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Yom Kippur greeting:

Tsom kal um'vorakh!

צום קל ומבורך!

Have an easy and blessed fast!

Tekiah G'dolah Grand shofar blast





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IsraAid team in Morocco following the earthquake Sept. 2023

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Astronomy news for Oct. 14, 2023

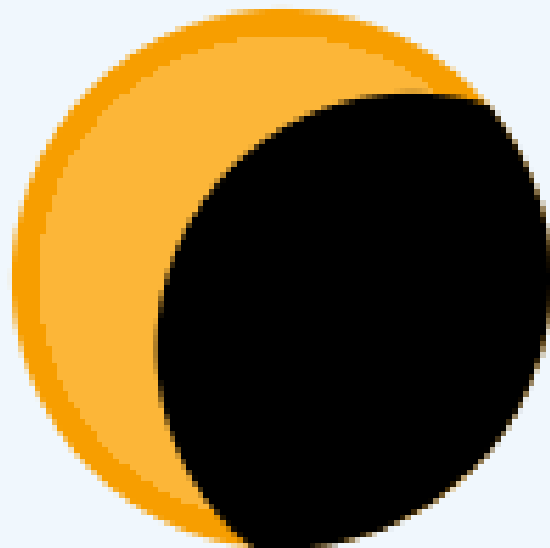


A full annular solar eclipse viewed above cacti in a desert region. (Darkfoxelixir/Shutterstock)

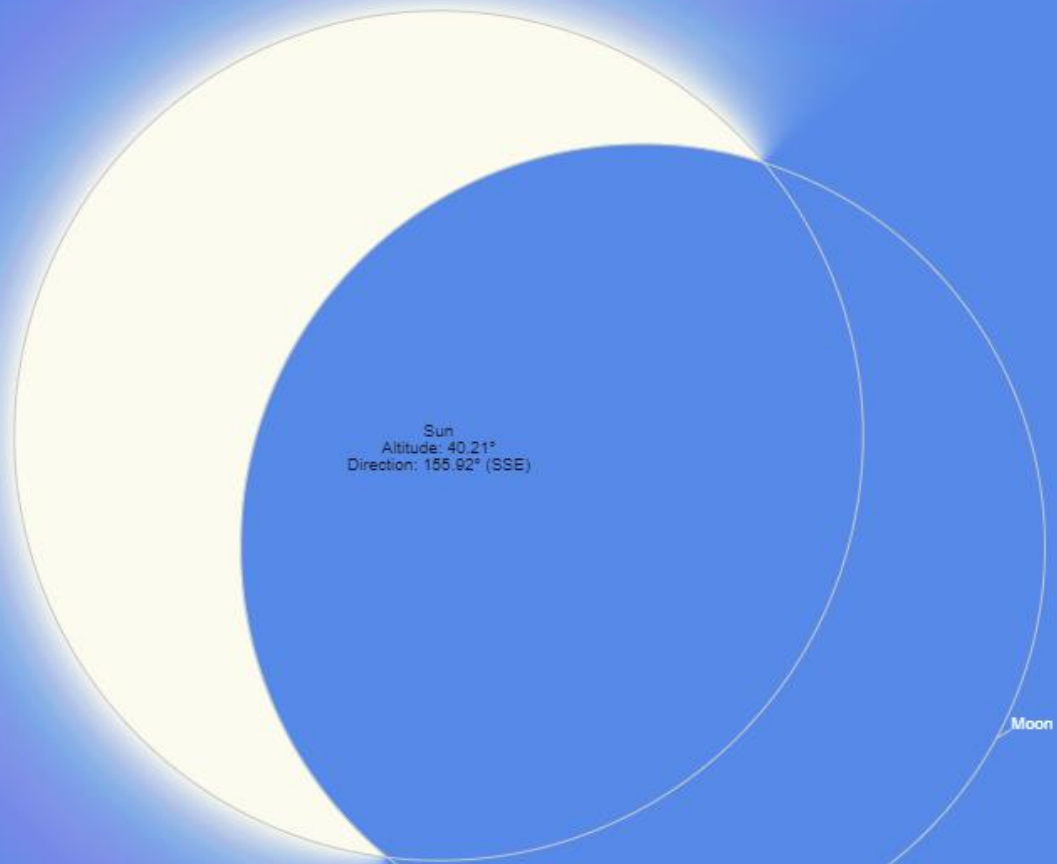


Oct 14, 2023 at 11:50 am

**Partial
annular
eclipse**



**Max View in Kansas City,
Missouri**



Sun
Altitude: 40.21°
Direction: 155.92° (SSE)

Moon

Yoel 2.15-19

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Blow the Shofar in Tziyon

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What Is Shabbat Shuvah? שׁוּבָה

The Shabbat between

- Rosh Hashanah [the day of loud sounds], and
 - Yom Kippur [day of Atonement]
- emphasizes themes of return and repentance.

Summary of Rosh HaShanah:

- Leviticus 25:9; Jubilee LIBERTY
- Hosea 5:8; War, invaders
- Psalm 81:3-4 Joyful celebration
- 2 Shmuel 6:15 Victory celebration
- Ezra 3:11; Joyful celebration
- Job 8:21; Spiritual joy
- Psalm 27:6 Victory over foes

shuva שׁוּבָה

Rest, tranquility, calmness,
peacefulness, quiet

t'shuva תְּשׁוּבָה

answer, reply, solution, retort,
return, repentance

Shabbat of Repentance

Historically, Shabbat Shuvah was also a time when the rabbi of the community would present a special sermon to the congregation. In previous eras a rabbi's sermon was expected only twice a year: on Shabbat Shuvah and on Shabbat Hagadol, the Shabbat just prior to Passover.



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Return and repentance.

Why do we still need to repent?

- 1 Yn 1.8-10 If we claim not to have sin, we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we acknowledge our sins, then, since he is trustworthy and just,

1 Yn 1.8-10 he will forgive them and purify us from all wrongdoing. If we claim we have not been sinning, we are making him out to be a liar, and his Word is not in us.

In the book of Yoel, the people of Israel were facing a dreadful calamity by locusts and caterpillars, and drought. Considered a severe judgement of G-d.

Are we facing judgement?

JOEL



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But what about the righteous remnant?

Song of Songs 6.10 Who is this that appears like dawn? As beautiful as the moon, bright as the sun, formidable as an army with banners.

“As beautiful as the moon.” ??







2 Cor. 3.18 But we all, with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory—just as from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

Why do we still need to repent?

1. Our personal shortcomings,
hurting others. Commission

2. Our lack of fruitfulness.
Omission

Why are we here?

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Yn 15. 16-18 You did not choose me, I chose you; and I have commissioned you ¹ to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last; ² so that whatever you ask from the Father in my name he may give you. This is what I command you: ³ keep loving each other! ⁴ “If the world hates you, understand that it hated me first.

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1. Fruit of the Spirit: do people see?
Gal 5.22-25 But the fruit of the Ruakh is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control—against such things there is no law. Now those who belong to Messiah have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

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Gal 5.22-25 If we live by the Ruakh, let us also walk by the Ruakh. Let us not become conceited—provoking one another, envying one another.

2.Fruit: participate effectively in winning people to life and love in Yeshua. Jewish people first, and all nations.

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1 Shmuel 1.4-6 One day, when Elkanah was sacrificing, he gave a portion of the sacrifice to his wife P'ninah and portions to each of her sons and daughters; but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved Hannah, even though ADONI had kept her from having children. Her rival taunted her and made her feel bad, because ADONI had kept her from having children



**Is the world taunting us, believers
in Messiah, for barrenness?**

**Plans of “salvation” of the world,
with no regard to Biblical world
view.**

C40 is a global network of nearly 100 mayors of the world's leading cities that are united in action to confront the climate crisis.

Participating cities include Los Angeles, New York City, Washington DC, Dubai, Mumbai, Barcelona, Paris, London, Tel Aviv, Beijing, Cape Town, Tokyo, Sydney, and others.

**Backed by the UK government,
Google, the World Bank, George
Soros' Open Society Foundations,
and many other entities.**

**Alarm grows over major climate
proposal to slash flights, food,
clothing:**

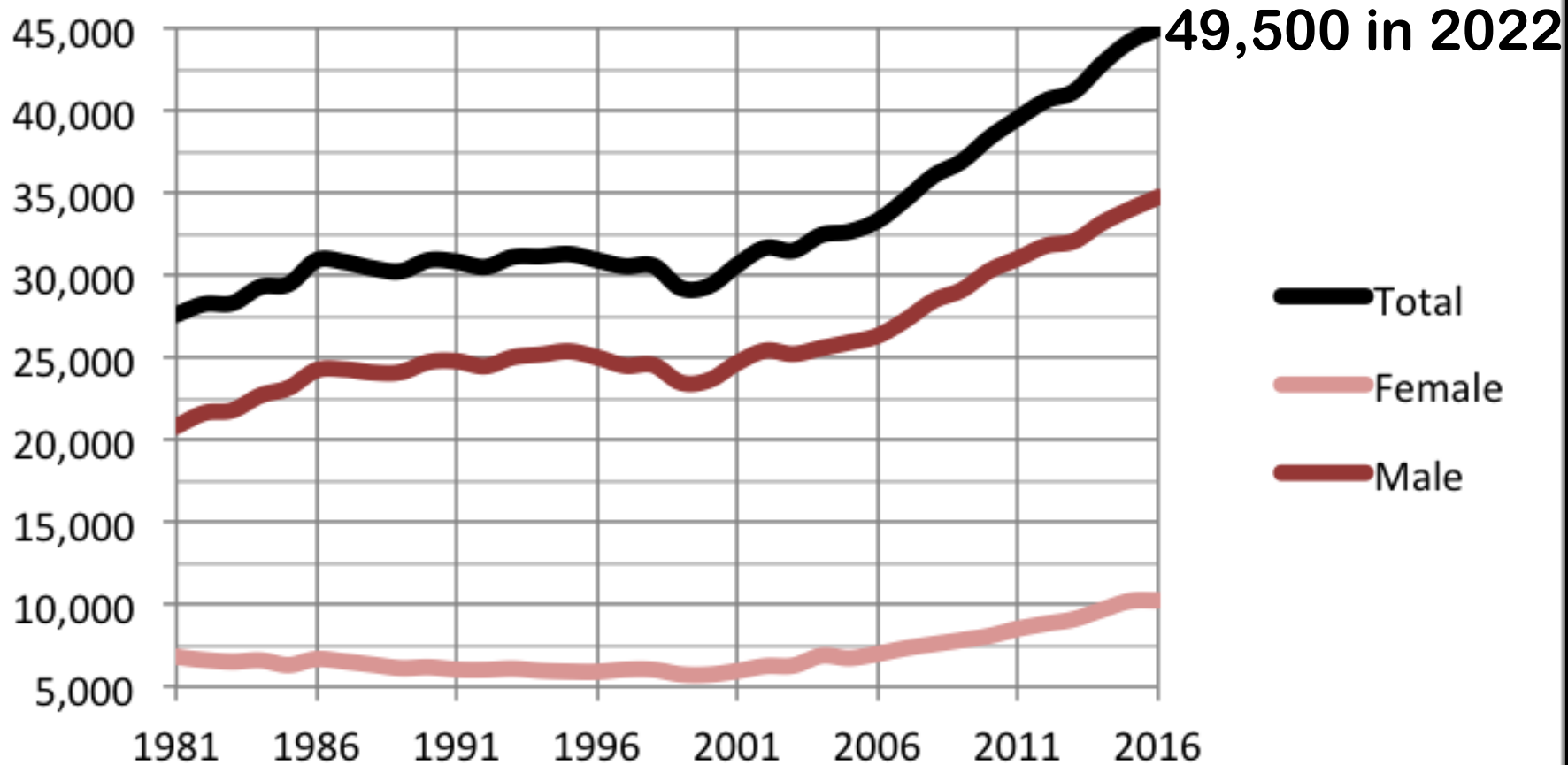
- a meal plan for taxpayers called the Planetary Health Diet. The diet is limited to 2,500 calories a day and is mostly plant based, with 50% fruits and vegetables and 50% other foods such as whole grains, plant-based protein, legumes, nuts, and small amounts of animal-sourced protein.

- limiting taxpayers to one flight every two years
- reducing the consumption of clothing and textiles by 39% by 2030, which tallies to eight new garments a year.

- By 2050, however, the C40 intends for there to be no dairy or meat consumption at all.
- The UK...plans to outlaw fuel-powered vehicles by 2030.

Is our culture thriving as it is?

Total suicides in the United States, 1981-2016

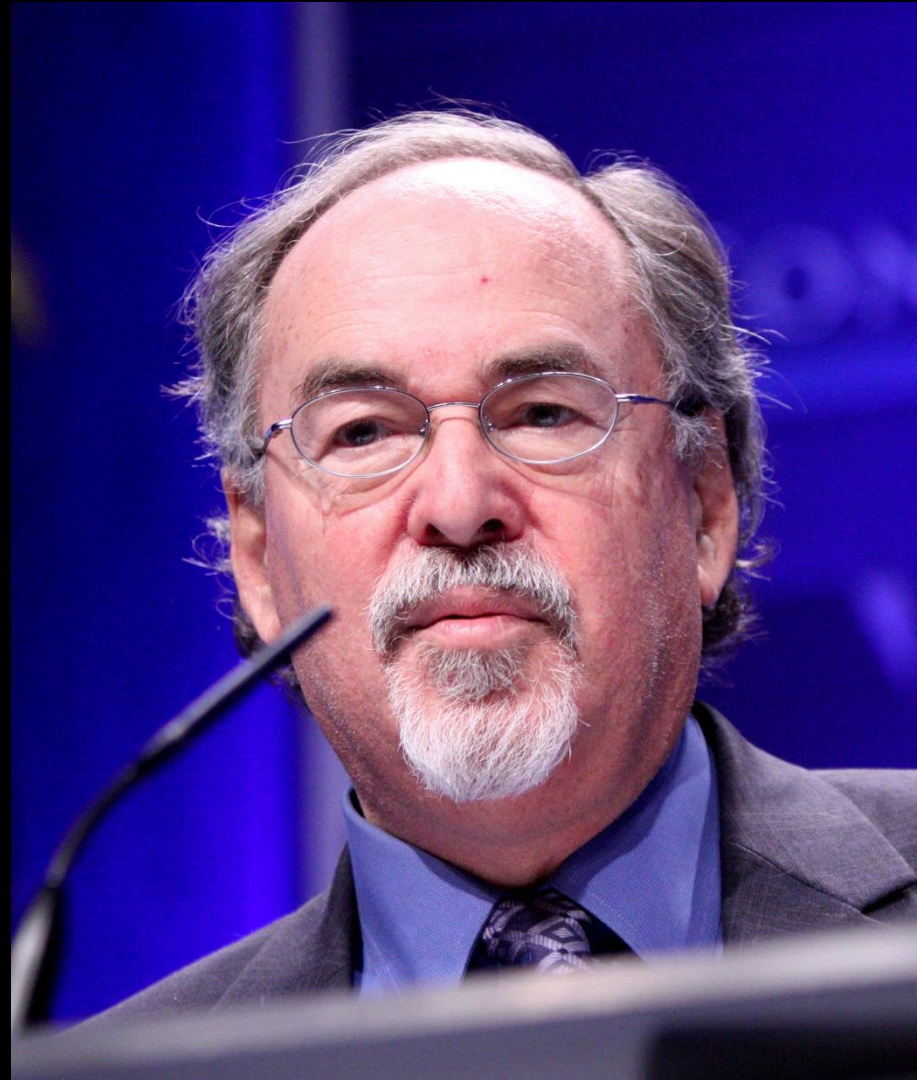


On average, adjusted for age, the annual U.S. suicide rate increased 30% between 2000 and 2020, from 10.4 to 13.5 suicides per 100,000 people

**Our republic is being undermined
by the 1619 Project and Critical
Race Theory.**

**David Horowitz was on Dr.
Dobson's program this week:**

From 1956 to 1975, David Horowitz was an outspoken adherent of the New Left. He later rejected progressive ideas and became a defender of neoconservatism.



Free speech, freedom of expression, freedom of conscience, these are all Biblical ideas and they're Protestant ideas. America is a product of the Protestant Reformation.

It could not have been founded by any other religion, including and especially, atheism. Until the reformation, or before the reformation, you couldn't get to heaven except by going through the Catholic Church and its priesthood.

But the Catholic Church, like every church, is a human institution. Therefore, it's subject to human corruptions. So the Protestants came up with this idea of the priesthood of all believers, and that is the idea from which America was created.

Think about it for a moment. The idea of the priesthood of all believers is that everybody is on an equal footing, in terms of confronting their creator one-on-one without the intermediary of a church or a priest.

The priesthood of all believers includes Black slaves, and that's why America was a pioneer in freeing the slaves.

But our principles are being denied and mocked.





1 Shmuel 1.10-12 In deep depression she prayed to ADONI and cried. Then she took a vow; she said, "ADONI -Tzva'ot, if you will notice how humiliated your servant is, if you will remember me and not forget your servant but will give your servant a male child,

1 Shmuel 1.10-12 then I will give him to ADONI for as long as he lives; and no razor will ever come on his head.” She prayed for a long time before ADONI;

1 Shmuel 1.12-16 and as she did so, 'Eli was watching her mouth. Hannah was speaking in her heart — her lips moved, but her voice could not be heard — so 'Eli thought she was drunk. 'Eli said to her, “How long are you going to stay drunk? Stop drinking your wine!” But Hannah answered,

Samuel 1

טו ותען חנה ותאמר, לא
אדני, אשה קשת-רוח אנכי,
ויין ושכר לא שתיתי;
ואשפך את-נפשי, לפני
יהוה.

15 And Hannah answered and said:
'No, my lord, I am a woman of a
sorrowful spirit; I have drunk neither
wine nor strong drink, but I poured out
my soul before the LORD.'



1 Shmuel 1.12-16 “No, my lord, I am a very unhappy woman. I have not drunk either wine or other strong liquor; rather, I’ve been pouring out my soul before ADONI. Don’t think of your servant as a worthless woman; because I have been speaking from the depth of my distress and anger.”

טז אַל-תִּתֶנּוּ, אֶת-אִמְתְּךָ,
לפְנֵי, בֵּת-בְּלִיעַל: כִּי-מֵרֹב
שִׂיחֵי וְכַעֲסִי, דִּבַּרְתִּי
עַד-הִנָּה.

16 Count not thy handmaid for a wicked woman: for out of the abundance of my complaint and my vexation have I spoken hitherto.'

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1 Sam 1.119-20 ADONI remembered her. She conceived; and in due time she gave birth to a son, whom she named Sh'mu'el, "because I asked ADONI for him."

Hannah eventually presented Shmuel to Eli to serve in the Mishkan/ Tabernacle.

2 Shmuel 2.21 So ADONI took notice of Hannah, and she conceived and bore three more sons and two daughters. Meanwhile, the boy Sh'mu'el grew in the presence of ADONI.

Great story: exemplary life, but reproach, distress, intercession, supernatural answer with unexpected abundance!

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Is it still possible?

'REVIVAL FIRES' REPORTED ACROSS US (WORTHY NEWS IN-DEPTH)

U.S. congregations, universities, and the army say “revival fires” have broken out across the United States, with many turning to faith in the Messiah and impromptu massive immersion services.

**George and
Bat Rivka
Whitten. He is
founder and
director of
Worthy News.**



1. Lead Pastor Bruce Frank, of the Biltmore Congregation in Arden, NC said on social media that it was an “Awesome day as we saw 282 people profess faith in Messiah through baptism.” They scheduled 3 people, but another 279 came forward.

Pirate's Cove Immersions in the Yeshua Revolution



Later a scene where about a dozen kids came unannounced from Texas to Pirate's Cove to be immersed. Greg Laurie was there.

~1970 Rob A. from Harvard U in Boston. One Wednesday night to Schenectady PHC prayer meeting! Felt the PRESENCE.

2. Auburn University in Alabama Neville Arena hosted a massive crowd late Tuesday night, September 12, 2023 for the “Unite Auburn” in Messiah event. What started with one student wanting to be baptized grew to hundreds who decided to express their faith through baptism, according to witness accounts.

There wasn't a tub available to baptize the students, so thousands of people headed over to a 'lake' at Auburn's Red Barn. "People surrounded the lake 'til almost midnight, hearing the stories of life change and shouting and cheering and praying together. God is moving, and He isn't stopping."

3. In August, New Life Congregation in the Texas state city of Corpus Christi, held its annual outreach gathering. One thousand students attended, and 124 made professions of faith and were baptized. “We are seeing these people repent from

compromise and make a decision to make a public declaration of, 'No, I want to give my whole life to Messiah starting today.' And then we see them radically transformed."

4. And the “revival fires” are spreading to the U.S. Army, too, according to believers involved in the events. A U.S. Army chaplain said he recently baptized more than 150 soldiers during summer basic training in the U.S. state of Missouri, saying it was a “joy to see” God move among new trainees.

Chaplain Logan Lair said he had been serving at basic training camps since 2019 but saw recently “a move of God’s Spirit” among trainees at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, that brought him to tears – almost daily.

5+. Researchers say these are just a few examples of a broader trend among evangelicals in the country.

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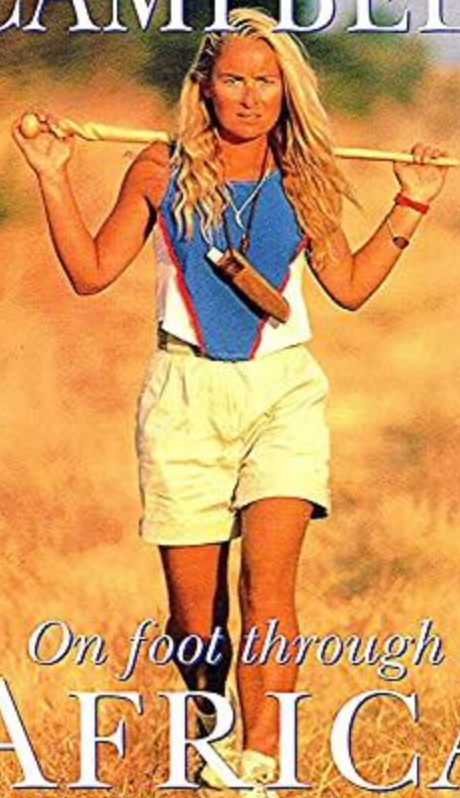
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A great example of repentance

Ffiona Campbell (born 1967 in Totnes, Devon) is an English long distance walker who walked around the world between 1983 and 1995. She covered 20,000 mi over 11 years and raised £180,000 for charity. She wrote about her experience in a series of three books.

FYONA CAMPBELL



On foot through
AFRICA



She spent 11 years walking around the world. Her goal was to make it into the Guinness Book of Records. Her long journey came to an end in October of 1994 at the northern tip of Scotland before thousands of cheering fans.

But, her heart was heavy because she knew she had cheated. While walking across the United States, she became weary and accepted a ride for 1,000 miles. In the months to come, the shame of having cheated drove her to drugs and alcohol, she even considered suicide.

Campbell said she rode in her support truck for the leg between Indianapolis and Fort Summer, N.M.

"I got into the back of the vehicle and drove ahead and didn't drive back to continue walking properly," she said.

She completed her walk in Scotland to cheering crowds in 1994. "They were walking beside me as a role model. They were respecting me. To them I owe the biggest apology."

To appease her conscience, she made the trip to America and finished the 1,000-mile stretch in secret, but even that didn't help. So she called the Guinness Office and asked that her name be removed from the record book, and then she publicly apologized.

The lesson Ffyona learned is a timeless one. It's possible to live without the admiration of others, what we can't live without is self-respect. One more thought, isn't it interesting that Ffyona is most respected for having the courage to admit her mistake and make it right?

Mishneh Torah: Hilchot Teshuvah 2

ומה היא התשובה. הוא שיעזב החוטא חטאו ויסירו ממחשבתו ויגמר בלבו שלא יעשהו עוד שנאמר (ישעיה נה ז) "יעזב רשע דרכו" וגו'. וכן יתנחם על שעבר שנאמר (ירמיה לא יט) "כי אחרי שובי נחמתי". ויעיד עליו יודע תעלומות שלא ישוב לזה החטא לעולם שנאמר (הושע יד ד) "ולא יאמר עוד אלהינו למעשה ידינו" וגו' וצריך להתודות בשפתיו ולומר ענינות אלו שגמר בלבו

2 What is repentance? The sinner has to leave behind the wrongdoing, and remove it from his thoughts, he has to accept in his heart not to do it again, even as it is said: "Let the wicked forsake his way" (Is. 55.7); And he has to regret what he has done in the past, even as it is said: "Surely after that I was turned, I repented" (Jer. 31. 19). In addition thereto he should take to witness Him Who knoweth all secrets that forever he will not turn to repeat that sin again, according to what it is said: "Say unto Him.... neither will we call any more the work of our hands our gods" (Hos. 14.3-4). And he needs to confess with his lips, and say out loud all that he has concluded in his heart.

Is 55.7 Let the wicked person abandon his way and the evil person his thoughts; let him return to Adonai, and he will have mercy on him; let him return to our God, for he will freely forgive.

Jer 31.19

Hos. 14.3-4

Jer 31.18 For after I was turned, I repented, and after that I was instructed, I struck my thigh—I was ashamed and also umiliated, for I bore the disgrace of my youth.'

Hos. 14.3-4 Take words with you, and
return to ADONI; say to him,
“Forgive all guilt,
and accept what is good;
we will pay instead of bulls
[the offerings of] our lips.

**Can we cry out to G-d in Messiah
in repentance over being lunar
exemplary but...**

- Barrenness or minimal**
- Prayerlessness or minimal**
- Lovelessness or minimal**
- Hostility at persecution**

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