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LETTER FROM RABBI DAVID EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



The Power of Being an Individual

There is a common misconception that Judaism wants everyone to be the same. The more religious you become, some assume, the more you are expected to conform, to dress the same, think the same, and live exactly like everyone else. Nothing could be further from the truth.

The Torah's message is that each of us is an individual with a unique mission. Look at the very first of the Aseret HaDibrot. God says, "I am Hashem, your God, who took you out of Egypt." It is stated in the singular. God speaks to each person individually. And on Rosh Hashanah, we say that "everyone passes before You like Bnei Maron." The Talmud explains that this means we stand before God one at a time, alone, as individuals.

On that day, there are no excuses and no hiding behind the crowd. It is just you and God.

The Talmud in Sanhedrin teaches that every person must say, "For my sake the world was created." That is why, when God created humanity, He began with one person. Adam. He could have created an entire population at once. Instead, He created one individual to teach us something profound: One person is an entire world. There has never been anyone exactly like you. There never will be.

No one has your personality, your history, your experiences, your struggles, your strengths, your perspective, or your soul.

There is a famous story about the Chassidic master Reb Zusha. He said that when he gets to the next world, God will not ask him, "Why weren't you Moses?"

God will ask, "Why weren't you Zusha?"

Rosh Hashanah is therefore both frightening and incredibly empowering. We come face-to-face with our responsibility, and with the realization of what we are uniquely capable of accomplishing.

The question isn't, "Am I as great as someone else?"

The question is: "Am I becoming the person I was created to be?"

This Rosh Hashanah, join us at Aish as we explore the wisdom of Torah in a way that helps us discover our uniqueness, recognize our potential, and embrace the greatness that only we can bring into the world.

Rabbi Yosef David

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DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION



ROSH HASHANA AND YOM KIPPUR ARE APPROACHING

It's a time for introspection, how are we going to use our next year? How are we going to be different, better? It's also a time to ask the Almighty to reinvest in us and to give us and our loved ones a good year. We ask to be forgiven for our mistakes, even if we did wrong hurt others or ourselves, the Almighty has mercy. He continues to feed us, clothe us, give us health and livelihood, etc. During this period of time we repetitively ask the Almighty to grant us mercy in the coming year. What form does this request for Mercy take? We recite the 13 attributes of mercy as the Almighty

instructed Moses. (See Exodus 34: 6-7). The Talmud explains "whenever the Jewish people error, they should do this procedure before Me and I will forgive them." (See Rosh Hashana 17:b). Note the Talmud didn't say "recite" rather it said "do". In order to attain the Almighty's forgiveness and mercy, we must emulate him and be forgiving and merciful to our fellow man. Just as the Almighty has mercy on us even if we are doing wrong we must have mercy on others even if they have done wrong to us. When we continue to forgive and give to a person, even if they have wronged us, we are emulating our creator! This doesn't absolve the other person

who harmed us, and we should still reprove them, but we should have mercy on them and continue to be giving to them. It's not an easy thing to do, but if we can do it, we are fitting to ask for mercy. May we all merit to have a wonderful and sweet new year!

Rabbi Shmuel Greenwald

PRE-ROSH HASHANA CLASS

WHAT DOES G-D ACTUALLY WANT FROM ME?

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Coffee Order:

Regular Coffee with milk

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Favorite Way to Spend a Day Off:

Hanging out with the family outside

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Coffee

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Family Tradition We Love:

Dinners together every night

Dancing with the kids after lighting the Channukah Candles 🕯️



People Are Surprised to Learn...

That I'm a Convert

That I play Piano 🎹



What We're Most Excited About in St. Louis:

Snow Again. It's been awhile. ❄️

All Four Seasons 🌸



One Thing We'd Love You to Ask Us About:

Our Hobbies

Our Kids ♥



Our Hope for This Community:

Help Strengthen Jewish Identity and Pride ⬡

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Apple Roses

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INGREDIENTS

- 1 sheet puff pastry, thawed
- 2-3 apples, thinly sliced
- 2 tbsp apricot jam
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- Powdered sugar for dusting

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 Preheat oven to 375°F (190°C).
- 2 Roll out puff pastry and cut into strips.
- 3 Spread apricot jam, sprinkle cinnamon, and layer apple slices.
- 4 Roll up strips to form roses and place in muffin tin.
- 5 Bake 25-30 minutes until golden.
- 6 Dust with powdered sugar. Enjoy!





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To Shelley & Rabbi Yerucham
List, on the loss of her sister,
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To Charlene Weiner for a
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& Shelley Pincus

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To Devorah and Simcha Cohen
and their families on the birth
of their daughter, Chaviva
Avigayil

To Rabbi Michael Rovinsky on
the marriage of his son, Yossi,
to Megan

To Rabbi Shmuel & Chana
Greenwald on the birth of a
grandson, Moshe, to their
children, Chai & Miriam
Greenwald and on the birth of
a granddaughter, Penina, to
their children,
Daniel & Shira Altshuler

To Rabbi & Mrs. Yosef & Miriam
Florans on the marriage of
their daughter, Batsheva to
Chaim Serebrowski

To Stephen and Lexi Yoffie on
the birth of their baby boy

To Jessie and Daniel Lefton on
the birth of their grandson
born to their children
Sam & Tamar

To Rabbi Yossi & Raizy
Golumbeck on the marriage
of their daughter, Penina to
Tzvi Schecter, grandson of
Rabbi Menachem &
Tova Greenblatt

To Dr. Elie & Aliza Frelich on
the birth of their daughter,
Esther Chaya

To Dr. Stan &
Dr. Leila Redlich Biel on the
engagement of their son,
Yoni, to Sarit Swift of Boca
Raton, FL

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birth of their new
granddaughter, Sarah
Nechama, born to their
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Emmaleigh Calhoun on their
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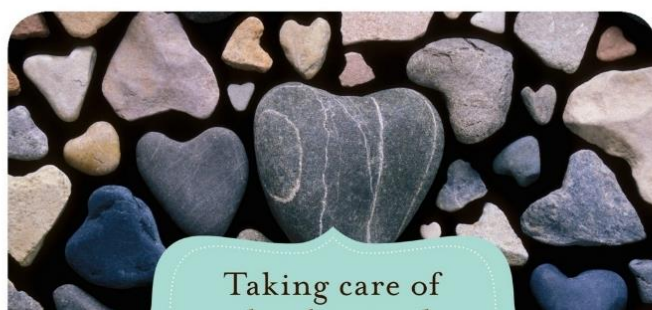
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