

Sound of the Shofar & Shofar Blasts

The sound of the shofar is a call to repent, return to YHVH, and seek His face. To walk upright before God brings true happiness and joy.

“Happy is the people that know the joyful shout (tru’ah); they walk, O YHVH, in the light of Thy countenance,” Ps 89:16 JPS

“Blow a trumpet (shofar) in Zion; sound an alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble,” Joel 2:1 ESV

Blessing Before Blowing The Shofar

ברוך אתה יהוה אלהינו מלך העולם, אשר קדשנו במצוותיו וצונו לשמע קול שופר. (אמן)

Baruch ata YHVH Eloheinu melech ha-olam asher kee-dee-shanu b'mitz-votav vay-tzee-vanu lee-shmo'a kol shofar. (Amen)

Praise You, YHVH, our God, King of the universe, Who has made us holy with commandments, and who has commanded us to hear the voice of the shofar. (Amen)

The Call Of The Shofar

Tekiah (תְּקִיעָה) – 1 long, straight, continuous shofar blast. Objective of Yom Teru'ah is to crown God as our King.

Shevarim (שְׁבָרִים) – 3 medium, wailing blasts. Resembles a sobbing cry; signifying repentance.

Tru'ah (תְּרוּעָה) – 9 quick, staccato blasts in succession. Resembles an alarm clock – that we need to awaken from our spiritual slumber and be honest and objective about our lives

Tekiah Gedola (תְּקִיעָה גְּדוּלָה) - single, unbroken blast for as long as possible.