

Harpreet Singh Toor: From Pandemic and Persecution to Perseverance and Peace



It is an honor to be a part of celebrations for a Jewish New Year, The year 5781 on the Hebrew Calendar.

New Year is always a time of reflection on what we have achieved to make this world a better place and where we could have done better.

We are going thru a time where every day is a challenge to navigate the challenges thrown at us in the shape of negativity and horrors of racial tensions and of course the Corona Virus.

Coronavirus threw a challenge to our communities and we came together and helped each other wherever we could, in which ever fashion or way we could.

We may not have conquered it yet, but at least we understand how to tackle it and work together to beat it.

Jews and Sikhs have similarities historically where we have been persecuted many times. Every time it happened, we came up as a more strong and vibrant community. We are blessed to live in a City which is home to so many other faiths that we have come to learn and appreciate the diversity of this planet.

Our mission in this new year should be like always to understand and work to make this place better and leave behind a legacy to cherish for generations to come. Collectively we can and we will.

May the year 5781 bring health, happiness and harmony to all humanity.

L'Shanah Tovah.

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