

Slow but steady! לאט לאט!;

We are poised at the moment of truth. Over the next two days our future success ברוחניות ובגשמיות will be determined. This reality is at times overwhelming. Our anxiousness to accomplish all we want to sets into motion a frenzy of activity that often becomes counterproductive.

On ראש השנה there is a tremendous focus on self. We are concentrating on our performance this past year, on our worthiness to merit Hashem's benevolence, on the fate of our health, our family, our business and so much more that is all contingent on who "we" truly are. This almost obsession with ourselves very often leads to being overly sensitive and over reactive to those around us and understandably so.

There is an aspect of healthy tension that relates to this פחד הדין, however, when this tension impinges on our relationships, especially with those we cherish the most, then we are missing the point.

When עשו encounters יעקב and his family he offers to accompany him in his travels. יעקב responds "וואני אתנהלה לאטי לרגל המלאכה אשר לפני ולרגל הילדים"; *"I will make my way at my slow pace according to the gait of the drove before me and the gait of the children"*. עשו wants to impose himself on יעקב and his family. עשו represents impetuosity and restlessness. עשו desires to deter יעקב by not allowing him to calmly and contemplatively continue his success in רוחניות. But יעקב teaches us that a person must always be vigilant in maintaining one's equilibrium at a slow but steady pace.

The first letters of the first four words of this expression are the אותיות אלול; this impresses on us the need to not let the יצר הרע of nervousness take advantage of our healthy concern to do everything right in this month of אלול in our preparation for the Day of Judgment.

Rav Wolbe זצ"ל in his עלי שור exhorts us to assure that we maintain our balance especially בין אדם during this season. More important than the eating of the סימנים and the good omen it brings is the acting properly; being patient and calm, being positive and giving that brings with it so much more potential for ברכה in our lives.

May we succeed in building on our הצלחה at a healthy pace, may we exhibit to one another support and חיזוק, may we be sensitive and kind in dealing with each other and in that זכות may we enjoy a bright, happy and healthy future.

לשנה טובה תכתבו ותחתמו לאלתר לחיים ולשלום בספרן של צדיקים גמורים!
באהבה,
צבי טייכמן ומשפחתו

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Yomim Noraim Schedule- 2007

<u>Erev Rosh Hashanah</u>	<u>Rosh Hashanah- 2nd Day</u>	<u>Shabbos Shuva</u>	<u>Erev Yom Kippur</u>
<p>**ERUV TAVSHILIN**</p>  <p>Candles- 7:02pm</p> <p>Mincha- 7:05pm <i>Followed by drasha</i></p> <p>Maariv- 8:00pm</p>	 <p>(Thursday eve) Candles- after 8:09pm</p> <p>Shacharis- 8:00am</p> <p>Shofar- 10:30am* ** <i>Preceded by Divrei Hisorerus</i></p> <p>Mincha- 6:45pm <i>Followed by Maariv</i></p>	 <p>Shabbos Candles- 6:59pm</p> <p>Shacharis- 8:30am</p> <p><i>Shabbos Shuva Drasha</i> 6:10pm</p> <p>Mincha- 6:55pm <i>Followed by Shalosh Seduos</i></p> <p>Maariv- 8:06pm</p>	 <p>Mincha- 3:00pm</p> <p>Candles- 6:47pm</p> <p>Kol Nidrei- 6:45pm <i>Followed by drasha & Maariv</i></p> <p><u>Yom Kippur</u></p> <p>Shacharis- 8:30am</p> <p>Yizkor- 12:00pm*</p> <p>Mincha- 5:00pm **UPDATED**</p> <p>Neilah- 6:20pm</p> <p>Maariv- 7:54pm</p>
<p><u>Rosh Hashanah- 1st Day</u></p> <p>Shacharis- 8:00am</p> <p>Shofar- 10:30am* ** <i>Preceded by Divrei Hisorerus</i></p> <p>Tashlich- At your discretion.</p> <p>Mincha- 6:40pm <i>Followed by a Shiur</i></p> <p>Maariv- 8:07pm</p>		<p><u>Tzom Gedaliah</u> (Sunday)</p> <p>Fast begins-5:37am</p> <p>Shacharis- 8:00am</p> <p>Mincha- 6:40pm</p> <p>Maariv- 7:55pm</p> <p>Fast Ends- 8:05pm</p>	

*Estimated times, please provide for some potential discrepancy, it's our first!

** Shofar will be blown another time immediately after Mussaf is over. Not before 1:15pm