



## High Holidays in two hours?!

### *'High Holiday Services'.*

Does just hearing the words make you think of expensive tickets, formal seating, being a spectator at a service that isn't all that meaningful and listening to a sermon?

... A really long sermon.

*Well, the CTN YJP Rosh Hashanah Experience is not like that at all. Instead, you spend some time on Rosh Hashanah with a warm approachable rabbi and other interested Jews like yourself, you ask questions and get answers, you explore, you discuss, you sing, you pray and you laugh.*

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**This Thursday, Sept. 29, 2011, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm. At the CTN Center.  
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*Hang in there - Shabbos is coming!*

## ROSH HASHANAH

*This week's CTN Shabbat Fax is dedicated in honor of our precious granddaughters, Talia and Perla Seidner. Happy 4th Birthday dear Talia. Your beautiful spark lights up our world. Mazel Tov to your parents Jennifer and Matthew Seidner on your new home. May this home always be filled with family and friends, learning and growth.*

*With love, Bubbie and Poppa (Doris and Ron Lazarus)*

### **1. The Rosh Hashanah service.**

A beautiful sanctuary. A cantor. Maybe a choir.

And inspiring prayers. About G-d.

And our commitment to Him.

And then – something that doesn't seem to fit in at all.

... *The Shofar.*

Crude. Simple. Almost primitive.

You can barely play a note on it.

... *But that's exactly the point.*

Because sometimes we just have a feeling. Something inside us.

*That somehow, some way, we want to be more connected.*

*To G-d. To our people. And to the Torah.*

... Maybe it's the memories of our grandparents.

Or maybe thoughts about the Jewish future of our children.

It may be a trip we took to Israel.

With the feelings of being Jewish. And how it should mean more to us.

... We don't really know what it is. We can't express it.

*But something's there. Deep down inside us.*

... And that's the message of the *shofar*.

No words. Just a cry.

Calling out from the depths of the Jewish soul.

... *And the challenge of Rosh Hashanah is not to ignore that call.*

Because *Rosh Hashanah* is not just the beginning of a new year.

*It's supposed to be a new beginning in our Jewish living.*

A time to get in touch with those deep Jewish feelings.

Express them. And act on them.

*Because that's where our Jewish future – and the future of our children – is going to come from.*

▪ A seven year old boy was starting his first day of school.  
 And his older and wiser third grade sister was giving him some advice.  
 "One of these days, you'll start doing spelling.  
 And the teacher is going to ask you how to spell 'cat'.  
 And sure, you know how. C-A-T.  
 But whatever you do, don't spell it!  
 ... Because if you do, they keep asking you more questions.  
 And the words just get harder and harder."  
 ... We're like that too sometimes.  
 When we think about Jewish growth. And get overwhelmed.  
 "There's so much to learn. So much to do.  
 I'll never catch up!"  
 ... Rosh Hashanah is a time to just start.  
 And not to worry about how much there is to do.  
 Because little steps are important.  
 ... And they add up.

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Shabbat Shalom and best wishes for a happy, healthy and peaceful new year!

  
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