

*As the new year enters,  
I wanted to wish you a*

# *Shana Tova*

*A year of  
inspiration,  
growth,  
happiness  
and lots of  
Hatzlachah!*

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The doors of Heaven, the gates of prayer are thrust wide open for us on the High Holy days and the Ten Days of Repentance and we are bidden to take advantage of that situation with our prayers, requests and improved social and religious behavior. It would be foolish in the extreme to ignore and not take advantage of such an opportunity to ask for what we need in our personal and national life ...

But Rosh Hashanah is a two way street. It is not only our turn to ask God for what we wish, but it is also a day when God, so to speak, also informs us what He wishes and requires from us. Judaism is a faith of mutually binding covenants between God and the Jewish people, collectively and individually. The rabbis taught us that first and foremost God wants our hearts. He wants sincerity and faith, belief and discipline, strength of character and good will. He abhors falsehood and hypocrisy, mendacity and venality.

From a shiur by Rabbi Dov Wein- [see all](#)

