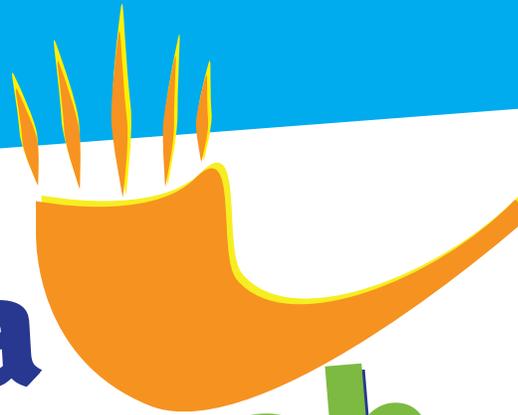


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LOVE IS... BY RABBI DANI LOCKER



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Have you heard this poem by Peter Hernandez (also known as Bruno Mars)?

I'd catch a grenade for ya (yeah, yeah, yeah)

I'd throw my hand on a blade for ya (yeah, yeah, yeah)

I'd jump in front of a train for ya (yeah, yeah, yeah)

You know I'd do anything for ya (yeah, yeah, yeah)

How about this version, attributed to (unconfirmed) our forefather Abraham?

I'd smash all the gods for ya

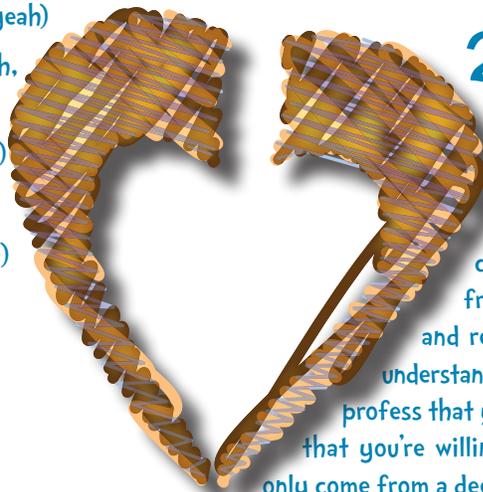
I'd move from my home for ya

I'd sacrifice my own boy for ya

I'd be thrown in the flames for ya

In either stanza, I ask you, what emotion is being proven by the statements? Is it anger? Of course not. Jealousy? No. Fear? Doesn't seem like it. Sounds to me like both of these poems are expressing love. Love can be measured, largely by what you're willing to give up for it.

It seems odd then, that after Abraham's greatest sacrifice- his willingness to give up his son- God says, "Now I know that you FEAR me." What? That seems like the wrong emotion! It's not fear, it's LOVE! Isn't it?



2 things will help us understand what's going on. 1. When we talk about fear of God, we don't mean being 'afraid' that He's going to beat us up. It means an awe and respect of God's greatness and power. 2. Love is not simply an emotion that comes from nowhere. Authentic love comes from a genuine appreciation, understanding and respect of the one you love. Now we can understand the Torah's statement. It's easy enough to profess that you love God. Yet to love God to the extent that you're willing to give up everything... that love can only come from a deep awe, respect and understanding of God.

On Rosh Hashanah we refer to God as "Our father, our King." I always thought these were 2 separate ideas. He's our father who we love, and He's our king who we fear. The truth is they're majorly connected. We can ONLY love Him truly and view Him as our father, if we first accept Him as our sovereign ruler. This Rosh Hashanah, one of goals must certainly be to develop a close, meaningful relationship with God. What's the best way to get there? To learn as much as we can to appreciate the greatness, brilliance, awesomeness, power, majesty and subtlety of our King. And our father, who we love.

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Don't Blow it!

Dear Rabbi,

This is probably a dumb question, but... what do we blow the shofar for? I go every year to hear it, and everyone's all like, "Oo, you gotta hear the shofar!" But I just realized I have no idea why. Is this something everyone knows but me? And how does it fit in with the 'new year' theme of Rosh Hashanah? Have I blown it?

Thanks,

Ayal T. Ruah



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Stump the Rabbi is a forum where kids can ask ANY Jewish question. Have a question? Please send it in to stump@nageelawest.org

Questions here are real. Names and some wording have been changed.

Dear Ayal,

Shofar is one of the best known Jewish observances. Yet, as with most parts of Judaism, most Jews really have never given thought to why these things exist, what they are trying to accomplish, or understanding the details of how to observe them. THERE ARE SO MANY different meanings and symbols attached to shofar. Here's a bit to think about:

DISRUPTION: We eat, we go to sleep, we wake up, we eat, we go to sleep, we wake up, we eat, we go to sleep, we wake up, we eat, we go to sleep, we wake up, we eat, we go to sleep, we wake up, we eat, we go to sleep, we wake up, we eat, we go to sleep...

We WAKE UP!!!

Shocked you a little there, didn't I? Our everyday lives follow patterns, and we, creatures of habit, tend to get so used to our patterns that we don't think about life much. The shofar gives us a jarring, loud, shocking disruption, kind of like an alarm clock or a fire alarm, meant to make us stop and think about our previous year and our coming year.

Here's another:

GORAMS: One of the most powerful examples of a human being's love for God is the story of "The Tying of Isaac." Our great ancestor Abraham was awesome. In order to test that greatness (and perhaps to increase it, too), God asked Abraham to bring his son, Isaac, as a sacrifice. Now, God had no intention of this sacrifice taking place, yet Abraham was willing to go along with it, with enthusiasm! The extreme dedication and love Abraham showed is something that still helps us, his

great-great (etc) grandchildren.

After God revealed His plan NOT to sacrifice Isaac, Abraham spied a ram

tangled by its horns, and he sacrificed the ram. Moral of the story, don't run through bushes with your horns out.

Thousands of years later, we blow shofar to remember Abraham's awesometasticness. The best type of shofar to use is from a ram. But the curved, hollow horn of almost any kosher animal will do. What does this have to do with the theme of Rosh Hashanah?

Well, the truth is, Rosh Hashanah is known as the 'Day of Remembrance.' One of the major

Question of the Week

The Torah's commandment is to hear the shofar. The blessings we make were instituted by the Rabbis. Sometimes, when the commandment isn't done in the best way, the commandment is fulfilled without a blessing being made.

In what scenario might the corona pandemic change the rules about making a blessing over the shofar?

ANSWER ON PAGE 3

themes is that God takes a look at all of our actions, and uses them to plan the coming year. Kind of like when you ask your dad for twenty bucks, but the last time he gave you money you used it to buy a potato with your face on it from Amazon (yes, it's a real product)... he might be slightly less willing to fork over the cash. However, if you've previously used the \$20 to single handedly build a treehouse for all the neighborhood kids... now that's a great use of \$20 and Dad is very likely to give you that money. Likewise, God plans how much health, wealth, wisdom and ability we'll have the coming year, partially based on previous performance. Having an ancestor like Abraham having done something so awesome def gives us cred!

Moral of the story, don't run through bushes with your horns out.

shofar. Take a look at the TREE STUMP segment on the next page for some more.

Normally, the shofar is sounded on both days of Rosh Hashanah, but this year, because the first day is Shabbat, it is ONLY sounded on Sunday. Remember, the mitzvah is to hear it, not necessarily to blow it, so even if you have your own shofar, it's a good idea to hear a professional do the blowing. The custom is to listen to 100 shofar sounds, but the minimum is 10 sounds. May the sounding of the shofar herald in a fantastic new year!

Have a Nageela Shabbos,

the Rabbi.

Those are only a couple of the ideas behind



Photos of the Week

Corona? Wildfires? You'd think a pandemic would slow us down, but despite wildfires raging, virus spreading and technology's temptations, our Los Angeles chapter of Jewnior NCSY started strong this week with 30 participants in a great, educationla paint night (after we determined the air quality was safe enough!



In Las Vegas, Hebrew School students got to make their own, actual working Shofars!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy Birthday to family members who have celebrated recently:

- Gavi Arnell
- Benyamin Sherizen
- R' Ari Strulowitz
- Sara Bocarsky
- Ari Steinberg
- Seth Goldklang
- Eitan Malka
- Liel Malka

**HEY, DON'T PEEK!
THINK FIRST!**

**QUESTION ON
PAGE 2**

One may not make a blessing on a stolen shofar (but the blowing does count). What about borrowing without permission? Hal-achic law says it OK to bless on a borrowed shofar, because we assume the owner won't mind for a mitzvah purpose. During the pandemic, we must assume people do NOT want you to put your mouth on their shofar. Therefore a blessing may not be made without permission. And Clorox wipes.

**the Week
Answer of**

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Rosh Hashana is the ONLY 2 day holiday in Israel. Outside of Israel, most holidays are 2 days long (Sukkot, Pesach, Shavuot, etc.).



The sun doesn't need to go to college.

It already has like a million degrees.

OUCH! GROAN!

Do you have a better joke? I sure hope so! Send it to dlocker@nageelawest.org

Hashem commands Avraham to sacrifice Yitzchak



They offer a ram in his place



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