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9/20/2020— Today is the second day of Rosh Hashanah in the Jewish calendar. I have not been able to write High Holy Day blog entries for a few years. This year was no exception. But I would like to mention that one of the difficulties in establishing a really satisfying secular life is the absence of holy days. For a Jew, the month before the High Holy Days, Elul, is one of introspection in preparation for the holiday period. Then, there is the sense of possible new beginnings in the New Year itself. When does the secular person engage in such introspection? When is the possibility of new beginning really present? For us, one day tends to be like another. It is not a problem yet solved. In fact, it is not yet a problem seen as a problem.