



Family Services

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Happy and sweet New Year!

Rosh HaShanah

Tapuchim ud'vash

Tapuchim ud'vash l'Rosh HaShanah

תַּפּוּחִים וְדָבָשׁ לְרוֹשׁ הַשָּׁנָה

Apples and honey for the New Year!

Shofar Blast (Ellen Allard)

Chorus: I like to hear the shofar blast,
sometimes slow and sometimes fast
I like to hear the shofar blast,
happy happy happy New Year!

T'kiah.....

Sh'varim.....

T'ru'ah-ah-ah-ah-ah-ah-ah-ah-ah...

T'kiah g'dolah.....

The story of Avraham, Sarah, Hagar, Yishma'eil and Yitzchak

B'reishit (Genesis) chapter 21

Avraham and Sarah lived in the desert. They loved welcoming people into their tent, but they were having trouble having a baby together. Sarah really, really wanted to have a child, so she asked Avraham to try to have a baby with Hagar, their slave; Sarah could then raise this baby as her own. (We don't know how Hagar felt about this.) Hagar became pregnant. Sarah felt very upset. She acted meanly towards Hagar, and Hagar ran away. An angel showed up and told Hagar to go back to Sarah and promised Hagar that her child would become a really important person, the grandparent of a huge nation of people. Hagar did go back, and soon her son, Yishma'eil, was born—his name means “God will listen.”

Three angels disguised as people visited Avraham and Sarah one day and told them that Sarah would have a baby. She laughed at the idea—she thought that she and Avraham were too old to have a baby! But something unexpected happened: Sarah did get pregnant, and she gave birth to a son. She named her son Yitzchak, meaning “he will laugh.”

One day, Sarah saw Yishma'eil and Yitzchak playing together, and something about it felt wrong to her. Maybe Yishma'eil was teasing Yitzchak; maybe they were playing a game she didn't like; we don't know exactly. But she got angry and upset again. She went to Avraham and said, “Send away that slave-woman and her son, so that he doesn't inherit some of your property together with my son.”

Avraham was really upset, but God told him to listen to Sarah.

So the next morning, he gave Hagar and Yishma'eil some water and food for the trip and sent them away into the wilderness. Their water ran out and Hagar put Yishma'eil under a bush and walked away from him because she

was so afraid he would die. An angel called to her again and said, “Hagar, look! There’s water here!” She looked and she saw a well of water right near her. She and Yishma’el drank the water—and they survived! They settled down in the wilds of Paran, away from Avraham and Sarah and Yitzchak.

B'reishit (Genesis) chapter 22

Then, the Torah says, God tested Avraham. God called out to Avraham and Avraham answered “Hineini”—here I am. God asked Avraham to take his son Yitzchak, who God now called his “only son,” who he loved, up to Mount Moriah and to offer him there as a sacrifice to God. Avraham and Yitzchak and two of the young men at their home left early the next morning. When they got to the foot of Mount Moriah after three days, Avraham and Yitzchak hiked up the mountain together in silence. Then Yitzchak asked Avraham, “Avi,” my father, and Avraham answered again, “Hineini b’ni,” here I am, my son. Yitzchak said “We have wood for the fire, and a knife for the sacrifice, but what’s going to be the sacrifice?” Avraham said “God will provide the sacrifice, my son.”

They reached the top and Avraham got ready to sacrifice Yitzchak when suddenly he heard an angel calling out “Avraham, Avraham!” Once more he answered, “Hineini,” here I am. The angel said, “Don’t do anything to hurt Yitzchak! I know now that you fear God. There’s a ram caught in the bush behind you—sacrifice that instead!” Avraham did—and then he went back down the mountain, on his own.

We don’t know exactly what the test was that God had in mind. We don’t know if Avraham passed it or failed it. What do you think?

Draw or write....

All of these people are having a really tough time in this story! What advice or encouragement would you give...

Avraham:

Sarah:

Hagar:

Yishma'eil:

Yitzchak:

Hagar and Yishma'eil cross the desert together with just a little bit of food and water and each other. What and who would you bring with you if you had to go on a long trip across a desert?

Yom Kippur

Description: Explore the themes of transformation and change through reflection in music, writing, and art with Elli.

What you need to bring:

- An open heart and mind

What you need to bring if weather puts us on Zoom:

- An open heart and mind
- A pencil or pen
- Paper to write on and/or draw on
- Additional colors for creating art, in whatever form speaks to you.
- This could be colored pencils, markers, paint, etc.
- A fidget!

Forget Your Perfect Offering: A Leonard Cohen Remix

<p><i>Call:</i> Forget your perfect offering.</p> <p><i>Response:</i> Forget your perfect offering.</p> <p><i>Call:</i> Just ring the bells that still can ring.</p> <p><i>Response:</i> Just ring the bells that still can ring.</p> <p><i>Call:</i> There is a crack in everything.</p> <p><i>Response:</i> There is a crack in everything.</p>	<p><i>Call:</i> That's how-</p> <p><i>Response:</i> That's how-</p> <p><i>Call:</i> The light-</p> <p><i>Response:</i> The light-</p> <p><i>Call:</i> Gets in</p> <p><i>All:</i> That's how the light gets in</p> <p><i>Call:</i> That's how-</p> <p><i>Response:</i> That's how-</p> <p><i>Call:</i> The light-</p> <p><i>Response:</i> The light-</p> <p><i>Call:</i> Gets in</p> <p><i>All:</i> That's how the light gets in</p>
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We are Good, We are Flawed (Batya Levine)

We are good
We are flawed.
We are the breath of an imperfect God.

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Yai dai yai, yai dai dai oh...