ELUL STORIES
Sharing our stories, sharing lives, creating community

Elul is the month leading up to Rosh HaShanah. Each day during the month a different Temple Beth Torah congregant will share a High Holiday reflection to help us prepare for this season of prayer, repentance and tzedakah.

One Special Room
Debra Handelman

My memories are filled with being in my childhood dinning room with all of my grandparents there. I was blessed to have them way into my adulthood. I’ve tried to create the same warmth within our dinning room today. We bake a round challah, slice apples, and pour the honey into my grandma's dish. This is a ritual we do with our three children. Their grandparents, my parents and in-laws, join us at our home. We now have a 19 and 17 year old and we have a 9 year old who reminds us how the prayers and traditions are not just for her because she goes to Hebrew school. She truly shows us all how these holidays are important and that we must continue the traditions for a lifetime. We are so lucky!

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Would you like to share your story? It can be a High Holiday memory, a first experience or a ritual that is special to you at this time of year. Send your stories to raysusie@gmail.com.