

The Hasidic master Ze'ev Wolf of Zhitomir taught: On Rosh Hashanah the world is re-created, and so all of God's names are once again drawn into a single unity. On this Day of Judgment it is decided which name of God will descend on each individual that year. Listening to the sound of the shofar, we can each discover which name will descend upon us.

Our God and God of our ancestors, sound the great shofar proclaiming our freedom, raise up the banner signaling the ingathering of our exiles, draw near those scattered amidst the nations, and from the ends of the earth assemble our dispersed. Bring us with song and boundless joy to Zion, Your city, to Jerusalem the site of Your Temple, where our ancestors brought their sacrifices and their offerings, as is written in Your Torah: On your joyous occasions—your fixed festivals and new moons—you shall sound the trumpets over your sacrifices and offerings. They shall be a remembrance of you before your God; I, ADONAI, am your God. Numbers 10:10

For You hear the sound of the shofar, and attend to its splintered call—You are beyond compare. *Barukh atah ADONAI*, who listens with compassion to the sounds of the splintered call of Your people Israel.

(The shofar is traditionally not blown on Shabbat.)

*T'ki-ah sh'varim-t'ru-ah t'ki-ah
T'ki-ah sh'varim t'ki-ah
T'ki-ah t'ru-ah t'ki-ah g'dolah*

Today the world stands as at birth. Today all creation is called to judgment, whether as Your children or as Your servants. If as Your children, be compassionate with us as a parent is compassionate with children. If as Your servants, we look to You expectantly, waiting for You to be gracious to us, and as day emerges from night bring forth a favorable judgment on our behalf, awe-inspiring and Holy One.

Ha-yom harat olam, ha-yom ya-amid ba-mishpat kol y'tzurei olamim, im k'vanim im ka-avadim. Im k'vanim, rahameinu k'rahem av al banim. V'im ka-avadim eineinu l'kha t'luyot, ad she-t'honneinu v'totzi kha-or mishpateinu, ayom kadosh.

WE OMIT THIS PARAGRAPH ON SHABBAT:

May the words of our lips be pleasing to You, exalted God, who listens, discerns, considers, and attends to the sound of our shofar blast. Lovingly accept our service of the shofar.

Areshet s'fateinu ye-erav l'fanekha, El ram v'nissa, mevin u-ma-azin, mabbrit u-makshiv l'kol t'ki-ateinu. U-t'kabbel b'rahamim u-v'ratzon seder shof'roteinu.