

# Shofar 5782

Before sounding the shofar, there will be a blessing. Here is the English translation:

*Blessed are You, our God, King of the universe, Who has sanctified us with his commandments, and has commanded us to hear the sound of the shofar.*

After the blessing it is important to be silent and hear the sound of the shofar, and reflect -- *in awe and trembling* -- on you and your relationship to all the events of the past year and how you want to change for a better, sweeter year ahead.

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In the first volley there are 12 shofar blasts in this order:

TEKIAH SHEVARIM-TERUAH TEKIAH  
TEKIAH SHEVARIM-TERUAH TEKIAH  
TEKIAH SHEVARIM-TERUAH TEKIAH

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After the sounding of the shofar, some people say a prayer to themselves about what they want for the year to come - like to be written in the Book of Life again.

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The next volley there are 9 blasts in this order:

TEKIAH SHEVARIM TEKIAH  
TEKIAH SHEVARIM TEKIAH  
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Silent Prayer

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The next volley there are 9 blasts in this order:

TEKIAH TERUAH TEKIAH  
TEKIAH TERUAH TEKIAH  
TEKIAH TERUAH TEKIAH-GEDOLAH

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Silent Prayer

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Praiseworthy is the people who knows the shofar blast, God, in the light of Your presence will they walk.

In Your Name they will rejoice all day long. And through your righteousness they will be exalted.

For You are the pinnacle of their power, and in Your will shall our pride be exalted.

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Apples And Honey

Dip a slice of apple in honey and recite this blessing:

*Boruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech HaOlam, Borei Pree Ha-etz.*

Blessed are You, Lord, our God, King of the Universe, Creator of the fruit of the tree.

and this:

May it be Your will, Lord, Our God, and God of our forefathers, that You renew for us a good and sweet year.

Eat your honeyed apple.

SHANAH TOVAH U-METUKAH !