

Kol Nidre Welcome
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It began as a sliver. A slender bend in the night sky.

Each night the sliver grew larger and fuller.

It became a visible crescent.

A fuller crescent.

And then the first quarter.

And now continuing to grow to its full self.

And so it is with us.

On the first night of Tishre, perhaps we felt that slender bend.

Our souls grew larger and fuller with each larger crescent of the moon.

Teshuvah. We turned.

We realized we were not perfect.

We turned to our loved ones and said, "I am sorry."

We grew fuller with the knowledge that we can change.

We let the moon's ever growing light illumine our path to mending. To repair.

Tefillah. We reached out to that which is Divine... and reached in – to the divine in ourselves.

Tzedakah. We reached out to others with care and respect.

We do not know what is written for us in the coming year, but we do know that we can transform our experiences through how we see ourselves and deal with others... as our light shines fuller with each passing day.