

Remembering

Dear God,

I know that Rosh Hashanah is also called Yom Hazikaron, day of remembering. What should I remember? Is today for us to remember, or for You to remember? If we are the ones who need to remember, what should we remember? Should I remember when I was sad, or fighting with my sisters? Should I remember when I won a family game night? Is it as important to remember the bad as it is to remember the good?

What do You remember, God? Do you think of us as Your people who have gone through so many hard things with you through history? Do you think of us as examples of kindness and holiness? Do you remember all the things we did wrong? Do you remember us as a big group, or as separate individuals? What do you do with these memories?

Sometimes I think about what I should do with my memories. Am I supposed to only think and care about the good things? Do the bad ones give me anything but fear, and anger? Is it important to feel fear and anger? Is the point of remembering bad memories to give us courage and perseverance?

Help me remember what's important to remember.

Thank You for listening,

Chava