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in the past month.**

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**Our two "very Jewish area" outreaches this month**



Our entire New York Fair booth fits into our 2008 Honda Van - with 255,000 miles on it.

If there was an Olympic month for outreaches for us, August was it! We are just finishing TWO major outreaches. The New York State Fair and the Canadian National Exhibition. We talked to hundreds of Jewish people combined at these two events.

We have nowhere near the space to write about all the stories, so we

will put a select few conversations below, from both cities, and hope to put more up in our next newsletter.

So without further delay – here we gooo.....



\*\* A Jewish woman in her late 40s came up and said she's dating a Christian man and she finds being a Messianic Jew to be the most appealing choice to her. She said she's still on the fence, and she asked several questions about baptism and similar. I was able to answer all her questions, and I also gave her two books for free. She was so thankful. I gave her our card in case she had any questions. Pray for "A".

\*\* One of the young men from the Israeli facial cream booth nearby came over. I had spoken with him before. He was looking at things, and said he wanted to buy the "I stand with Israel" bumper sticker for his suitcase. As he took out his wallet, I motioned for him to put it away. I said, "Here, it's our gift to you... from Yeshua," and he said, "Really?" And then he gave me a hug. I said, "Am Yisrael Chai." (famous Jewish saying meaning, "The people of Israel live.")

\*\* Esther had been to our booth in prior years. I said, "I remember you. You complained that Messianic Jews did not keep kosher." I reminded her that some do and some don't, like a lot of Jewish people. She then tried to tell me that the New Testament said that the wages of sin is death, so what Jesus did wasn't effective. I said that He gives us eternal life by paying the debt for sin with his life. We had a long discussion. I am sure that God keeps drawing her back to our booth. I told her that my father became a believer after he asked God to show him if Jesus was the Messiah. I said, "Pray that God will show you. Right now, pray, 'Show me God.'" And she did! Please pray for Esther, that she will have a supernatural revelation and that next year she will come to tell us about it.





***People stopping at our New York Booth***

\*\* A girl was taking photos of our booth (most probably Jewish) and when I caught her eye, she said “disgusting!”

\*\* A Russian Jew stopped to look at the mezuzahs. I asked him if he was Jewish, and he said, “Yes, but not religious. I am a realist!”

\*\* I had a fantastic encounter with an Ultra-Orthodox Jewish man named Yosef (Joseph). He said he was Hasidic and even took off his cap to show me his kippah (yarmulke) underneath. We had a long talk. He wouldn't take anything, but I got to share a little portion of my father's story and my experiences. I told him about the rabbis in the past who believed, and he said, “Who?” Unfortunately, when I looked for our book of rabbis' testimonies, I could not find it.

\*\* A senior citizen Jewish woman stopped, and I explained that I'm Jewish and a believer in Jesus. She smiled, handed my gospel bookmark back to me, and said, “Just like Ben-Hur.”

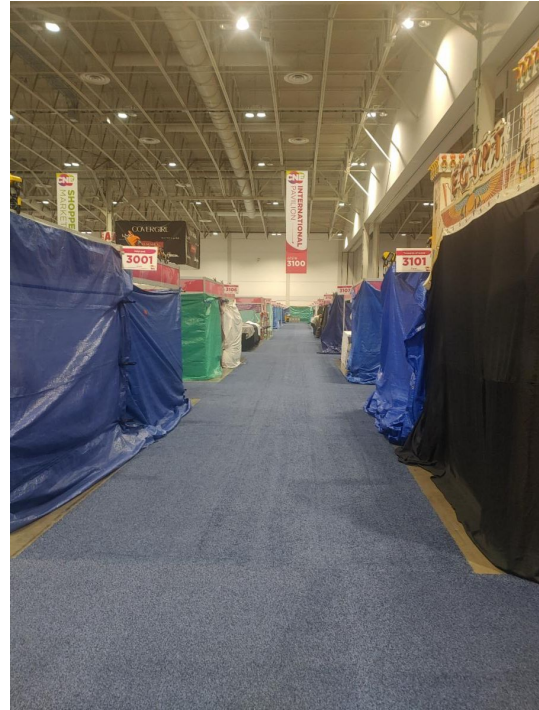
\*\* A Muslim man walked by and said, “Jesus was a Muslim brother.”

\*\* At the booth yesterday afternoon, I had two Pakistani Christians, two Pakistani Muslims, two young Canadian girls saying “Free Palestine,” and two young Jewish girls. The conversations were quite lively. I had to keep telling them all that we are not political. We are religious, and we are trying to tell them that Jesus/Yeshua is the Jewish Messiah, not only for the Jews, but also for the Palestinians

and the Muslims and for the whole world... For every tribe, tongue, and nation.



**Toronto, Canada three people stopping to read our "Jesus made me kosher" sign.**



**Just one of many of aisles at the Canadian National Fair. A HUGE building. Very early morning, before the Fair opens. We are the third row in.**



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**A brave Yemeni man speaks out for Israel**





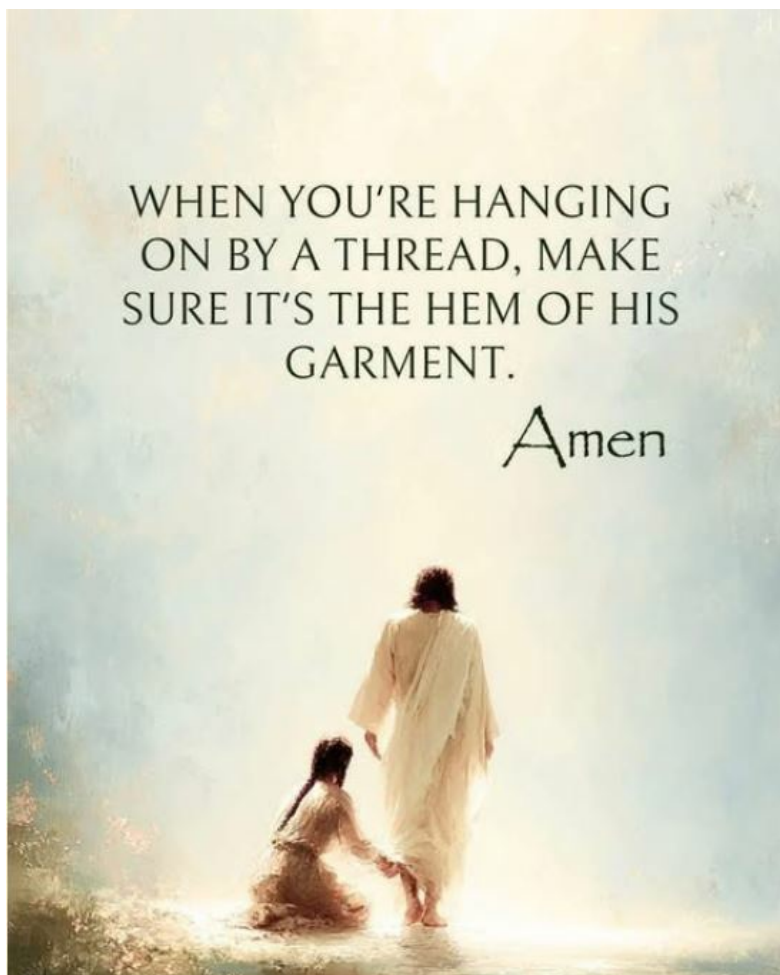
Earlier this year, a brave man born in the Arab country of Yemen began calling out the hypocrisy of the United Nations Human Rights Council for only singling out Israel and ignoring everyone else in the region. The video is only 90 seconds long but well worth watching.

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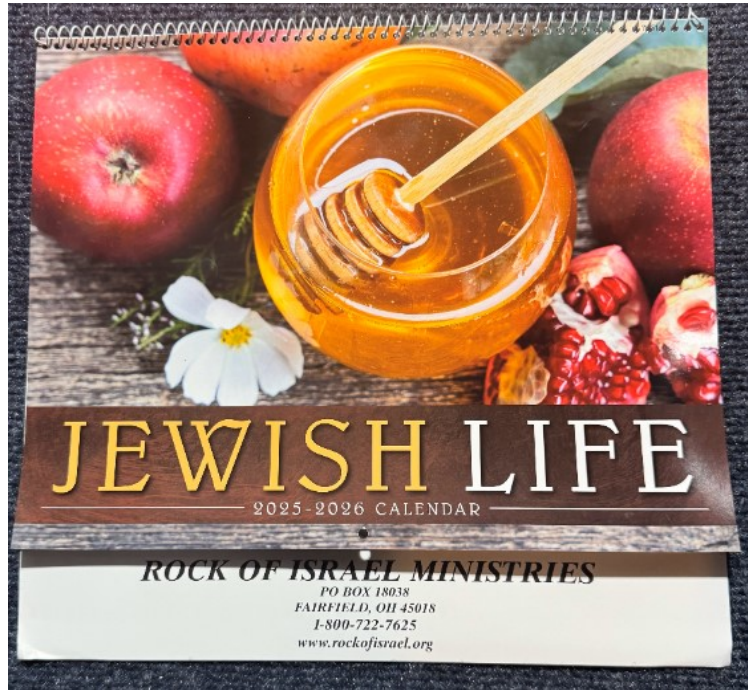
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## September reminder:



## This month's offer:



### 2025 - 2026 Jewish Calendar

It's that time of year again! The Jewish calendar runs from September to September, so the new 2026 calendars are now out. The Biblical and traditional holidays are all listed.

Contains the dates for:

- \* Rosh HaShanah
- \* Yom Kippur
- \* Sukkot (Tabernacles)
- \* Hanukkah
- \* Pesach (Passover)
- \* And much more!

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"If your time has not come, even the doctor will not succeed in killing you."

~~ Yiddish Proverb

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## CHALLENGE

### THIS MONTH'S TRIVIA:

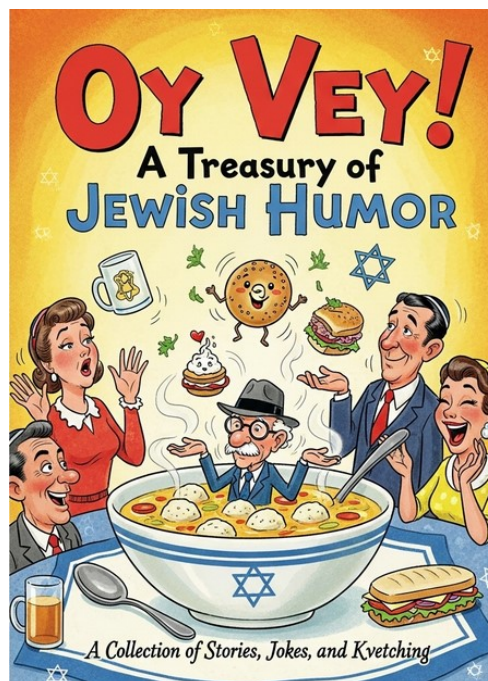
Which Jewish tradition about Rosh Hashana is not a real tradition?

- A) Rosh Hashanah is considered the anniversary of the creation of the world.
- B) It is customary to sample a morsel from the head of a fish on Rosh Hashanah, symbolizing our wish to be "a head and not a tail."
- C) We cover the mirrors in the house for 24 hours to avoid seeing any facial blemishes, symbolizing a wish for a perfect upcoming year.
- D) Apples dipped in honey are eaten to symbolize the sweet New Year.

**Answer near bottom**

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# This Month's Jewish Humor

## *The Yo-Yo Diet Guide to the Jewish Holidays:*

- \*Rosh Hashanah -- Feast
  - \*Yom Kippur -- Fast
  - \*Sukkot (Tabernacles) -- Feast
  - \*Hashanah Rabbah -- More feasting
  - \*Simchat Torah -- Keep feasting
  - \*Month of Heshvan -- No feasts or fasts for a whole month.  
Get a grip on yourself.
  - \*Hanukkah -- Eat potato pancakes
  - \*Tenth of Tevet -- Do not eat potato pancakes
  - \*Tu B'Shevat -- Feast
  - \*Fast of Esther -- Fast
  - \*Purim -- Eat pastry
  - \*Passover -- Do not eat pastry
  - \*Shavuot -- Dairy feast (cheesecake, blintzes, etc.)
  - \*17th of Tammuz -- Fast (definitely no cheesecake or blintzes)
  - \*Tish B'Av -- Very strict fast (don't even think about cheesecake or blintzes)
  - \*Month of Elul -- End of cycle.
  - \*\*\*\* Now Enroll in Center for Eating Disorders before High Holidays arrive again.
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**Rosh Hashana starts the evening of Sept. 22nd**

# ROSH HASHANA



Every fall season, God has Israel repeat these autumn feast days as a teaching lesson for them. While there are many aspects of Rosh Hashana (actually called "Yom Teruah," the "Day of Shouting" in the Bible) that we could discuss, including:

- \*\* How it is considered the Jewish New Year
- \*\* How the Jewish people eat special foods like apples and honey
- \*\* How it is the start of the "10 Days of Awe" (ending with Yom Kippur)

(Incidentally, the "10 Days of Awe" are when Jewish tradition teaches that God's judgment is finalized on Yom Kippur, making these days crucial for influencing one's fate for the coming year. This is why Jewish theology teaches that seeking forgiveness from others is very important during this time.)

However, this month we wanted to concentrate on a special feature of Rosh HaShana, called the shofar. It is a ram's horn (trumpet), and it holds a significant place in the Bible as both a sacred and practical instrument.

Its earliest mention appears at Mount Sinai, when the Israelites received the Ten Commandments. The blast of the shofar was accompanied by thunder, lightning, and smoke, marking God's powerful presence (Exodus 19:16–19). From then on, the shofar became closely associated with divine revelation and spiritual awakening.

In Israel's history, the shofar was also used in warfare. At Jericho,

priests blew the shofar as the people marched around the city walls; on the seventh day, the great blast signaled God's miraculous intervention, causing the walls to collapse (Joshua 6:4–20). Similarly, Gideon's army used shofar blasts to confuse the Midianites, turning the tide of battle (Judges 7:16–22).

The shofar carried ceremonial meaning as well. It was sounded to announce the coronation of kings (1 Kings 1:34) and to proclaim sacred times, especially the Jubilee year, when liberty was restored throughout the land (Leviticus 25:9–10). Most importantly, the shofar was central to the festival of Rosh HaShanah, the biblical “day of trumpeting” (Leviticus 23:24).

There are 100 shofar blasts on Rosh Hashana, although this number may vary slightly depending on tradition. These blasts adhere to a particular order, utilizing three main sounds: Tekiah (a prolonged, steady note), Shevarim (three brief, broken sounds), and Teruah (nine quick bursts), culminating in the significant Tekiah Gedolah, a lengthy final blast intended to resonate with the innermost aspects of the soul.



In Scripture, the shofar symbolizes God's call to repentance, victory, and renewal—a timeless sound awakening hearts to His presence.

In the New Covenant Writings, the imagery of the trumpet (the shofar) is used to describe Messiah's second coming:

- “For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, **and with the sound of the trumpet** of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.” (1 Thessalonians 4:16)
- “...in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. **For the trumpet will sound**, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.” (1 Corinthians 15:52)

So as believers, this is what Rosh HaShana means for us - a reminder that He will return with the sound of the shofar!



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Answer - C is false

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