L'Shanah Lovant

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Today is Rosh HaShanah, the first day of the Jewish year 5781. Today we celebrate the birthday of the world.

Today we thank God for our beautiful world. Today we are thankful for all the good things that fill our lives. For friends and family, for synagogue and school and home. We pray for a new year blessed with peace and plenty.

On Rosh HaShanah we think about ourselves, the people around us, and the world we need to care for. We hope we have done all we could to make the world an even better place.

We thank you, God, for helping us during the past year and for bringing us to this joyous day.

ברוּך אַתָּה יְהֹנָה אֶלֹהָינוּ מָלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם שֶׁהָחֶיָנוּ וְקִיִּמְנוּ וְהָגִּיעָנוּ לַזְמַן הַזָּה:

Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu melech ha-olam, she-hech'yanu, v'ki-y'manu, v'hig-yanu laz-man ha-zeh.

Source of blessing, Eternal our God,
You fill the universe with majestic might,
Giving us life, upholding the life within us,
and bringing us to this time.



Elohai Neshama



El-o-hai, ne-sha-ma she-na-ta-ta bi t-hor-a hee. Ata v-ra-ta,

אֶלֹתַי, נְשָׁמָה שֶׁנָּתַתְּ בִּי טְהוֹרֵה הִיא. אַתַּה בְרַאתַה,

Our hearts rise and fall with each breath we take.

We breathe in love and breathe out hate.

We breathe in calm and breathe out stress.

We breathe in acceptance and breathe out judgement.

We breathe in understanding and breathe out confusion.

We breathe in joy and breathe out sadness.

We breathe in compassion and breathe out anger.

Blessed are You, God, who fills us with life's breath.

Today we wonder about the world around us: Why does the sun rise? Why does the rain fall? Why does the world need our care?

Bar'chu et Adonai hamvo-rach. בְּרְכוּ אֶת יִיָ הַמְבֹרָך.
Baruch Adonai hamvo-rach l'olam va-ed. בָּרוּךְ יִיָ הַמְבֹרָךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד.

Blessed is our Eternal God, to whom our prayers are sent, to whom our thoughts are lifted, from whom our blessings flow Today we wonder about the children around us. Why are we so all different from each other? Why are we all so much the same?

One and Eternal God,
I open my heart to Your whispering.
I open my heart to Your energy.
I open my heart to Your presence.



V'ahavta



Help us strive to love what is holy with all our courage, with all our passion, with all our strength.

If our children are to value these words we cherish, we must speak about them in our homes, when we are working, when we are at play, when we lie down, and when we rise up.

Let the work of our hands reveal these words; let our eyes shine with their knowledge.

May they glow from our doors and windows.

We must love ourselves, for we are creatures of God. We must love our neighbors as ourselves. We must love the stranger, for we were once strangers in the land of Egypt

Let love fill our hearts with its clear precious water.

Today we wonder about things that happen deep inside us. What makes us happy? What makes us sad? What makes us feel love? What makes us angry?

MI CHAMOCHAH ba-eilim, Adonai!

Mi kamochah nedar bakodesh, nora t'hilot, oseih fele!

Malchut'cha ra-u vanecha, bokei-a yam lifnei Moshe uMiryam. Zeh Eli, anu v'amru, Adonai yimloch l'olam va-ed!

V'ne-emar: ki fadah Adonai et Yaakov, ug'alo miyad chazak mimenu. Baruch atah, Adonai, gaal Yisrael. **כִּלִּי־כָּמְׂכָּה** בָּאֵלִם, יְיָּי מִי כָּמְכָּה נֶאְדָּר בַּקְּדֶשׁ, נוֹרָא תְהִלֹת, עְשֵׁה פֶּלֶאי

מַלְכוּתְדְּ רָאוּ בָנֶידְּ, בּוֹקֵעַ יָם לִפְנֵי מֹשֶׁה וּמִרְיָם. זֶה אֵלִי, עָנוּ וְאָמְרוּ, יִי יִמְלֹדְ לְעֹלָם וָעֶדִיִּ

ְוָנֶאֱמַר: כִּי פָדָה יְיָ אֶת־יַעֲקֹב, וּגְאָלוֹ מִיַּד חָזָק מִמֶּנוּ. בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יִיָ, גָּאַל יִשְׂרָאֵל.



Who is like You, Eternal One, among the gods that are worshipped? Who is like You, majestic in holiness, awesome in splendor, doing wonders?

אָבִינוּ מַלְבֵנוּ

Like a mother, like a father, God acts in special ways.



אָבִינוּ מַלְבֵּנוּ

God helped Jews who lived long ago.

אָבִינוּ מַלִּבֵנוּ

God hears our prayers today.

אָבִינוּ מַלְבֵּנוּ

God helps us understand ourselves.

אָבִינוּ מַּלְבֵּנוּ

God helps us understand each other.

אָבִינוּ מַלְבֵנוּ

God helps us make tomorrow better than today.

אָבִינוּ מַלְבֵנוּ

Like a mother, like a father, God acts in special ways.



אָבִינוּ מַלְבֵנוּ!

ּחְנֵּנוּ וַאֲנֵנוּ, כִּי אֵין בְּנוּ מַאֲשִׂים, אֲשֵׂה עִמְנוּ צְּדְקָה וְחֶסֶד וְהוֹשִׁיעֵנוּ. Avinu Malkeinu,



cha-neinu v'an-einu ki ein banu ma'asim; a-seh imanu tzedakah va-chesed v'hosh-i-einu

Like a mother, like a father, hear our prayer, O God. Help us because we are small, be kind to us and help us be better people in the New Year that begins today.

זְכָרֵנוּ לְחַיִּים, מֶלֶךְ חָפֵץ בַּחַיִּים, זְכַרֵנוּ לְחַיִּים, וְכַתְּנֵנְ בְּסֵפֶר הַחַיִּים, לְמַעַנְךְ אֱלֹהִים חַיִּים.

Zochreinu le-chayyim, melech chafetz ba-chayyim, v'chotveinu b'sefer ha-chayyim, l'mancha Elohim chayyim.

Remember us unto life, O God who delights in life, and inscribe us in the book of life for Your sake, O God of life.



Long ago and today, we welcome Rosh HaShanah with the sound of a shofar. We sound four notes, each bringing a separate message to all who truly listen.

בְרוּך אַתְּה, יִי אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֱלֶּדְ הְעוֹלֶם,

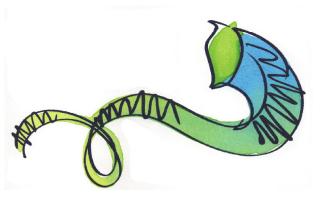
ּאֲשֶׁר קִּדְשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתִיוּ, וְצִוְנוּ לִשְּׁמְוֹעַ קוֹל שׁוֹפְר.

Baruch atah Adonai, elohaynu melech ha-olam, asher kid-shanu b'mitzvo-tav, v'tzi-vanu lish-moa kol shofar.

Blessed are You, our Eternal God, who makes us holy with commandments, commanding us to hear the sound of the shofar.

Listen! Tekiah!

Listen! The *Tekiah* reminds us of the still, small voice inside us, the voice that calls us to do justice, love mercy,



and walk humbly in God's ways.

Listen! Shevarim!

Listen! The *Shevarim* teaches us to remember the good and bad things we did this year, both big and small. Remember the things done well and the things done poorly. Remember! Only when we remember do we learn and grow.

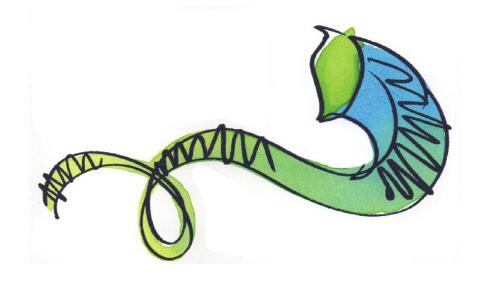
Listen! Teruah!

Listen! The *Teruah* reminds us to dream of great things, of growing up toward the brightness of the sun.

Listen! Tekiah Gedolah!

Listen! The great *Tekiah!* Remember what we were like yesterday; think what we can be like tomorrow, and all the days of the New Year.

We have heard the shofar calling each of us to listen to the still, small voice inside, calling us to remember all our deeds, calling us to dream of what we could be. When we listen to the shofar, we crown the world with peace and joy.



For those who need strength

אל נָא רָפָּא נָא לָה:

El nah r'fah nah lah "Oh God, pray heal her!

When Miriam was sick, her brother, Moses, prayed: "O God, pray, heal her please!" We pray for those who are now ill in body or spirit. We pray now for ourselves and all our loved ones. Source of life, we pray, heal us.

We pray for families and friends who give love to those who suffer. Source of life, we pray, strengthen us.

We pray for those who search Your world for treatments and cures. Source of life, we pray, enlighten us.



Mi she-bei-rach a-vo-tei-nu, M'-kor ha-bra-cha l'-i-mo-tei-nu.
May the source of strength Who blessed the ones before us, Help us find the courage To make our lives a blessing, And let us say, "Amen."

Mi she-bei-rach i-mo-tei-nu, M'-kor ha-bra-cha l'a-vo-tei-nu Bless those in need of healing With r'-fu-a sh'-lei'ma, The renewal of body, The renewal of spirit, And let us say, "Amen." מִי שֶׁבֵּרַךְ אֲבוֹתֵינוּ, אַבְרָהָם, יִצְחָק, וְיַעֲקֹב; שָׂרָה, רִבְקָה, לֵאָה, וְרָחֵל, הוּא יְבָרֵךְ וִירַפֵּא אֶת כֹּל הַחוֹלִים שֶׁבִּלְבָבִינוּ.

May the One who blessed our ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, and Leah bless all who are in need of healing – especially now. May we soon know a time of complete healing of our bodies, minds, and spirits, and let us say Amen.



שָׁלוֹם רָב עַל ִישְׂרָאֵל עַמְּךּ תְּשִׂים לְעוֹלָם, כִּי אַתְּה הוּא מֶלֶךְ אָדוֹן לְכָל הַשָּׁלוֹם. וְטוֹב בְּעֵינֶיךְ לְבָרֵךְ אֶת עַמְּךְ יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּכָל עֵת וּבְכָל שָׁעָה בִּשְׁלוֹמֶךְ.

Shalom rav al Yisrael am-cha ta-sim l'olam.

Peace, shalom is not the absence of difficulties But the handling of difficulties without loss of balance.

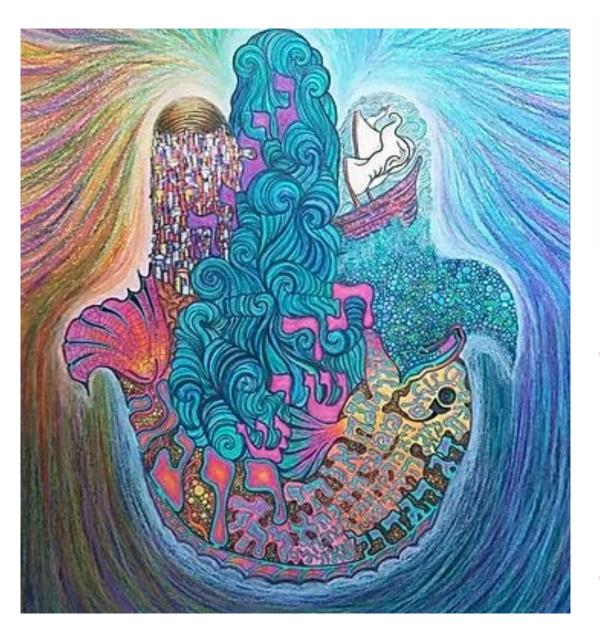
Shalom is not the absence of tension but the acceptance of it as part of life.

Shalom Is not the absence of war but the careful waging of war without losing one's balance.

Shalom is the ability to see the grain of life and act in accord with it.

To discover **shalom** is to discover the secret of both peace and power.





ALEINU l'shabei-ach laadon hakol,

lateit g'dulah l'yotzeir b'reishit,

shelo asanu k'goyei haaratzot,

v'lo samanu k'mishp'chot haadamah.

Shelo sam chelkeinu kahem,

v'goraleinu k'chol hamonam.

Vaanachnu kor'im

umishtachavim umodim,

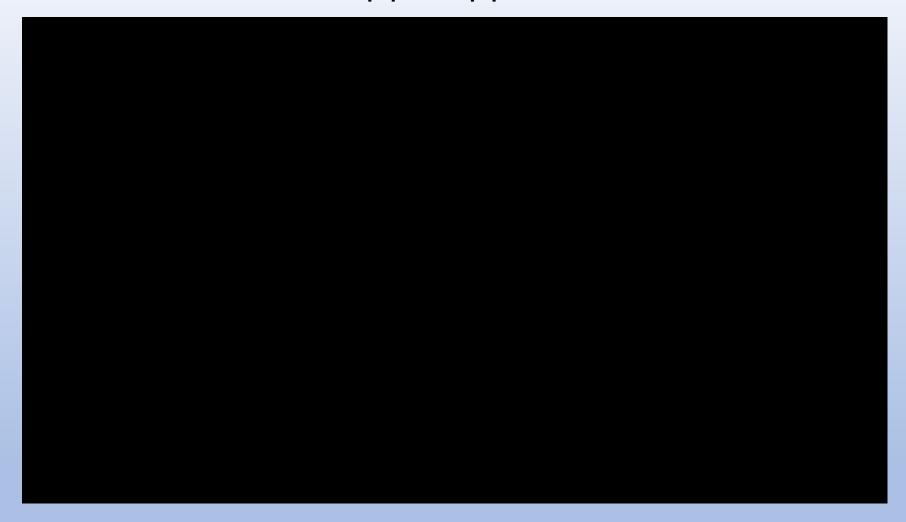
lifnei Melech malchei ham'lachim

HaKadosh Baruch Hu.

לֶּלֵינוֹ לְשַׁבֵּחַ לַאֲדוֹן הַכּּל,
לֶתֵת גְּדֻלָּה לְיוֹצֵר בְּרֵאשִׁית,
שֶׁלֹא עָשְׂנוּ כְּגוֹיֵי הָאֲרָצוֹת,
וְלֹא שָׂמָנוּ כְּמִשְׁפְּחוֹת הָאֲדָמָה.
שְׁלֹא שָׁם חֶלְקֵנוּ כָּהֶם,
וְגְרָלֵנוּ כְּכָל־הָמוֹנָם.
וֹמְשְׁתַחֲוִים וּמוֹדִים,
לַפְנֵי מֶלֶךְ מַלְכֵי הַמְּלָכִים
הַקְּדוֹשׁ בָּרוּךְ הוּא.
הַקְּדוֹשׁ בַּרוּךְ הוּא.

It is up to us to praise the Creator of all things, who made us caretakers of the earth and messengers of Torah. We therefore bend our knees and bow our heads, to praise and sanctify the Holy One of Blessing.

בַשָּׁנָה הַבָּאָה



Next year we will sit on the porch and count all the migrating birds
Children on vacation will play catch between the house and the fields
Od tire, od tire, kama tov yihye, bashana, bashana haba'a
You will see, you will see how good it will be next year

Happy, healthy, and sweet New Year!

