

Shana Tovah שָׁנָה טוֹבָה
[Have a] Good Year

שָׁנָה טוֹבָה וּמְתוּקָה
Shana Tova oo-m'tukah
[Have a] Good and sweet year

[and here's a 3-minute Rosh HaShanah rock anthem: https://youtu.be/T_M5-qthA8w]



Shuckling from the Yiddish word meaning "to shake," is the ritual swaying of worshippers during Jewish prayer, usually forward and back but also from side to side. This practice can be traced back to at least the 8th century, and possibly as far back as Talmudic times. It is believed to increase concentration and emotional intensity. In Hassidic lore, *shuckling* is seen as an expression of the soul's desire to abandon the body and reunite itself with its source, similar to a flame's shaking back and forth as if to free itself from the wick.

[<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shuckling>]

So, if you need to walk when praying, or sway, or dance, or do a cartwheel, you are like the flame of a candle.]

Yom Kippur greeting:

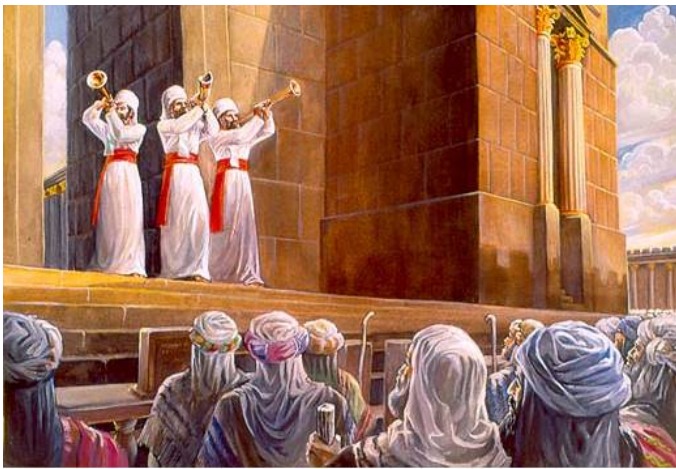
tsom kal צוֹם קָל

Easy fast

It's a very special season in Israel right before Rosh Ha-Shana, and the atmosphere is very hopeful when all the families are gathering together to celebrate the turning of the Jewish calendar, while looking forward to the future.

Viyikra Lev.25.9-10 You are to sound a blast on the shofar; you are to sound the shofar all through your land;

וְהִעֲבַרְתָּ שׁוֹפָר תְּרוּעָה, בְּחֹדֶשׁ הַשְּׁבִיעִי
Shofar t'ruah



[Note that there were silver trumpets, as well as the shofar.]

The meaning of the shofar blast

[Almost all the following are about supernatural change, deliverance.]

1. Covenant Initiation
2. Overcoming an Enemy
3. Celebration and Worship
4. Praising God
5. Call to repentance
6. Wrong use: pride and self-aggrandizement
7. The voice of God
8. The regathering of His people
9. The coming of the Lord
10. The taking [rapture] of the believers
11. The resurrection of the dead
12. Sounding an alarm

1. Covenant Initiation When God gave His commandments and made His covenant with the people of Israel on Mt. Sinai, He sealed it with the sound of blasting shofars. The shofar signifies the announcing of something to come or something established.

[Much of this message from Israel Pochtar]

Shmot/Ex 19.16-19 On the morning of the third day, there was thunder, lightning and a thick cloud on the mountain. Then a **shofar blast** sounded so loudly that all the people in the camp trembled ... **the sound of the shofar grew louder and louder.**

וְקוֹל שֹׁפָר, חֲזָק מְאֹד

[וַיְהִי קוֹל הַשֹּׁפָר, הוֹלֵךְ וְחֲזָק מְאֹד]

Shmot/Ex 20.18 All the people experienced the thunder, the lightning, the **sound of the shofar**, and the mountain smoking. When the people saw it, they trembled.

[So when you hear the shofar, in a few minutes, think of the covenants G-d made. They are still in force! Am Yisrael Khi. G-d's promises to you will also stand. Finances, children.]

2. Overcoming an Enemy Bringing down the walls of Jericho (Joshua 6:4-16)

Yehoshua 6.2-5 "I have handed Yericho over to you, including its king and his warriors. You are to encircle the city with all your soldiers and march around it once. Do this for six days. Seven cohanim are to carry **seven shofars** in front of the ark.

On the seventh day you are to march around the city seven times, and the cohanim will blow the shofars. Then they are to blow a long blast on the shofar. On hearing the sound of the *shofar*, all the people are to shout as loudly as they can; and the wall of the city will fall down flat. Then the people are to go up into the city, each one straight from where he stands.”
[So when you hear the shofar, in a few minutes, think of the covenants G-d made. They are still in force! Am Yisrael Khi. G-d’s promises to you will also stand. Finances, children.]



[One-minute video – <https://youtu.be/lguMXrgfrg8>]

3. Celebration and Worship David bringing Aron, the Ark of the Covenant back to Jerusalem
 2 Samuel 6:15 **David and all the house of Isra’el brought up the ark of Adoni with shouting and the sound of the shofar.**

[בְּתִרְוָעָה, וּבְקוֹל שׁוֹפָר]

[So when you hear the shofar, in a few minutes, you can shout praise to G-d in tongues if you want and think of fulfillment of His promises, overcoming obstacles!]

4. Praising God Ps 98:4-6 **Shout joyfully to Adoni, all the earth. Break forth, sing for joy, and sing praises. Sing praises to Adoni with the harp, with the harp and a voice of melody. With trumpets and sound of the shofar blast a sound before the King, Adoni.**

[So when you hear the shofar, in a few minutes, think of things you can praise Him for.]

וְקוֹל שׁוֹפָר-- הֲרִיעוּ, לְפָנֵי הַמֶּלֶךְ יְיָ.

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5. Call to repentance

Yoel 2:12-15 **“Yet even now,” says Adoni, “turn to me with all your heart, with fasting, weeping and lamenting.” Tear your heart, not your garments; and turn to Adoni your God. For he is merciful and compassionate, slow to anger, rich in grace, “Blow the shofar in Tziyon! Proclaim a holy fast, call for a solemn assembly.”**

תִּקְעוּ שׁוֹפָר, בְּצִיּוֹן; קְדְשׁוּ-צוֹם, קְרָאוּ עֲצָרָה

[I will be fasting from after this RH meal tomorrow, till YK Neilah. Wednesday extended prayer time. Change of Teerosh not convenient for many, apologize. But we need to continue to “turn to Him with all your heart, with fasting, weeping and lamenting.” Tear your heart, not your garments; and turn to Adoni your God. A letter to me from Gary Kendall ...]

What Is the Olathe Invitation?

Join in a prayer and fasting event called the Olathe Invitation. The ten days runs from September 29 through October 8 coinciding with the start of the festival of Rosh Hashanah and closing with the festival of Yom Kippur. Daily, 24/7 prayer will be hosted.

Why Are We Doing This?

We sense a move of the Holy Spirit. We want the believers to fully awaken into all that God has for us. There is urgency to step into the moment. We are responding in repentance to the reprieve that God's giving our country and city. Too often we live in silos. We want to see the body of Messiah mobilize as one and live in love as His witness. We are his bride and we want to respond to His invitation. We pray for the bride of Messiah, in Olathe to express thirst for the Holy Spirit to lead us into a first love experience, but pray for all of Kansas City to respond to His love and live in John 17 unity.

6. Wrong use: pride and self-aggrandizement ^{Matthew 6:2} So, when you do tzedakah, don't announce it **with trumpets** to win people's praise, like the hypocrites in the synagogues and on the streets. Yes! I tell you, they have their reward already!
[Secret giving. I don't know who donors are. Your tithe is between you and G-d, but key to His pouring out blessing.]

7. The voice of God

^{Revelations 1:10} I was in the Ruakh on the Day of the Lord, and I heard behind me a loud voice like that of a trumpet.

^{Revelations 4:1} After these things, I looked; and there before me was a door standing open in heaven; and the **voice like a trumpet** which I had heard speaking with me before said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must happen after these things."
[So when you hear the shofar, in a few minutes, think of the Voice of Adoni Yeshua. Thunder = kol Adoni = Voice of Adoni]

8. The regathering of His people: ^{Isaiah 27:12-13} "In that day the Lord will thresh from the flowing Euphrates to the Wadi of Egypt, and you, Israel, will be gathered up one by one."

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^{Isaiah 27:12-13} The regathering of His people: "**And in that day a great trumpet will sound. Those who were perishing in Assyria and those who were exiled in Egypt will come and worship the Lord on the holy mountain in Jerusalem.**"

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So when you hear the shofar, in a few minutes, think of Israel. The amazing miracle of the regathering and survival of Israel, against incredible enemies, external and internal. Ben Gurion said to the US General Mickey Marcus about the various Israeli militias: Palmach, Irgun, Haganah, Stern Gang. "We don't need the Arabs to have a war. We can have one of our own." Today coalition struggles.

Another dimension to regathering ... Jewish refugees, outcasts, were HOME. We do outreach ...]

From Dwight Widaman: While traveling this summer, I sat in a McDonald's working on my laptop. I noticed a man close to 90 eating alone. I hesitated but finally struck up a conversation. His face lit up! Where was his family, I thought.

Today I read an alarming figure that many senior adults go a week without talking to another person. How sad! We know that loneliness is a factor to poor health and pre-mature death. I thought back on the times that I spoke to an elderly person.

They are always happy to talk and respond with eagerness. Am I one of the few people they talk to? It is easy to think we are intruding on someone's space when we speak. We are not. No longer will I hesitate in reaching out. I'm actively seeking more "McDonald's" moments!

Another source: The crisis of loneliness poses as grave a threat to public health as obesity or substance abuse. It cuts across generations and reaches around the world. Millions of people live

with sparse human contact and research tells us that lonely people are more likely to become ill, experience cognitive decline, and die early.

Being socially connected, on the other hand — as reflected by...the extent to which we are involved with others, the quality of our relationships, and our perception that support is available when we need it — are **all associated with longevity**.

<https://www.aspenideas.org/sessions/the-epidemic-of-loneliness?qclid=Cj0KCQjwrMHsBRCIARIsAFgSel1huuhIMhCFcKRBUFM-VmJWpFUPuNhSSEGvrOf fG3LweYYAnaNFhwaAuOmEALw wcB>

This is a secondary reason why we do outreach. We want to see people saved from eternal death, but we also want to wholeness, relationships. Relational development.]

9. The coming of the Lord:

Matthew 24:30-31 "Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. And then all the peoples of the earth[a] will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven,

Matthew 24:30-31 with power and great glory. And he will send his angels with a **loud trumpet call**, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other."

[That is the call I long for. So when you hear the shofar, in a few minutes, think of the call of the King, returning. There is reason to believe that He will return on the day of RH!!]

10. The taking [rapture] of the believers: ^{1 Thes. 4:16-17} For the Lord Himself shall come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the **blast of God's shofar**, and the dead in Messiah shall rise first.

^{1 Thes. 4:16-17} Then we who are alive, who are left behind, will be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air — and so we shall always be with the Lord.

[Similar to the previous, but an evacuation by airlift, of sorts. Maybe today!]

11. The resurrection of the dead:

^{1 Cor. 15:51-52} Look, I will tell you a secret — not all of us will die! But we will all be changed! It will take but a moment, the blink of an eye, **at the final shofar. For the shofar will sound**, and the dead will be raised to live forever, and we too will be changed.

[So when you hear the shofar, in a few minutes, think of all those who've gone before us. Resurrection!]

12. Sounding an alarm "Blow the shofar in Tziyon! Sound an alarm on my holy mountain!" Let all living in the land tremble, for the Day of Adoni is coming! It's upon us! — a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick fog.

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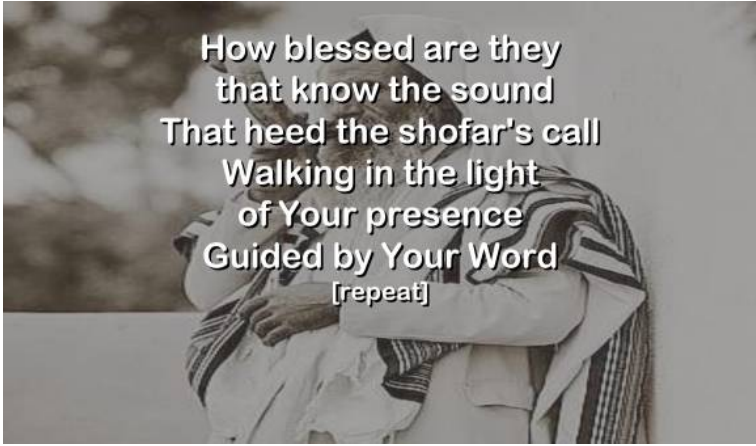
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How blessed are they
that know the sound
That heed the shofar's call
Walking in the light
of Your presence
Guided by Your Word
[repeat]

Maybe you don't KNOW Ps 89.15. You don't know
Him. Pray.