

Rosh Hashana: Declaring *Hashem* is our King: Present, Past, Future

“אשרי העם יודעי תרועה, ה' באור פניך יהלכון” (תהלים פט:טו)

“Happy is the nation who knows the call of the Shofar; *Hashem*, by the light of Your Countenance do they walk.” (*Tehillim* 89:16)

“אין ‘עתה’ אלא תשובה” (ירושלמי תענית פא:ה”א)

“ ‘Now’ always refers to *Teshuva*.” (Talmud *Yerushalmi*, *Taanis* 81)

Bircas HaMazon (“ <i>Bentching</i> ”)	“Whenever you say to God, ברוך אתה ה' אלקינו מלך העולם, you subject all the powers of your being to the fulfillment of the Divine Will, to the Divine service of the deed.” — Rav Hirsch, <i>Horeb</i> , pg. 475	Transformation of Existence into <i>Life</i>	Structure of Rosh Hashana <i>Mussaf Tefilla</i>	The Call of the Shofar		Time
הזן את הכל	“מלך העולם”	LIVE in service of Hashem; fill our <i>present</i> with meaning. “ <i>Why am I alive?</i> ”	מלכויות	Call to pause in this moment in life to introspect and turn to Hashem. ATTENTION, FOCUS	תקיעה Teki'ah — Single note	הווה “Is” Present
נודה לך... על הארץ ועל המזון	“אלקינו”	RECALL our <i>past</i> under His examining, judicial eye; remember the gifts so far granted to us. “ <i>What have I done wrong?</i> ”	זכרונות	Call to realize the rock-shattering “God concept”; test and judge your thoughts and deeds. TREMBLING, SOBBING	תרועה Teru'ah — Broken note	היה “Was” Past
רחם נא ה'... ובנה ירושלים...	“ברוך אתה ה'”	ENTRUST our <i>future</i> to Hashem, our Father and Redeemer, Who is ready to elevate us anew; commitment. “ <i>How will I do better in the future?</i> ”	שופרות	Call to life before God; infuses you with strength and courage, lifts you out of the disintegration of things past. ELEVATION	תקיעה Teki'ah — Single note	יהיה “Will Be” Future