



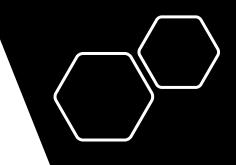


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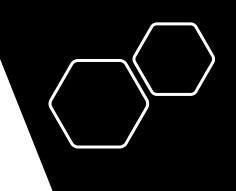




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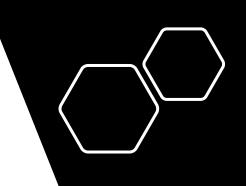




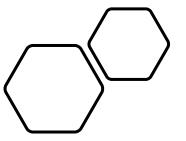














New Year: A Time to Remember





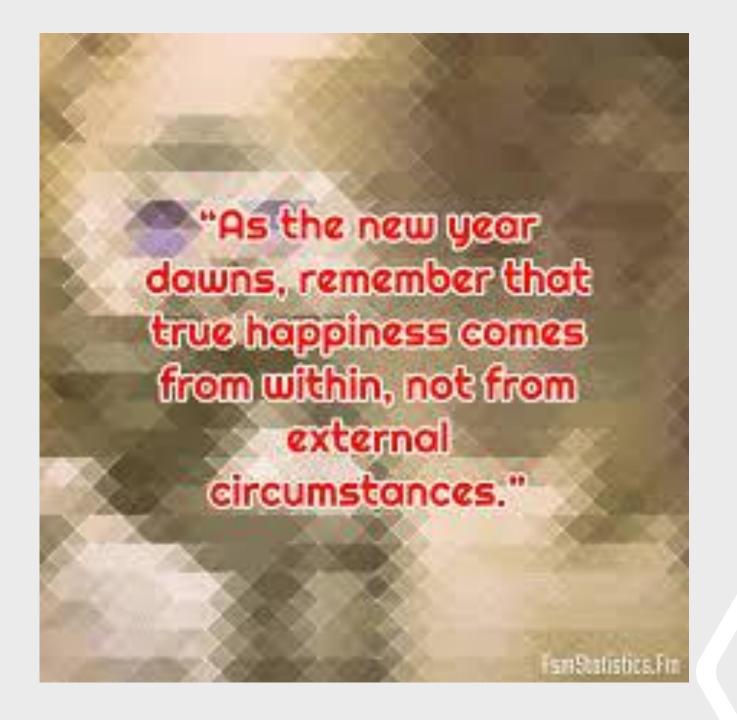
Make today worth remembering

- Zig Ziglar

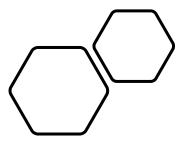
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As you start the New Year, remember that success belongs to those who work hard to achieve it. **Happy New** Year! tring





New Year: A Time to Reflect



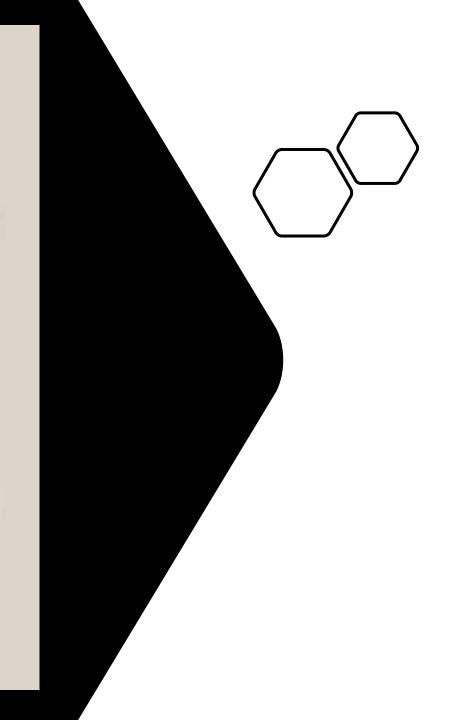
I hate New Year's Eve. One more chance to remember that you haven't yet done what you wanted. And to pretend it doesn't matter.

— Gregory Maguise —

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IT IS TIME TO FORGET THE PAST AND CELEBRATE A NEW START. HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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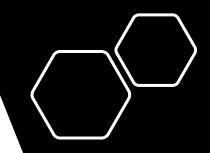




New Year: A Time to Resolve











In all this cultural messaging,

Where is God?

Yom Teruah: Feast of Trumpets

Leviticus 23: 23-25:

²³ The LORD said to Moses, ²⁴ "Say to the Israelites: 'On the first day of the seventh month you are to have a day of sabbath rest, a sacred assembly commemorated with trumpet blasts. ²⁵ Do no regular work but present a food offering to the LORD."

Yom Teruah: Feast of Trumpets

Numbers 29:1-6

- 29 "On the first day of the seventh month hold a sacred assembly and do no regular work. It is a day for you to sound the trumpets.
- ² As an aroma pleasing to the LORD, offer a burnt offering of one young bull, one ram and seven male lambs a year old, all without defect.
- ³ With the bull offer a grain offering of three-tenths of an ephah of the finest flour mixed with olive oil; with the ram, two-tenths;
- ⁴ and with each of the seven lambs, one-tenth.
- ⁵ Include one male goat as a sin offering to make atonement for you.
- ⁶ These are in addition to the monthly and daily burnt offerings with their grain offerings and drink offerings as specified. They are food offerings presented to the LORD, a pleasing aroma.

Yom Teruah Today: Rosh Hashanah

- The words "Rosh Hashanah" do not appear in the Bible. They first are used in the Mishna around 200 A.D.
- Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, is observed on the first day of the month of *Tishrei* on the Hebrew calendar, which falls in September or October.
- Unlike the secular New Year, Rosh Hashanah (which means, literally, "the head of the year" in English) is not characterized by frivolity and celebration. Instead, it is a holy day marked by moral and spiritual introspection.
- "But if a wicked man turns away from all the sins he has committed and keeps all my decrees and does what is just and right, he will surely live; he will not die. . . . Do I take any pleasure in the death of the wicked? declares the Sovereign LORD. Rather, am I not pleased when they turn from their ways and live?. . . Rid yourselves of all the offenses you have committed and get a new heart and a new spirit." Ezekiel 18:21, 23, 31

Rosh Hashanah Today: Reflection and Resolution

The *Malkhuyot*:

It is for us to praise the ruler of all, to acclaim the Creator, who has not made us merely a nation, nor formed us as all earthly families, nor given us an ordinary destiny.

And so, we bow, acknowledging the supreme sovereign, the Holy One, who is praised – the one who spreads out the heavens and establishes the earth, whose glorious abode is in the highest heaven, whose powerful presence is in the loftiest heights.

This is our God, none else; ours is the true sovereign, there is no other.

As it is written in the Torah: "Know this day and take it to heart, the ADONAI is God in heaven above and on earth below; there is no other."

Rosh Hashanah Today: Reflection and Resolution

Portions of the Zikhorot:

"You remember the deeds of the world and You are mindful of Your creatures since the beginning of time.

Before You stands revealed all that is hidden, and every mystery from the moment of creation.

Nothing is forgotten in Your awe-inspiring presence, nothing concealed from Your gaze; You remember every deed, and nothing can be hidden from You...

Blessed is the person who does not forget You, the one who draws strength from You; for those who seek You will never stumble, and those who trust in You will never be shamed..."

Rosh Hashanah Today: Reflection and Resolution

Portions of the *Shofarot*:

"You revealed Yourself in a cloud of glory to speak to Your holy people, allowing them to hear your voice from the heavens.

Through a pure mist You disclosed Yourself, and the whole world – everything – quivered in Your presence...

Praise God in the sanctuary, praise God in the powerful heavens, praise God for the mighty deeds, praise God for infinite greatness...

[T]hose lost in the land of Assyria, and those cast away in the land of Egypt shall come back and worship ADONAI on the holy mountain in Jerusalem...

ADONAI will protect them..."

Reflection and Resolution Today: Confession and Repentance 1 John 1:6-9:

"6 If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

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Remembrance Today: Prayer and Thanksgiving Philippians 1: 3-6:

"³ I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴ always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ."





Celebrate

Celebration Today: Joy in the Lord

Philippians 4:4-7 (The Passion Translation):

"Be cheerful with joyous celebration in every season of life. Let your joy overflow!

And let gentleness be seen in every relationship, for our Lord is always close.

Don't be pulled in different directions or worried about a thing. Be saturated in prayer throughout each day, offering your faith-filled requests before God with overflowing gratitude.

Tell him every detail of your life, then God's wonderful peace that transcends human understanding, will guard your heart and mind through Jesus Christ."



"Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say, rejoice."

- Phil. 4:4