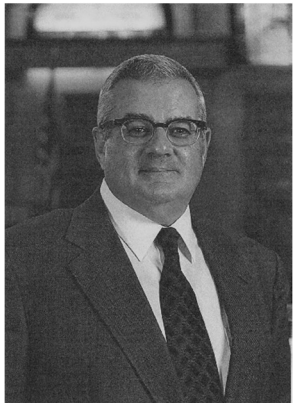


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President's Message

Dear Members and Friends,

My prayers and hopes for the upcoming New Year 5775 are that each and every one of us should realize the tremendous opportunities and possibilities that exist today. These possibilities are

open to us within our personal lives and within our collective lives, as Jews and human beings in our communities, in our states, countries and the world over.

This year, understand the warmth, the spirit and depth possible in the study of Torah and in doing Mitzvot, and seize these opportunities with an awareness of a higher consciousness.

May it be a year in which we reaffirm our commitments; experience abundant good health, prosperity and happiness; and most importantly, find a year of contentment and redemption.

May the coming New Year see a lasting peace in the State of Israel, and may it stand strong, righteous and proud always.

May we enjoy every minute with our families and friends, and never take those moments for granted.

In this spirit, Letizia and I wish you and your families a sweet and peaceful New Year.

Shana Tovah U'metukah.

Ronald Einy



Meditations on the Shofar

Rabbi Daniel Bouskila, SEC

The great rabbinic scholar Maimonides offers a deep psychological insight into the blowing of the Shofar:

Even though the sounding of the shofar on Rosh Hashanah is a written decree [from the Torah], it also contains an allusion. It is as if [the shofar's call] is saying: "Wake up you sleepy ones from your sleep and you who slumber, arise. Inspect your deeds, repent and remember your Creator. Those who forget the truth in the vanities of time and throughout the entire year devote their energies to vanity and emptiness that will not benefit or save. Look deep within your souls. Improve your ways and your deeds and let every one of you abandon any evil path or thoughts within your life." (Laws of Teshuvah 3:4).

Beyond Maimonides' interpretation of the Shofar as a "Personal Wake Up Call to Action," we are also blessed with the "Ten Meditations" on the Shofar's symbolism by Rav Saadia Gaon (10th Century rabbinic scholar).

1. The Shofar is like the trumpet that announces the coronation of a king. This is why it is used on Rosh Hashanah, the birthday of the universe.

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KJ Schedule Rosh Hashanah & Shabbat Shuvah

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Wednesday, September 24th

Selichot..... 5:30 am
Shaharit & Hatarat Nedarim 6:30 am
or Annulment of Vows
Eruv Tavshilin before candle lighting
Candle Lighting 6:29 pm
Arbit 6:45 pm

Rosh Hashanah, First Day Thursday, September 25th

Shaharit..... 8:00 am
Children's Room.... 10:00 to 2:00 pm
Arbit 6:45 pm
Candle Lighting after 7:31 pm

Rosh Hashanah, Second Day & Erev Shabbat

Friday, September 26th

Shaharit..... 8:00 am
Children's Room.... 10:00 to 2:00 pm
Minha..... 6:20 pm
Candle Lighting 6:26 pm
Arbit 6:45 pm

Shabbat Shuva / Haazinu Saturday, September 27th

Shaharit/Morning Prayer 8:30 am
Minha & Arbit..... 6:00 pm
Motzei Shabbat / Havdallah 7:28 pm

Tzom Gedaliah / Fast of Gedaliah Sunday, September 28th

Fast Begins 5:32 am
Selichot..... 6:30 am
Shaharit/Morning Prayer 7:30 am
Talmud Torah KJ Kids..... 10:00 am

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Minha & Arbit TBA
Fast Ends 7:22 pm

Weekdays Monday, September 29 to Friday, October 3rd

Selihot 5:30 am
Shaharit/Morning Prayer 6:30 am

Erev Yom Kippur Friday, October 3rd

Selihot 5:30 am
Shaharit & Kapparot 6:30 am
Minha 2:00 pm
Children's Room 6:00 to 10:00 pm
Candle Lighting 6:14 pm
Fast Begins 6:14 pm
Kol Nidre 6:30 pm

Yom Kippur / Shabbat Saturday, October 4th

Shaharit/Morning Prayer 7:30 am
Children's Room Morning Hours 10 am to 2 pm
Minha 3:15 pm
Children's Room Hours 3 pm to 6:30 pm
Neilah **5:30 pm**
Motzei Shabbat / Havdallah 7:18 pm

In Memoriam

We remember these yahrzeit anniversaries
for September 20 to 27, 2014. It is custom-
ary to light a memorial candle, donate tzeda-
ka, & attend services the preceding Shabbat.

1 Tishri / Thursday, September 25th

Hannah Cohen *Chana bat Rachel*
Mozelle Elisha
Julian Raymond Kelly *Yacob Rahamin ben*
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Farha Sassoon *Farha bat Aziza*

5 Tishri / Monday, September 29th

Seemah Manasseh *Simhah bat Salha Ekaireb*
Naim Mizrahie *Naim ben Ephraim*
Ester Same *Ester bat Toba*

8 Tishri / Thursday, October 2nd

David Sasson *David Hai Menashe Sasson*

9 Tishri / Friday, October 3rd

Rachel Cohen *Rachel bat Simha*

10 Tishri / Shabbat, October 4th

Flora Jacob *Farha bat Dina*
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IMPORTANT CORRECTIONS

Schedule for Yom Kippur
Yom Kippur Fast Begins at 6:14 pm
Kol Nidre Services Begin at 6:30 pm
Shaharit Services Begin at 7:30 am
These are Different from the Ticket Times

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When hearing its blasts, we accept upon ourselves anew God's exclusive rule of the universe. Our prayers and shofar blasts are like the coronation ceremony in which the Jewish people crown God as Sovereign King.

2. The Shofar calls us to examine our deeds and return to God, who will always accept us if we are sincere. This is why we blow the Shofar on Rosh Hashanah, which is the first of the *Aseret Y'mei T'shuva* (10 Days of Repentance).

3. The Shofar reminds us of the Shofar which was sounded when the Torah was given at Mount Sinai; thus we are reminded to study the Torah and make its teachings our way of life.

4. The Shofar reminds us of the voice of the Biblical Prophets, whose voices rang out like a Shofar blast in calling the people to do justice and mercy and follow God's ethical teachings.

5. The Shofar sounds like crying, which reminds us of the destruction of the *Bet Hamikdash* (Temple in Jerusalem), and thus calls upon us to pray for its re-building.

6. The Shofar, since it is a ram's horn, reminds us of *Akedat Yitzhak* (the Binding of Isaac), when God provided a ram to be sacrificed instead. Abraham's devotion to God serves to inspire us on this day.

7. The Shofar calls upon us to be humble.

Its powerful blasts remind us of the ever-present power of God.

8. On the ultimate *Yom Ha-Din* (Day of Judgment) in the future, the sound of the Shofar will be heard. Our Shofar blasts on this *Yom Ha-Din* remind us to prepare for God's ultimate examination of our deeds.

9. The Shofar foreshadows the jubilant return to freedom and peace when we will all gather in Jerusalem during the messianic days. It reminds us to always have hope and faith in God's saving power.

10. The Shofar will be blown in Messianic times to announce the redemption of the whole world, when all nations will recognize that God is One.

The Shofar is a prayer without lyrics. It addresses our deepest inner emotions, and stirs within us a combination of joy, sadness, fear and hope. It is the singular most powerful moment in all of Jewish prayer. May this year's sounding of the Shofar open our hearts for good, cleanse our souls in purity, and inspire us to strengthen our bonds to our families, our sacred traditions and our timeless Jewish values.

As we welcome the year 5775, may the sounding of the Shofar usher in a year of peace in Israel and throughout the world, peace in our hearts, & peace in our homes.

Tizku L'Shanim Rabot

Rabbi Daniel Bouskila



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Ahot Ketana / Little Sister

An Opening Prayer for Rosh Hashana

Read the entire text in the Orot Sephardic Rosh Hashanah Mahzor pp 39 to 41

Little sister, her prayers she arranges and her hopes
Please Hashem heal her from what ails her
May the year and its curses reach an end

With pleasantness of words, she calls to You
And songs of praises it gives her pleasure to offer You
Until when will You avert Your eyes; look upon
Strangers consuming her inheritance
May the year and its curses reach an end . . .

She has long been forsaken
By her Beloved for whom she longs;
She is like a budding flower
Her blossom has bloomed but her clusters have not ripened
May the year and its curses reach an end

Be strong and rejoice for the pillaging has ended
Place your hope in G-d, the Rock
For He keeps His covenant with you
And you will ascend to Tzion and He shall declare
"Clear, clear her paths!"
May the year and its blessings begin.

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