I would like to begin my remarks this morning by asking you a very simple question. It is a question that I believe we should all ask ourselves much more often than we do, but one which is particularly important right now, at this very moment in our Rosh Hashanah service: **WHY ARE YOU HERE TODAY?**

Jews all around the world are gathered together today, just as we are, to observe the beginning of this holy season in our calendar. We all put on our holiday clothes, ate festive meals last night, maybe woke up humming some of the