On Rosh Hashanah it is written, and on Yom Kippur it is sealed:

Who will dwell in safety, and

...who will wade through dangerous waters with a child in their arms, seeking asylum

...who will grab whatever they can carry and flee from violence and conflict

...who will try to make a life in the seemingly endless impermanence of a refugee camp

...who will tentatively set down roots in a new place, hoping that this, at last, will be somewhere safe to call home.

At this moment in history when over 100 million people have been forcibly displaced from their homes, the ancient words of the High Holiday liturgy ask us to wrestle with the painful realities of our contemporary world.

But we are not left to sit endlessly with our existential insecurity. Instead, we are given the tools to temper its harshness: teshuvah – repentance, tefilah – prayer, and tzedakah – justice.

Living our values of welcoming the stranger and seeing the Divine inherent in every human being; raising our voices in protest of unjust and cruel policies; giving of our own resources of time, energy, or funds in service of creating communities filled with compassionate care and righteous action – when we do these things, we temper the cruelties of fate and of human malice and indifference, both for ourselves, and for those most in need.
HIAS Holiday Calendar
2023-2024/5784

Rosh Hashanah
September 15-17, 2023

Yom Kippur
September 24-25, 2023

Sukkot
September 29 — October 8, 2023

Hanukkah
December 7-15, 2023

International Human Rights Day
December 10, 2023

Tu b’Shvat
January 24-25, 2024

Refugee Shabbat
February 2-3, 2024

Purim
March 23-24, 2024

Passover
April 22-30, 2024

Yom HaShoah
May 5-6, 2024

Anniversary of MS St. Louis
June 6, 2024

Shavuot
June 11-13, 2024

World Refugee Day
June 20, 2024

Anniversary of 1951 World Refugee Convention
July 28, 2024

Tisha b’Av
August 12-13, 2024

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