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## **Rep. Feigenholtz Organizing Celebration to Kick Off Jewish Holidays**

**CHICAGO** – State Representative Sara Feigenholtz (D-Chicago) is organizing a Chicago Shofar Gathering on Sunday, September 18 to increase the anticipation of Rosh Hashana at the end of September.

On September 18, flash mob teams from New York City to Jerusalem are organizing to draw attention to the Jewish New Year and celebrate the month of Elul. Together, they will form the world's largest shofar event. The shofar is an instrument with a longstanding religious meaning but today is mainly blown during times of celebration and holidays.

“The shofar has a religious meaning and purpose, but this event is for everyone,” said Feigenholtz. “This is a fun way to bring neighbors together for something that is out of the ordinary while celebrating our community’s diversity.”

This celebration is not limited to just shofar players. Community members are encouraged to attend with shofars or other noisemakers or instruments and take part in the event. Participants are asked to arrive near the intersection of Clark and Addison (on the southwestern side of the stadium) at 12:30 p.m. and mingle with the crowds of Cubs fans. At promptly 1:00 p.m. at the sound of the first shofar, participants will blow their shofars and instruments for two minutes before dispersing back into the crowds as if nothing unusual had just happened.

“I am very excited to bring the Shofar Event to Chicago,” Feigenholtz said. “On September 18, we’ll be a part of a much larger worldwide celebration to bring people from across the globe together.”

Similar shofar celebrations are scheduled in Los Angeles, Antwerp, Budapest, Tel Aviv and numerous other cities. There are no other shofar flash mobs scheduled to take place in Chicago.

For more information on the Chicago Shofar Event or to RSVP, contact Feigenholtz’s constituent services office at (773) 296-4141 or [sara@staterepsara.com](mailto:sara@staterepsara.com).

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