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Thought this might be appropriate

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Subject: [ha-Safran] Miracles happen in a pandemic when you follow your heart!

Last April when the pandemic hit, - and all of my wedding clients postponed their ceremonies- I needed to do something. I was motivated to create healing services, and raise money for tzedakah for Covid relief. I followed the calling of my heart and began to organize zoom galas on the Aleph platform. I ended up hosting 5 cross denominational programs with 200- 600 participants on each! With helpers, I raised a lot of money; gave artists/musicians/teachers a platform to showcase their work; and created a forum to keep our souls uplifted.

Today I'm happy to say I'm going to working more officially with Aleph as the Director Of Spiritual Arts (part time) and will be curating more of these programs in the coming months. It feels exciting to begin the new year with visioning something beautiful into being.

My **intentions behind these are:**

- to honor holy space and time with joy, love and spiritual meaning**
- to support artists, teachers, singer songwriter, authors, clergy, emerging/diverse creative Jewish voices, JPOC, LGBTQ and others affected by the pandemic**
- to raise money for non-profits at this time of need**

So consider this an invitation:

- if you have ever wanted to present "your Torah" to a large audience;
- if you have books or CDs or art projects to promote;
- if you like to teach, sing or dance, do yoga/body movement;
- have a story from Jewish tradition to share;
- or just want to feel like you are part of the bigger Web of Comfort that is holding people's spirits aloft during this time.....

Please email me with an offering for the upcoming programs- or a Save my Name for the future: rreyzel@shechinah.com (alternate: Shechinah18@verizon.net

The first event will be Saturday night September 19th, second evening of Rosh Hashanah... we have found that many people who

attend do not have have a spiritual home/congregation and will need a place to feel connected.

Seeking teachers, musicians, artists, meditators, authors, astrologists, cooks, embodied artists, poets, and more -to help launch a sweet new year with a zoom offering.

Themes for INVITING IN THE SWEETNESS: ROSH HASHANAH

Content can include but not limited to: blessing the year, gematria interpretations of the year, traditional and new melodies; artistic renditions; blessings; shofar blowing/teaching; recipes/demonstration/seder foods; Torah vorts; what we've learned this past year; teshuva, (repentance;) t'filah(prayer); tzedakah (charity); Torah interpretation; how to (literally) move into the new year gracefully; honey and bees; kavvanot; messages to heed for the new year; uplifting blessings, etc.

AND SUKKOT:

The second event will be during SUKKOT SHAZOOM, Sunday evening October 4

Themes include but not limited to: joy; water/Beit ha-shoevah; harvest; multicultural/interfaith; shelter; sukkah torah; feasting; showcase your sukkah decorations; ushpizin/invited holy guests; kabbalah of sukkot; fragility, sitting; history of sukkah; environmental issues; how to build a sukkah; rain;prayers, hoshanot rituals; lulav/etrog and more...

**Please respond to
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with either SWEETNESS in the subject line or SUKKOT SHAZOOM

**Blessings for the turning,
and miracles in the new year!**

Rayzel