

## **Shofar From Afar**

The central, most well-known mitzvah of Rosh Hashana is the shofar.

We'd like to know what it means to you this year.

Submit a video of yourself or a family member/friend blowing shofar and share a reflection.

The video should not exceed 2 minutes.

We will post it on our High Holiday platform to share with the congregation.

Background:

- In the Torah, sounding the shofar is associated with assembling the people, the call to war/cessation of war, and the sound of revelation at Sinai. Later Jewish tradition saw the shofar's blast as God's call for us to return (t'shuva).
- Often it is described as an instrument to wake us from our slumber.
- It has notes that are whole and broken, that sound like cries or like laughter.
- The shofar is unadorned and usually bent. Its sound can be raw, piercing or uplifting.

Questions to consider:

- What is the shofar trying to awaken us from? Awaken us to?
- What does the cry of the shofar remind you of?

For more information, see Machzor Lev Shalem, p. 118-119

If you'd like to learn more about the shofar or discuss ideas for your submission, contact Rabbis Davis.

Submit your video using [www.wetransfer.com](http://www.wetransfer.com) addressed to [lrappaport@bethelsynagogue.org](mailto:lrappaport@bethelsynagogue.org)

Contact Liz with questions on how to submit.