

Rosh Hashanah-Yom Kippur Greetings

Holidays are times of celebration...most of them are dates on a calendar...
Some are memories etched on our hearts...A few are experiences carved in our souls.
Such holidays are special to us because they represent occasions in our lives
Which are significant to what we are and important to what we want to become in life.

While we approach such celebrations with a sense of excitement...
And such notable events often speak of high points in life's journey...
We enter these days of commemoration in the spirit of dignity and respect...
Like Moses...perhaps...standing in the shadow of the holy and sacred.

No wonder both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are considered the 'Days of Awe'---
They portray the best of what we are and reflect the essence of what we are called to become!
For G-d...and the people of faith...what is far more important than what one is...
Is what one seeks to become...what one wishes to make of his life and living.

G-d...in His love and mercy...has granted us opportunities exactly for that purpose...
That, at any moment...of any day...of any year...we can start a new chapter in living.
The new year's celebration of Rosh Hashanah is the timeless symbol of that new start...
And that's worth celebrating!

Yom Kippur...the Day of Atonement...offers us G-d's ageless challenge...
'Follow Me and I will lead ... I will be your G-d and you'll be My people.'
Being part of G-d's people is the promise of Yom Kippur...
And that's worth the sacrifice!

*"Eternal G-d, may we find hope in Thy love and mercy...
In these 'Days of Awe', give us courage to be more of what you've created us to be...
In these days of celebration and sacrifice, may we sense Shalom in Thy presence...
and
In our journey together...may we discover what it means to be 'brothers and sisters'
and experience the joy of being a part of the family of G-d. Amen"*

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