A great philosopher named Michael Jackson once said:

Your dreams WILL come true,

but YOU have to make them come true.

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*(PAUSE AND SMILE)\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

And tonight as we celebrate our high holiday of Rosh Hashanah together, I want us to dream together...

Yes, folks ----

**“I have a dream!”**

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Tonight as we proclaim G‑d as our King, we are blessed to share

this moment, this space and this temple together….in celebration.

And as we celebrate, I want us to dream together!

I want us to dream of God

and our blessings

and our world.

And, in our doing this, G‑d is aroused, once again, with the desire to continue creating the world for one more year.

So we are pretty fortunate, aren’t we?

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I also want us to take ownership of our dreams,

our community,

and specifically,

our temple ---- with which have been blessed!

Sooooo…..

How can we celebrate our temple’s many blessing this new year?

How can we dream?

How do we express love?

For God our King is love…

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There was once a professional golfer who was asked by the King of Saudi Arabia to come and give him private lessons.

As this was a very unique and special request, the golf pro gladly accepted.

One month later, the king sent a private jet plane with personal servants to collect the golf pro for the trip.

During the week at the king’s palace, the golf pro was treated to amazing entertainment, food, drink – you name it!

Imagine!

Again and again, the king offered the golfer whatever he desired.

Each time, the man politely accepted the small gifts but was embarrassed and overwhelmed to accept excessive luxury.

At the end of the trip, the king asked the man, “What can I give you? You have given me so much pleasure during this visit. I want to show my gratitude…

What is your dream?”

The man was overwhelmed and stopped to think.

Then he began to explain that he had a unique collection of golf clubs at home.

Different sizes, shapes, ages and styles of clubs from all over the world.

He said that he would gladly accept a golf club for his collection.

The king smiled and thanked him once again for coming.

Upon the man’s return, he shared his many stories of his trip. He told his friends and family of the amazing palace and servants and food and parties.

Privately, he anxiously awaited the golf club that he requested --- thinking that perhaps it would be made of gold.

One day, the golf pro received a letter from the King.

Now… the man was a bit surprised…

A little disappointed even…

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You see, it was simply an envelope. He was expecting a package.

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As he opened the letter, he began to read…

Inside the envelope was more paper.

The paper outlined the description and location of an amazing private golf course near to the man’s town.

An amazing course known internationally for

its challenging course,

fine club house

and the very select, private membership…

Included in this envelope was the DEED to this property.

This elite golf course was now the golf pro’s private property to do with as he wished!

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*PAUSE AND SMILE\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

Can you imagine how that must have felt?

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So the man did NOT receive his dream of a gold golf club. NO.

But do you think he was disappointed?

No, the man received this gift from a King.

You see, a King dreams differently from you and I. We are just common people.

No - a king has dreams without limitations!

God is our King and I guarantee you that he has much grander dreams for us than anything WE could possibly imagine.

Our King has dreams for this temple! For our community!

My dreams are small but God’s are not.

God lives in us and tonight we celebrate the renewal of G‑d's desire for the world.

Our continued existence in the universe…

An extremely amazing,

awe-inspiring

and almost incomprehensible thought.

Our place in the universe…

Or is it?

Our universe is our reality – the world with which we surround ourselves.

God has amazing desires, plans and dreams for us.

So what do we dream?

G‑d not only desires to have a world with people, G‑d wants an intimate relationship with each one of us.

That is the key to my dream tonight.

RELATIONSHIPS!!!!

Here in our amazing temple – we find relationship.

We find G-d.

So as we begin the new year, I invite you to dream with me!

With God as our King, we are unstoppable. Our dreams are boundless and POSSIBLE…together!

I encourage you to volunteer. Reach out! Commune with not only our King but with our community. To create stronger relationships!

As part of our celebration of Rosh Hashanah we go to a lake, river or to the sea and recite the *Tashlich* prayers. Here we symbolically cast our sins into the water, in evocation of the verse, "And You shall cast their sins into the depths of the sea."

Tonight, we leave our old shortcomings behind us, thus starting the new year with a clean slate.

Let us begin this year anew with a mutual dream…

Find it in your heart and soul to dream…

not your small human dreams with limitations.

But I dare you to dream the dream of a King.

To let G-d dream for you and through you….in an intimate relationship that grows here in our temple. In our family…

So I challenge you…

I ask you…

I implore you….

and – with God’s help –

I want to inspire you…

 **to volunteer your time this year.**

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Let it be in your heart to give what you can –

lead a project,

help a group,

serve a friend.

You can volunteer weekly, monthly, or annually…

Whatever YOU can….

Can you see my dream?

Let us begin a dream.

A dream of community, family and friendship…

Let us come together and make a difference in this world.

For G‑d not only desires to have a world with people, G‑d wants an intimate relationship with each one of us.

In addition to the collective aspects of Rosh Hashanah worship, each man and woman personally asks G‑d to accept the coronation, thus creating the bond of "We are Your people and You are our King."

This year, let’s let our King dream through us.

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Life is a dream for the wise,

a game for the fool,

a comedy for the rich,

a tragedy for the poor.

-Sholom Aleichem