

ROSH HASHANAH IN ISRAEL

A prayer for the state of Israel:

אָבינוּ שְׁבַשְׁמִים, צוֹר יִשְׂרָאֵל וְגוֹאֲלוֹ, בְּרַךְ אֶת מְדִינַת יִשְׂרָאֵל, רֵאשִׁית
צְמִיחַת גְּאֻלְתָּנוּ. הִגְן עָלֶיךָ בְּאַבְרַת חֶסֶדְךָ, וּפְרַשׁ עָלֶיךָ סֶכֶת שְׁלוֹמְךָ,
וְשַׁלַּח אוֹרְךָ וְאַמְתָּךְ לְרֵאשִׁיָּהּ, שְׂרִיָּה וְיוֹעֲצֵיָּהּ, וְתִקְנֵם בְּעֶצֶה טוֹבָה
מִלְפָּנֶיךָ. חֲזַק אֶת יְדֵי מְגַנֵּי אֶרֶץ קְדְשֵׁנוּ, וְהַנְּחִילֵם אֱלֹהֵינוּ לְשׁוֹעָה וְעֻטְרַת
נְצִיחוֹן תְּעַטְרֵם, וְנַמְתָּ שְׁלוֹם בְּאַרְצְךָ וְשִׂמְחַת עוֹלָם לְיוֹשְׁבֵיהָ וְנֹאמַר: אָמֵן.

Avinu shbshamim, zur Israel v'egoal, barech et
medinat Israel, reshiy tzmichat geulatenu. Hagen
aleyha b'avrat chasdecha, u'pros aleyha sukat
shlomecha, u'shlach urcha v'amitcha l'rasheyha,
sareyha v'yoatzeyha, u'taknam b'etza tova mlfaneycha.
Chazek et ydey meginey eretz kodshenu, v'hanchilam
eloheyenu yeshua v'ateret nitzachon tatram, v'natata
shalom baretz v'simchat olam l'yoshveyha. V'nomar
Amen

Our Father in Heaven, Rock and Redeemer of the
people Israel; Bless the State of Israel, with its promise
of redemption. Shield it with Your love; spread over it
the shelter of Your peace. Guide its leaders and
advisors with Your light and Your truth. Help them
with Your good counsel. Strengthen the hands of those
who defend our Holy Land. Deliver them; crown their
efforts with triumph. Bless the land with peace, and its
inhabitants with lasting joy. And let us say: Amen.

Common Rosh Hashanah Blessings in Israel:

Shanah tova u'metuka - שנה טובה ומתוקה
a good and sweet year

תכלה שנה שנה וקללותיה, תחל שנה וברכותיה

Techale shanah u'klaloyeiha, tachel shanah
u'birkoteiha.

There ends a year and its maledictions and a new one
begins with its blessings

Rosh Hashanah signs:

Symbolic foods are served at a Rosh Hashanah dinner.
Some of these foods are also puns, and are called
"simanim," or "signs." Special blessings called "Yehi
ratzones," Hebrew for "May it be God's will," are
chanted over these dishes. Here are some of them,
and the traditions associated with them →



Pomegranate:

Pomegranates are said to
have 613 seeds, the same
number as mitzvot in the
Torah. On Rosh Hashanah
we eat a fresh
pomegranate preceded by
the blessing:

"יהי רצון מלפניך אדוני אלוהינו שנהיה מלאים זכויות כרימון"

Yehi Ratzon Mil'fa'necha, Adonai Eloheinu she
nihiye meleim mitzvot ke rimon"

May if be your will Adonai our God that our merits
increase like the seeds of a pomegranate".



Beets:

The Aramaic for beets is
"silka" which sounds like
the Hebrew word "siluk."
"Siluk" means removal.
We pray that our enemies
will be removed.

"יהי רצון מלפניך אדוני אלוהינו שיסתלקו אויבינו ושונאינו"

Yehi ratzon milfaneycha Adonai Eloheinu she istalku "
oyevenu ve soneiyenu".

May it be your will Eternal God that our enemies
and haters will be removed".



Head of a fish:

. It is a very ancient
tradition to bake and
present at the table the head
of a ram. This is done to
symbolize a desire for the
Rosh Hashanah celebrants
to be leaders, not followers.

"יהי רצון מלפניך אדוני אלוהינו שנהיה לראש ולא לזנב"

"Yehi Ratzon Mil'fa'necha, Adonai Eloheinu She niyeh le
rosh velo le zonav"

"May if be your will Adonai our God that we will be the
head and not the tail".

Startup nation

As we begin a new year look at some of the things that began in Israel...

- ☐ The cell phone was developed in Israel by Motorola, which has its largest development center in Israel.



- ☐ The technology for the AOL Instant Messenger and ICQ was developed in 1996 by 4 young Israelis.



- ☐ An Israeli company M-Systems was the first to patent and introduce key chain storage (jump drive).



- ☐ the PillCam - the first ingestible video camera. Used to view the small intestine from the inside, the camera helps doctors diagnose cancer and digestive disorders.

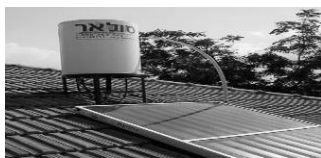


- ☐ Drip irrigation - the system that is based on using plastic pipes that release small amounts of water next to crops or plants - was developed by the Israeli engineer Simcha Blas in the 1970's. The invention caused a revolution in agriculture.

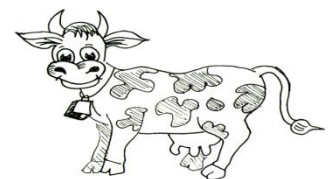


Head and not tail Israel is leading the way...

- ☐ Israel has more Nobel prizes per capita than any other country except Switzerland.
- ☐ Twenty-four percent of Israel's workforce holds university degrees - ranking third in the industrialized world, after the United States and Holland.
- ☐ Israel has the world's second highest per capita of new books published per year.
- ☐ Israel has more museums per capita than any other country.



- ☐ Israel is one of only 8 countries in the world capable of launching their own satellites into space.
- ☐ Over 90% of Israeli homes use solar energy for hot water. The highest percentage in the world.
- ☐ Israel is the only country in the world to have free trade agreements with the US, Mexico and Canada as well as the European Union and the European Free Trade Association, at the same time.



- ☐ Israel's dairy cows are the most productive dairy cows in the world. They average 25,432 pounds of milk per cow per year, compared to just 18,747 pounds from American cows
- ☐ The Israel national trail was recently chosen by *National Geographic* as one of the world's 20 best hiking trails.
- ☐ Israel was the first nation in the world to adopt the Kimberly process, an international standard that certifies diamonds as "conflict free."

