# The Day of Atonement - Yom Kippur Services 2024 (2 hours)

### **Blow the Shofar**

To all those who follow the God of Israel, the Holy One, The Righteous One, The Mighty Omnipotent God. The All Knowing Omniscient One and the always there, Sovereign Omnipresent Lord. Recognize that He is Good, bow down to His Majesty. Be at Awe of His Exalted Holiness. **AMEN** 

### **Blow the Shofar**

Recognize that He created the world by His Word. He freed the children of Israel from slavery and led them by Fire by Night and a Cloud by Day. The Holy Mountain shook at His Presence. He and He alone gave His law and His precepts thorough His servant Moses'. Wisdom is His to share and Ultimate Power rests in His Hands. AMEN

### **Blow the Shofar** – Give Him Honor and Praise!

He and He alone holds the future in His hands. Men will boast and Men will plan but it is the Almighty's will, that will ultimately be established. His will and His will alone will last forever and ever. His word declares that the Almighty will reign from David's throne over the whole earth. And his Kingdom will be an everlasting Kingdom **AMEN** 

We are gathered so that on this holy day we can deny ourselves, confess our sins and turn from our sinful ways and turn from our hard hearts. We Pray that God Himself will come and cleanse us from all Sin! That God and God himself will turn back the hand of Judgement. That God and God alone will transform our stony hearts into a heart that beats with Passon for God and others! AMEN

We will always be grateful that God's Presence rest on the Mercy Seat! That Mercy and Grace flow from the very heart of our Creator. We stand at Awe that God sent His only Son to be a Holy Sacrifice that

washes away all our sins, forgives and cleanses us and gives us a forever home in heaven! **AMEN** 

- בָּרְכוּ אֶת יְיָ הַמְבֹּרָךְּ
- בָּרוּךְ יְיָ הַמְבֹרָךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד

Bless the LORD who is blessed

Blessed are you LORD who is blessed forever and ever

Blow the Shofar

: אָסָע יִשְׂרָאֵל יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ יְהוָה אֶסָד

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וּבְכָל־מְאֹדֶך:

## **AMEN**

Deut. 6:4 "Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord is one!"

5 "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might." NASU

Song – Holy, Holy, Holy by Paul Wilbur

We remember when God said:

# **In Unison**

**2 Chron 7:13** If I shut up the sky, so that there is no rain; or if I order locusts to devour the land; or if I send an epidemic of sickness among my people; <sup>14</sup> then, if my people, who bear my name, will humble

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themselves, pray, seek my face and turn from their evil ways, I will hear from heaven, forgive their sin and heal their land. CJB

- 1. Ask God to meet your most pressing need.
- 2. Ask God to forgive you for your worst sin or worst attitude of your fleshly nature.
  - Blow the Shofar all the four sounds take your time to pray.

<u>Pray: O Lord I Pray</u> that the Awe of God and the Awe of the significance of this Holy Day will fill our hearts!

## In Unison

<u>Leviticus 23:1</u> The Lord said to Moses, 2 "Speak to the Israelites and say to them:" 'These are my appointed <u>feasts</u>, the <u>appointed feasts of the Lord</u>, which you are to proclaim as <u>sacred assemblies</u>. NIV

#### Reader # 1 Tom Cotton

Lev. 23:26- Adonai said to Moses, <sup>27</sup> "The tenth day of this seventh month is **Yom-Kippur**; you are to have a holy convocation, you are to **deny yourselves**, and you are to bring an offering made by fire to Adonai." <sup>28</sup> You are not to do any kind of work on that day, because it is **Yom-Kippur**, **to make atonement** for you before **Adonai** your God.

<sup>29</sup> Anyone who does not <u>deny himself</u> on that day is to be cut off from his people; <sup>30</sup> and anyone who does any kind of work on that day, I will destroy from among his people. <sup>31</sup> You are not to do any kind of work; it is a permanent regulation through all your generations, no matter where you live. <sup>32</sup> "It will be for you a *Shabbat* of complete rest, and you are to <u>deny yourselves</u>; you are to rest on your *Shabbat* from evening the ninth day of the month until the following evening." CJB

Jews consider this day to be the holiest day of the Jewish year.

3 times in the above scripture it says to <u>deny oneself</u>, other translations say to <u>humble yourself</u>.

The Hebrew word for Deny or humble **means to** looking down or browbeating

"to be afflicted, be bowed down, be humbled to be meek."

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#### Reader # 2 Irene

#### This is:

- A day of affliction
- A day of self-denial.
- A day to humble ourselves
- A day to recognize God as Holy, Righteous Judge!
- A day to repent
- A day to meet God
- · A day to be changed
- A day to allow God to change us

## Say in Unison

We approach this day knowing we have sinned but that Our Holy Righteous Judge sits on the Mercy Seat!

- Lord have Mercy
- Lord show Kindness
- Lord remember your Great Love
- Remember the Sacrifice of our Savior and your Son
- Remember your covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob
- Lord remember that we are but dust in the wind
- Remember that you called us to be your children

Lord hear our cries: (Abba = Father or Daddy)

- Abba have Mercy
- Abba Forgive
- Abba Bless

Lord save us - Hosanna in the Highest

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Blow the Shofar

## **Song** - Take me into the Holy of Holies

# Pray / Worship

A Sacred Story - A Holy Happening

Leviticus 16:1 Now the Lord spoke to Moses after the death of the two sons of Aaron, when they had approached the presence of the Lord and died. 2 The Lord said to Moses: "Tell your brother Aaron that he shall not enter at any time into the holy place inside the veil, before the mercy seat which is on the ark, or he will die; for I will appear in the cloud over the mercy seat." NASU

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# Reader # 3

The stakes are high, and they are for real

## In Unison

- Will God forgive our many transgressions?
- Will our names be written in the Book of Life?
- Will God stop the judgements, destructions and diseases that are destroying our Nation?

We need His Mercy and Forgiveness for our sins and transgressions

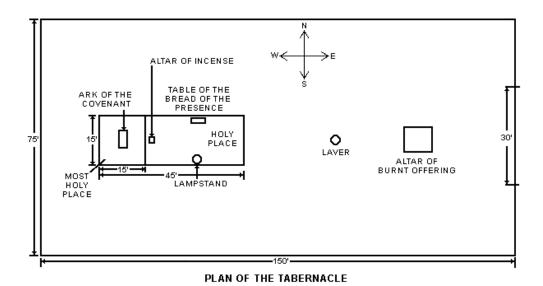
The High Priest is the only one who can approach the Lord and It is only on this day that he can go into the Holy of Holies into the presence of God to receive forgiveness and cleansing for us, for Israel and for our Nation.

HaShem (the Name) is Holy (qadosh)!

On this day (on Yom Kippur) and only on this day, the High Priest and only the High Priest was permitted to enter the presence of HaShem.

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No one is allowed in the Tent of Meetings from the time The High Priest goes into the Holy of holies until he's finished.



Tell the Story

- 1. The High Priest changes his clothing
- 2. #1 time enter the Holy Of Holies
  - Incense
    - The Smell
    - The Smoke
    - The Presence

- 3. # 2 time entering the Holy of Holies with blood of bull
  - For his and his family's sins
  - Sprinkle the blood of the Bull 7 times on the Ark
- 4. The choosing of the Goat
  - One for the Lord
  - One as a Scapegoat
- 5. # 3 time you High Priest goes into the holy of Holies
  - For the Nation's and the people of God's sin
  - For the sins and the cleansing of the Tabernacle
  - Sprinkle the blood of the Goats 7 times on the Ark
- 6. Confess the sins of all the Israelites on the head of the Goat and send it in to the Wilderness as a substitutionary sacrifice.

The story ends with this scripture

# In Unison

<sup>30</sup> For on this day, **atonement will be made for you to purify you**; you will be clean before *Adonai* from all your sins. <sup>31</sup> It is a *Shabbat* of complete rest for you, and you are to deny yourselves. **CBJ** 

We Praise thee, O Holy God that when the priest comes into the Holy of Holies 3 times on this holy day that you will have mercy on him and his family and on the whole family of God.

Your glory fills the Holy Place like the holy incense did

Your mercy and your kindness are exalted in that you forgive your people of their many sins.

Like the blood of the Passover lamb that saved us from the angel of death You graciously give us the sacrifice blood to put on your altar.

This holy day was fulfilled when our Holy Savior not only bore our sins and purchased our forgiveness but when he as scripture declared, became our sin.

### In Unison

Cor 5:21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

### Reader # 4

You graciously give us a scapegoat to take away our sins. Let not your Judgement overtake us. We rest in your mercy because we need your mercy!

### In Unison

We remember your Holy Son and the great Sacrifice He made.

We remember that His blood washes away all our sins for now and for eternity!

You are the Great Forgiving God

You forgive little sins and big sins

You reside above your mercy seat

You except the blood of your sacrifice for our shortcomings

Lord, you give us clean hands and a pure heart.

Take a few minutes and Humbly Pray

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#### Reader # 5 Pastor Maria

Num 5:5 Then the LORD said to Moses, <sup>6</sup> "Give the following instructions to the people of Israel: If any of the people—men or women—betray the LORD by doing wrong to another person, they are guilty. <sup>7</sup> They must confess their sin and make full restitution for what they have done, adding an additional 20 percent, and returning it to the person who was wronged. NLT

The rabbies of old have provided a clear process for Teshuvah (repentance):

- 1. **Regret** a person must sincerely regret wrongdoing
- 2. **Abandonment** the person must commit to not doing the misdeed(s) anymore
- 3. **Confession** to cement the process, the person must then admit to God what was done wrong in the past. If your sin or wrongdoing involves another person you must go to them in humility and confess your transgression to them.

#### 4. Resolve

Commitment: never to repeat the same in the future. In confession Jewish tradition uses this short phrase:

- In truth, we have sinned.
- Don't just simply say, "we have sinned." Say, "In truth, we have sinned."

# <u>Listen to the confession of Joseph's brothers:</u>

In Genesis, we read Joseph's brothers threw Joseph into a pit and then later sold him into slavery, essentially committing the sins of kidnapping, jealousy, murder, lying, deceiving dishonoring their father and on and on. In the end they **admitted their guilt, to Joseph**.

# **In Unison**

Gen 42:21 Then they said to one another, "Truly we are guilty concerning our brother, because we saw the distress of his soul when he pleaded with us, yet we would not listen; therefore this distress has come upon us." NASB

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The Rabbies Over time, created a Hebraic alphabetical acrostic that is recited during Yom Kippur.

During *confession* we stand with our posture slightly bent and bang our chests as we list and confess our sins, regretting each one and committing not to do them again. We say, "<u>in truth we have sinned</u>."

## In Unison (SLOWLY)

- Give me clean hands and a pure heart
- Open my heart to allow God to shine and reveal any hidden faults or sins
- Bring me deep conviction and sweeping repentance
- Bring true and pure holiness
- Remind me that you are not looking for self-righteousness,
- We are looking for you Lord to work Your Righteousness in us from the inside out
- Most of all let not Pride blind my eyes but let Humility be my guild

# Pastor Ken & Pastor Ralph

Remember Hashem means, "The Name" and it is reverently said instead of using the word "God".

# **Alph** – we have destroyed our sense of spirituality

- We have exposed ourselves to things that ruin our sensitivities to spiritual growth
- We waste time and inward focus looking at other lives instead of fixing our own
- We have viewed and shared material that is unbefitting
- We struggle to find time for the people and things that matter most in life, yet we freely waste time on meaningless things
- In truth, we have sinned.

# **Bet** – we have not been pure or consistent

- We freely ask Hashem for things we want or lack, but we do not properly thank Him for what He has given us already
- We fail to notice the good in others, instead we reflect our inner frustrations on them
- We do not listen to people properly instead we impose our interpretations of what the other person means
- In truth, we have sinned.

#### Gimel - we have robbed

- We rob others of a truthful impression of us, we hide our real selves
- We have used our employers' time for our own personal purposes
- We make organizational decisions based on our own personal conveniences
- We brush off others deceitful actions instead of confronting them
- In truth, we have sinned.

**Dalet** – we have spoken slander, we have spoken behind people's backs

- We say things about people we would never say to their faces
- We dismiss others too quickly, without looking at the full picture
- Our children hear 'no' or words of negativity and criticism from us far more than they hear 'yes' or words of encouragement and praise
- We enjoy reading or watching people making fun of or trolling others
- In truth, we have sinned.

**Hei** – we have caused perversion, we have corrupted others

- We have prioritized short-term wants over Divine wisdom and mitzvos (good deeds)
- We have influenced others to cut corners
- · We have not discussed spiritual matters with others enough
- We think and talk about ourselves far too much
- We encourage others to spend time doing meaningless things
- In truth, we have sinned.

**Vav** – we have caused others to sin, we have spread wickedness

- Is the world a better place because of us?
- Do we try and correct others when they have made bad decisions or when they have done something wrong?
- We prefer not to get involved rather than to stand up for what is right
- Do we emit positive energy and optimism or negative energy and pessimism?
- In truth, we have sinned.

## Zayin – we have sinned intentionally, and then rationalized it

- When was the last time we truly gave up something because of what Hashem wants from us?
- Who influences our moral decisions the most?
- Is our value system in sync with Hashem and the Bible? Who are our role models?
- We have procrastinated making difficult and courageous moral decisions by claiming that there are grey areas
- In truth, we have sinned.

**Chet** – we have extorted, we have taken advantage of those weaker than us

- We are content with seeing people as 'lower' than ourselves
- We have used other people for our projects or favors without properly appreciating them or paying them back
- We make more of an effort with certain people because of their social status
- We point out to others what we feel they are incapable of achieving, without building them up to achieve in areas in which they can excel
- In truth, we have sinned.

**Tet** – we have attached ourselves to falsehood

- We have exaggerated, misrepresented, or lied about events
- · We have believed others' distorted views of the world
- We have accepted rumors or gossip too quickly, and passed them on to others
- We have judged people too quickly without trying to understand them
- In truth, we have sinned.

## **Yod** – we have abused trust, we have offered bad advice

- We have been too quick to give advice without properly thinking it through
- We aren't listening enough to prompt others to confide in us
- We do not offer impartial advice, especially when we have a conflict of interest
- We have put others in a position where they cannot say 'no' to our requests
- In truth, we have sinned.

# **Kof** – we have been deceitful

- We have promised things just to appease others
- · We have inflated things that are not of worth in life
- · We have used words that are misleading
- We have followed the crowd, irrespective of whether what they are doing is right
- We have been selectively lazy, we have been too tired when it suits us to be so
- In truth, we have sinned.

## **Lamed** – we have scorned and made light of serious things in life

- We have made fun of meaningful things in order to shy away from them
- We have thoughtlessly put others down
- We have tolerated a society in which trampling over others is the way to get ahead
- We have not always been proud of our faith, and at times have been willing to hide it
- In truth, we have sinned.

## **Mem** – we have rebelled and defied Hashem

- We know what Hashem expects of us, but we have not made a road map of how to get there
- We have viewed mitzvos (good deeds) as cultural feel-good activities, instead of Divine commands to get close to Hashem
- We have not been serious about our relationship with Hashem
- In truth, we have sinned.

## *Nun* – we have angered God by disregarding His mitzvos (good deeds)

- We have devoted lots of time to our bodies, but not enough for our souls
- We have not taken up opportunities to study Torah (Bible) when they present themselves
- We have not shown enough reverence and respect to mitzvos (good deeds)
- In truth, we have sinned.

## **Samech** – we have turned away, we have ignored our responsibilities

- We have tried to wriggle out of responsibilities
- We have feared accepting positions of responsibility
- We have been cliquey and kept to our own social circle instead of branching out and reaching out to others
- We have closed our eyes to the needs of orphans and widows
- In truth, we have sinned.

## **Ayin** – we have been perverse

- We have done things that do not reflect our potentials
- We have looked at and discussed lowly, undignified things

- · We assume that our way of thinking is right
- We do not disassociate ourselves with people who post, discuss or share vulgar things
- In truth, we have sinned.

**Pei** – we have had selective hearing when it comes to true faith

- We have cherry-picked bits of our faith; we have only halfobserved parts of our faith that are not convenient
- We have developed conflicted priorities in life
- We do not think long enough about our values
- In truth, we have sinned.

## **Tzadei** – we have caused suffering

- We have caused others pain and then distanced ourselves
- We have seen others in pain but have walked past them
- We don't feel each other's pain enough, preferring to focus on our own lives
- We are not careful enough about the repercussions and the effects on others our decisions will make
- In truth, we have sinned.

**Kof**– we have been stubborn, we have refused to see Hashem's hand

- We blame Hashem if things go wrong, but don't praise Him when things go right
- We have seen daily life as a series of coincidences instead of seeing God's hand
- We speak about people's achievements in history without speaking about Hashem's involvement and control
- We remain in our comfort zone, deflecting attempts to grow
- In truth, we have sinned.

**Reish** – we have not lived up to the Image of God in which we were created

- We do not see ourselves as having a mission to spread goodness in the world
- Sometimes we do not see the world as having objective Divine morals – we see them as matters of choice and convenience
- We have flaunted our sins and publicized them
- We have brushed off our mistakes instead of learning from them
- In truth, we have sinned.

**Shin** – we have corrupted our characters

- · We have been arrogant at times
- We have let our idealism slip away
- We have not self-analyzed
- In truth, we have sinned.

**Tav** – we have strayed, we have drifted further from Hashem

- We have gotten angry when things did not go our way
- We have not realized what impacts our character
- We lost sight of our goals and we do not accept when we are criticized
- We limit religion to particular-days and places
- We do not share our faith with others enough
- We do not call out to Hashem for spiritual help
- In truth, we have sinned.

Song - Refiners fire

Take some time and pray: Andrew Reader 6

- 1. Pray that God would cleanse our Nation
- 2. Pray that God would cleanse our communities

- 3. Pray that God would cleanse out families
- 4. Pray that God would cleanse our lives

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#### READER #7

Lord may our names and the names of all those who love you and follow you be written in the Book of Life!

On these Holy Days it is said that you open the Book of Remembrances and that on Rosh Hashanah our names are inscribed but on this fast day of Yom Kippur the books are sealed!

## In Unison

May we live with God forever – Amen!

- God is Holy
- God is Mighty
- God is the Judge
- We will bow before His Judgement seat
- We ask for mercy
- We ask for repentance
- We humble ourselves before our God!

Yom Kippur is considered by most Jews to be the Holiest Day of the year! Yom Kippur is glorious!

- · The High Priest
- The Sacrifice
- The Presence of God sitting on the Mercy Seat
- The Forgiveness
- The cultivating of Moral excellence

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- Blow the shofar
- 1. Takeyah: to awaken long blast
- 2. Shivarim: to be broken 3 blast
- 3. Teruah: to sound an alarm 9 staccato

4. Tekeya Godalh: the last great trumpet the longest and the loudest The Great Awakening

### In Unison

We have so much to be grateful for:

- We have the Feasts
- We have a great hope
- We have a heritage
- We have the Promises of God
- We have a New Covenant
- We have a Savior who became the Sacrifice
- We have Forgiveness and Cleansing
- We have the eternal life
- We can enter His presence 24/7
- Thanks be to God Almighty Forever and Amen!

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# Say in Unison

The Call is clear -

- Seek God now,
- Repent now
- Restore relationships now

# We are here today -

- To do spiritual business
- Reset priorities
- Evaluate our lifestyles

## **Pray** with guitar in background – refiners fire

Let God Move What is God saying to you?

We Praise Him? Why?

## In Unison,

We give you Praise:

For Your Goodness

For Your Kindness

For Your Forgiveness

For Your Sacrifice

For Your Purity

For the Awe of Your Glory

For Your Resurrection Power

For Your Kingdom

For Your Authority

That we will reign with You forever and ever

We give you Praise Always!

We Adore You and Honor You!

To you be all glory and all honor forever and ever Amen!

The Blowing of the Shofar – Go with God's anointing Together Let us Praise Him!!!

**Questions and Information**