

The Narrow Bridge

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Typically, when a person has a very important trial coming up, he is completely consumed by the preparations for the trial, meeting with lawyers and going over the paperwork, to the extent that he has no time for anything else. If somebody would ask him if he could host him for dinner, he would of course say he can't host anybody. He has no time to meet someone for coffee, to write a check to charity, or anything. He's too busy, and his mind is preoccupied.

As we prepare for Rosh HaShanah, however, the exact opposite is true. We are to precisely spend more time connecting with others, inviting people, calling people, complimenting people, visiting people, giving support and encouragement, getting more involved in the community, looking for more ways to help out, to contribute, and to make a difference.

The best way to prepare for Rosh HaShanah is to bond together with our fellow Jews.

RABBI EFREM GOLDBERG

We were created in love and forgiveness by the G-d of love and forgiveness, Who asks us to love and forgive. However many times we may have failed to live up to our aspirations, G-d always gives us the chance and the power to begin again. On Rosh HaShana and Yom Kippur, the holiest days of a holy people, G-d summons us to greatness.

RABBI JONATHAN SACKS (1948-2020)

The sound of the shofar is the cry of the soul, the expression of our innermost longing for connection with the Divine.

LUBAVITCHER REBBE, REB MENACHEM MENDEL SCHNEERSON (1902-1994)

The shofar is the voice of the soul. It is a call to return, a reminder of who we are and who we can become. Its blast pierces the veil of everyday life and awakens us to our spiritual potential.

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In the palace of the king there are many chambers, and each one needs a different key. There is one key, one instrument, however, which can open all the doors - the shofar.

BAAL HATANYA, REB SHNEUR ZALMAN OF LIADI (1745-1812)

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We are about to enter 72 hours of connection, commitment and renewal. It's a three-day yom tov for Jews around the world. There will be thousands of words read and said. Hundreds of pages turned. Shofar blast after shofar blast...

The litmus test of this Rosh Hashana is not in the amount of words that we say, but in the meaning behind them...

This year, in particular, there is a unique opportunity that we have this Rosh Hashana. Perhaps for the first time in our lifetimes, the insanity and crookedness of the world around us is so blatantly obvious. The bubbles have burst, the illusions have faded, and we have witnessed a world of hatred that vehemently denies Hashem, His Torah and right for His People to live.

But that's only a piece of the story. Simultaneously, we have seen and participated in the greatest reawakening of Klal Yisrael in generations. Through the pain and brokenness, we have met and discovered heroes of our people. We have shared their tears and have been inspired by these giants of spirit.

We are entering 5785 with a sense of clarity that we have never known before. The difference between good and evil has been highlighted with stunning precision.

As we stand in Hashem's court room, He is asking each of us and all of us: How should we proceed? Are you willing to take a stand? Are you ready to make a change in your own life?

Hashem does not make this decision. It's up to us to choose how our world continues from this point onwards. The decisions we make in our hearts and minds are invisible to everyone outside of us and Hashem; but that's where the difference is made.

RABBI RAEL BLUMENTHAL

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