

**High Holidays 2021-5781**  
Temple Israel Portsmouth  
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**We Shall Be Known**

By Mamuse

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By the ones who circle round to tend these fires  
We shall be known by the ones who sow and reap  
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**The Guest House**

From: Essential Rumi

Translated by Coleman Barks

This being human is a guest house.  
Every morning a new arrival.

A joy, a depression, a meanness,  
some momentary awareness comes  
As an unexpected visitor.

Welcome and entertain them all!  
Even if they're a crowd of sorrows,  
who violently sweep your house  
empty of its furniture,  
still treat each guest honorably.  
He may be clearing you out  
For some new delight.

The dark thought, the shame, the  
malice,  
meet them at the door laughing,  
and invite them in.

Be grateful for whoever comes,  
because each has been sent  
as a guide from beyond.

## **A Communal “Al Cheit” for the Sins of Racism**

*By: Yavilah McCoy (excerpted)*

For the sins we have committed through conscious and unconscious racial bias.

For the sins we have committed through hardening our hearts to the need for change.

For the sins of colluding with racism both openly and secretly.

For the sins we have committed through uttering racist words.

For the sins we have committed by not teaching our children the worth and value of Black people in Jewish space.

For the sins we have committed through confessing our commitments to ending racism insincerely.

For the sins of racism we have committed through the glances of our eyes.

For the sins of racism we have committed through passing judgement.

For the sins of racism that we have committed through baseless hatred.

For the sins of racism that we have committed through turning a blind-eye to pain and suffering around us.

For the sins of racism that we have committed by not seeing racism as an evil among us.

For the sins of racism that we have committed by not committing to end it.

**For all these, we seek pardon, forgiveness, and atonement.**