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By Howard Farkash

It's back to school time.

It's back to football time.

It's back to Jewish War Veterans time!

That's right. "Opening Day" comes early this year.

Sunday Sep 1, 2019 --- 10AM

Be there a bit early for lox and bagels and other brunch goodies.

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If you need a ride, give me a call.

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לשנה טובה תכתבו

The Jewish New Year will begin on Sunday evening September 29, 2019. On the Jewish Calendar the new year will be 5780. Rosh Hashanah, literally meaning the "head [of] the year", is the Jewish New Year. The biblical name for this holiday is Yom Teruah, literally "day of shouting or blasting". It is the first of the Jewish High Holy Days specified by Leviticus 23:23–32 that occur in the early autumn of the Northern Hemisphere.

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11 facts every Jew should know about Rosh Hashanah.

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#2. The central observance of Rosh Hashanah is listening to the blowing of the shofar on both mornings of Rosh Hashanah. Made from a hollowed-out ram's horn, the shofar produces three "voices": tekiah (a long blast), shevarim (a series of three short blasts) and teruah (a staccato burst of at least nine blasts). The shofar is blown at various intervals during the Rosh Hashanah morning service. Add them all up and you get 100 "voices" in total. Read about why we blow 100 blasts here.

#3. Silent Shabbat, When Rosh Hashanah coincides with Shabbat, we do not blow the shofar on that day. The sages enacted this as a precaution, in case someone would end up carrying a shofar to an expert to blow. There is a deeper lesson here as well. On Shabbat, the coronation of the King is so deep and so special that it's accomplished without the bells and whistles of the shofar.

#4. Chabad rabbis all over the world walk many miles on Rosh Hashanah (when car travel is forbidden) to blow shofar for people who are unable to make it to synagogue. If you know someone who cannot make it to synagogue, let your closest Chabad rabbi know as soon as possible.

#5. Rosh Hashanah is celebrated for two days. In fact, while most holidays get an extra day in the Diaspora, Rosh Hashanah is the only one that is celebrated for two days in Israel as well.

#6. The Jewish calendar follows a particular rhythm. The first morning of Rosh Hashanah can be Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Shabbat—never Sunday, Wednesday or Friday.

#7. That's right. Like Shabbat and other Jewish holidays, the Rosh Hashanah meals should be eaten in the joyous glow of candles, lit

by the woman (or women and girls) of the house. Remember: On the first night, it is ideal to light before the onset of the holiday. On the second night, light only after nightfall, taking care to use a preexisting flame and not blow out your match when done. (Even though we may light fires and cook on holidays, kindling a new fire or extinguishing flames are forbidden.) Read how to light here and see when to light #8. On Rosh Hashanah we traditionally start our holiday feasts with two loaves of round challah, sweetened with raisins to demonstrate our wish for a sweet new year. To add sweetness to our already sweet wish, (Continued on Page 8.)

On the Lighter Side

Nothing

During Shabbat services the Rabbi kneels and puts his forehead to the floor and says, "Before you oh Lord, I am nothing."

The Cantor looks at him, thinks it couldn't hurt, and kneels, puts his forehead to the floor, and says, "Before you oh Lord, I am nothing." Ben Shapiro in the fifth row is watching this and thinking that it was a pretty good idea, so he goes in the middle of the isle, kneels and puts his forehead to the floor and says, "Before you oh Lord, I am nothing."

The Rabbi nudges the Cantor. "Look who thinks he's nothing!"

How Old are You

A Jewish patriarch was on the witness stand.

"How old are you?" asked the District Attorney.

"I am, kayn aynhoreh, eighty-one."

"What was that?"

"I said, I am, kayn aynhoreh, eighty-one years old."

"Just answer the question!" yelled the D.A., "How old are you!?"

"Kayn aynhoreh, eighty-one." the old man replied.

The judge said, "The witness will answer the question & only the question or

be held in contempt of court!"

The counsel for the defense rose and asked the judge, "Your Honor, may I

ask?"..and turned towards the old man, "Kayn aynhoreh, how old are you?"

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The old man replied, "Eighty-one"

Jaywalker

The jaywalking problem in New York City reminded me of a time when I was on a visit to Jerusalem with my children. As we waited patiently at a busy intersection for the "walk" signal, a young man sped across the street against the light. An elderly gentleman waiting with us turned and said sadly, "Two thousand years he's waiting for the Messiah, and he can't wait for a light."

Business

A man has been in business for many, many years and the business is going down the drain. He is seriously contemplating suicide and he doesn't know what to do. He goes to the Rabbi to seek his advice. He tells the Rabbi about all of his problems in the business and asks the Rabbi what he should do.

The Rabbi says "Take a beach chair and a bible and put them in your car and drive down to the edge of the ocean. Go to the water's edge. Take the beach chair out of the car, sit on it and take the bible out and open it up. The wind will rifle the pages for a while and eventually the bible will stay open at a particular page. Read the bible and it will tell you what to do."

The man does as he is told. He places a beach chair and a bible in his car and drives down to the beach. He sits on the chair at the water's edge and opens the bible. The wind rifles the pages of the bible and then stops at a particular page. He looks down at the bible and sees what he has to do.

Three months later the man and his family come back to see the Rabbi. The man is wearing a \$1,000 Italian suit, The wife is all decked out with a full-length mink coat and the child is dressed in beautiful silk. The man hands the Rabbi a thick envelope full of money and tells him that he wants to donate this money to the synagogue in order to thank the Rabbi for his wonderful advice. The Rabbi is delighted. He recognizes the man and asks him what advice in the bible brought this good fortune to him.

The man replies: "Chapter 11."

It's all in the Delivery

Abie and Moishe had a religious goods store on Delancey Street on the Lower East Side of NYC.

The neighborhood was changing. The Jews were moving to Westchester or Long Island and the Puerto Ricans were moving in.

"Abie, ve haff to move to Westchester," said Moishe.

"Ve can't. Diss neighborhood iz our life. Ve've been here for toity-tree years. Maybe ve can start stockink Ketolic articles too."

"Vat? Ketolic articles? Bistu in gantzen meshuggeh? Ve're Jews. NO Ketolic articles!!!"

Well a month passed and they

sold nothing but two talliseisim, three mezzuzahs and one set of tefillin. Now was the time to fish or cut bait.

Moishe agreed that they had to stock Catholic articles, so he said to Abie, "OK, call dat Ketolic supply house on Park Avenue."

Abie: "Hello, Ketolic supply house on Park Avenue? Diss is Abie and Moishe's on Delancey Street. I vant 200 daily missals, 100 autographed pictures of the Pope, 200 of dose beads, vat you call em, Rosaries?, and a gross of crucifixes. ... and I need dos things here tommorow."

"OK, Sir. I got your order. Let me read it back. 200 daily missals, 100 autographed pictures of the Pope, 200 sets of Rosaries and 100 crucifixes.

So, tell me, however, dese crucifixes... You vant dem mit or mitout de Jesuses? And tomorrow we don't deliver... it's Shabbos!"

VA touts 'transformation,' five years after Phoenix hospital scandal

WASHINGTON – Five years after the Veterans Affairs hospital in Phoenix made national headlines for falsifying records about patient wait times, agency officials told House lawmakers Wednesday that the system has seen a "tremendous transformation."

Dr. Teresa Boyd of the Veterans Health Administration said wait-times are down nationwide, in many cases better than times in private practice, even as the sys-

tem treated 1 million more patients than it did last year.

"VHA has undergone tremendous transformation since 2014," said Boyd, an assistant deputy undersecretary for clinical operations at the VHA. She told the House Veterans Affairs Committee that the agency is "operating with a renewed focus, unprecedented transparency, and increased accountability."

While lawmakers generally agreed that things are better than they were in 2014, some cited specific cases of vets who have been turned away from VA clinics when they needed care, and others worried that old problems persist.

"After reviewing our witness testimonies and several articles that have appeared recently in national media, I'm alarmed that too much that ... was observed five years ago, still is true today," said Rep. Mark Takano, D-California, the committee chairman.

"We simply cannot put veterans lives at risk while they wait for care," Takano said.

It was delayed care that sparked the scandal at the Phoenix VA hospital in 2014. Whistleblowers reported then that workers there were falsifying patient records to make it appear that vets were getting timely care when, in fact, some were waiting for months.

A subsequent VA audit of the Phoenix facility was not able to attribute any deaths directly to delayed care, but it found 28 cases of "clinically significant de-

lays" in care. In one case, hospital staff tried to schedule a primary care visit for a vet who had come to the hospital with a number of problems – but their call came three months after the veteran died of his ailments.

The Phoenix story led to a review of VA facilities across the U.S. that uncovered "nationwide systemic" problems with scheduling and medical care.

In the years that followed, several executives at the Phoenix VA were fired and Congress crafted laws making it easier for the agency to get rid of poor employees and giving veterans greater access to private care outside the system.

-Cronkite News video by Julian Paras

Since then, Boyd said, the VA has steadily decreased patient wait time and implemented same-day services for mental health and primary care and community-based outpatient clinics. She pointed to an American Medical Association study in January that found "by 2017, VA had significantly shorter wait times for primary care, cardiology, and dermatology than the wait times seen for private doctors."

Boyd told the hearing that there is a new agency emphasis on patient service, adding that surveys show the vast majority of vets report being satisfied with their care.

Rep. Phil Roe, R-Tennessee, applauded the improvements.

VA partners with National Guard to provide on-site counseling during training weekends

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the Department of Defense formalized a partnership June 28 between VA's Vet Centers and the National Guard Bureau, to provide Vet Center counseling, outreach staff and other services to members during training or drill weekends.

"This relationship between VA and the National Guard further advances the department's efforts to decrease service member and Veteran suicide," said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. "Vet Center staff will provide counseling and referral to those who may be under stress and at risk for self-harm."

VA's 300 Vet Centers, 80 Mobile Vet Centers and a 24/7 call center provide community-based counseling for a wide range of social and psychological services, including confidential readjustment counseling and outreach and referral to eligible Veterans, active-duty, and National Guard and Reserve members and their families.

Vet Center counselors and outreach staff, many of whom are Veterans themselves, are experienced and prepared to discuss the tragedies of war, loss, grief and transition after trauma.

Suicide prevention is a top priority for the National Guard, which experienced the highest rate of suicide among military components in 2017. Since then, VA

has seen a 38% increase in National Guard service members seeking Vet Center services.*

"This is an important and historic day for the National Guard and Veterans Affairs," said Gen. Joseph L. Lengyel, chief of the National Guard Bureau, "This partnership will increase our ability to offer access to services to our Guard Soldiers and Airmen and their families who live in remote locations. Ultimately, this partnership will positively impact the readiness of our force."

Suicides across the Guard have dropped to the lowest point than they have been in the past 5 years when comparing annual data from January to August. NGB is carefully examining the information to determine whether a direct correlation exists between the reduction of suicides so far in 2019, and this type of strategic engagement.

Nearly 300,000 Veterans and active-duty service members received Vet Center services in 2018.

A Review on the Service at the VA Northwest Clinic

Over the past year I visited the Northwest Clinic and the VA Orthopedic Clinic at the Carl Hayden Hospital.

I experienced a minimum of waiting for the Hearing Department and received examination and subsequently receiving a very good set of hearing aids which were fitted for my ears.

Since 2005 I have received ex-

cellent service on obtaining diabetic shoes yearly.

I didn't have any problems in obtain service at either place to obtain what I needed.

The VA service a very large segment of the Veteran population. Yes, the VA had its problems. However, the VA has done an excellent job in improving its service to the Veterans population in Arizona.

Editor: Nelson Magedman

Army Recruiting Leader Awaits Judgment After Using Nazi Death Camp Motto in Memo

A U.S. Army Recruiting Command leader has been suspended for allegedly using the notorious phrase that hung over the entrance to a World War II Nazi death camp in a memo to encourage recruiters to sign up more recruits.

The "Truth of Army Recruiting" Twitter account recently posted a snapshot of the memo, which included the phrase "Arbeit Macht Frei [Work Will Set You Free]" and promised days off to recruiters for bringing new soldiers into the service.

In the memo, the company commander allegedly promised that "1 contract=No Saturday Work Days," and "2 contracts=1 Company Token for a day off."

"If you write 6 contracts or more ... you are a god and I make a shrine for you," the memo reads.

Editors Note: I have no use for

the Army's Recruiting service. This is my opinion and does not reflect and is not intended to reflect on this organization views or policies. You may write into "Letters to the Editor" on your experiences with military recruiting. Keep the language professional.

Navy's New Top Officer Warns Sailors About Serious Threats on the High Seas

U.S. sailors have faced few threats from other blue-water navies for decades, but the new chief of naval operations is warning that is no longer the reality.

In his first message to the force, Adm. Michael Gilday cautioned sailors about potential adversaries gaining numbers and strength. The Navy must be trained and equipped themselves to take them on, he said.

"For the first time in a very long time, we face serious challenges at sea around the world," Gilday, who became the new CNO on Thursday, said in a fleet-wide message.

Other countries will use their maritime forces to threaten freedom of the seas, intimidate their neighbors, and violate international law, he wrote.

Gilday's message was followed by one from the Pentagon about China's "coercive interference" in Vietnam's longstanding oil and gas activities in the South China Sea, highlighting one of several recent escalations in international waters or exclusive maritime zones.

China, according to the State Department, recently sent a survey vessel -- along with armed escorts -- close to Vietnam's coast. It was one of several recent efforts to coerce nations in the region to "reject partnerships with foreign oil and gas firms, and to work only with China's state-owned enterprises," Morgan Ortagus, a State Department spokeswoman, said last week.

Now, the Pentagon is warning that China's efforts violate the region's rules-based international order.

"China will not win the trust of its neighbors nor the respect of the international community by maintaining its bullying tactics," the Pentagon statement reads.

U.S. Marines and sailors in the Persian Gulf also recently shot down at least one Iranian drone that got too close to their ship and are taking new steps to defend themselves against fast boats in the Strait of Hormuz. That's the area where a British tanker was recently seized.

Even if other navies can't take physically take on American ships, Gilday said they'll look for other vulnerabilities.

"They will try to attack our Navy in areas like cyber," said Gilday, who previously served as the head of Navy Cyber Command.

To stay ahead, the CNO said the service will rapidly modernize. There will also be an emphasis on training, he said, calling a well-trained force "our competitive advantage." He plans to re-

lease a detailed guidance to the force in 45 days, and said he'll work with leaders, international partners and the Marine Corps to "develop our way ahead to meet these challenges."

The Marine Corps' new commandant, Gen. David Berger, recently said he wants greater integration between the Navy and his service as sailors and Marines face new threats ashore and at sea. Some naval experts have called Berger's planning guidance, in which the commandant shared his vision for naval integration, revolutionary and a game-changer.

Gilday told lawmakers during his nomination ceremony that he is committed to working closely with the Marine Corps as CNO.

Army Rolls Out New Reenlistment Bonus Worth Up to \$81,000

The U.S. Army just unveiled sweeping changes to its Selective Retention Bonus (SRB) program, offering payouts of up to \$81,000 to soldiers willing to reenlist for longer periods in high-demand career fields.

Army MILPER Message 19-261 -- which goes into effect Sept. 9 - is the sixth bonus message the service has sent out this year. It's designed to offer the biggest increases to soldiers who reenlist in specialties such as Special Forces, cyber and military intelligence for 60 months or more, Sgt. Maj. Mark Thompson, the Army's senior career counselor, told Military.com.

"We are going to give more when the soldiers give more, to complement their length of continued service with a higher bonus," Thompson said.

As with the current SRB pay table, the new table offers 10 tiers that affect skill-level 1 soldiers from private first class to specialist, as well as sergeants, staff sergeants and sergeants first class for re-enlistment terms ranging from 12 months to 60 months or more.

"There are about 700 variations of bonuses on this bonus message, depending on the soldier's [military occupational specialty], their skill, the grade that they hold and the term length that they choose," Thompson said.

Although retention is at a historic high, the Army still needs to fill jobs such as unit supply specialists in the 75th Ranger Regiment -- a Tier-10 option that could earn a specialist a \$65,600 bonus for a commitment of 60 months or more, officials said. On the current SRB tier table, that specialist would earn \$58,300 for the same long-term reenlistment.

Only staff sergeants and sergeants first class in specialties such as Special Forces and cyber fields will be eligible to earn the full payout of \$81,000 for a reenlistment of 60 months or more -- a \$9,000 increase over the current Tier-10 option for the same commitment.

A cavalry scout sergeant on the current SRB table would get \$7,800 for a six-year reenlistment, but the new SRB will give

the same soldier \$9,900 -- an increase of \$2,100, according to an Army news release.

Some bonus amounts do not change. A private first class who reenlists for 12 to 23 months is eligible for a \$1,000 bonus under both tables.

The new bonus table will affect only about 1,000 soldiers who are still eligible for reenlistment in fiscal 2019, but it stands to affect about 45% of the approximately 50,000 soldiers eligible for reenlistment in fiscal 2020, Thompson said.

"We want soldiers to go and talk to their career counselors; they've not only received the MILPER message ... but they can explain it in a way that is simple to grasp and they can also present different opportunities," said Lt. Col. Junel Jeffery, spokeswoman for the assistant secretary of the Army for Manpower & Reserve Affairs and the deputy chief of staff for Personnel (G-1).

"If you want to change your career field and try something new, this might be an opportunity to do so," she said.

Air Force's Latest Challenge: Getting 2 Muscle Cars Across the Atlantic to Help Spy Planes Land

This article originally appeared on Task & Purpose, a digital news and culture publication dedicated to military and veterans issues.

A squadron of airmen are cur-

rently grappling with an unusual task: Sending a pair of Dodge Charger chase cars from their current home in New Jersey to the United Kingdom to help U-2 Dragon Lady spy planes land safely.

The Air Force announced last week that personnel at 305th Aerial Port Squadron at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst are currently working to certify a pair of chase cars and a transportation truck for overseas transport to Royal Air Force Mildenhall -- a time-consuming (and apparently unexpected) process that ensures cargo can be safely transported by aircraft.

Chase cars are employed to assist the spy planes during takeoff and landing given both the aircraft's unique design and the limited peripheral vision of U-2 pilot pressure suits. Why RAF Mildenhall couldn't find local alternatives remains unclear.

"The chase vehicles we received have no Air Transportability Test Loading Agency certification," 305th APS load planning supervisor Staff Sgt. Ryan Murray, said in an Aug. 21 Air Force news release. "They have no fixed area to be restrained or tied down in the aircraft, so there's no black and white way on how to transport them."

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"When they arrive to our area like that, they are deemed non-airworthy and that's when we have to figure out how we can load

them safely or we may have to make the call that we can't load it," he added.

This isn't just a matter of measuring the cargo. Personnel from the 305th APS have to coordinate with ATTLA at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio to actually translate the data into a certification that ensures the transportation process doesn't damage both the vehicles and the C-17 Globemaster III or KC-10 Extender aircraft that, according to The War Zone, are the likely choices to ferry them overseas.

"We have to do a full inspection of the vehicle to see how much weight is on each individual tire, both axles weighed together, the total weight of the vehicle, ground clearance and check the overhang on the front and rear of the vehicle to see if it can go up an aircraft ramp or not," Murray said. "Once we have those measurements, an ATTLA engineer takes the info to create a certification on how to move that cargo."

The risk of shifting cargo is no joke. In 2015, the National Transportation Safety Board determined that the crash of a Boeing 747-400 plane just after takeoff from Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan occurred after an Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) broke free of its restraints and plowed into the aircraft's hydraulic systems. Six crew members were killed.

And this isn't just a complicated lift, but a relatively costly one: As The War Zone points out, using

a C-17 or KC-10 to lug a pair of chargers across the Atlantic could cost the Air Force as much as \$190,000 just to get the vehicles RAF Mildenhall. Wouldn't it be a bit cheaper to simply source a similar vehicle from the unit handling U-2 operations at RAF Fairford?

Three Palestinians killed in explosions in Gaza

At least three Palestinians were reported to have been killed and several others wounded in two explosions in Gaza City late Tuesday night, local authorities said.

The two killed in the first explosion at the al-Dahdouh junction in the southern part of the city were identified by the Hamas-run Palestinian Ministry of Health as 32 year-old police officers Salameh al Nadim and Ala' al Gharbleh.

According to an interior ministry spokesperson the explosion happened close to a police checkpoint.

"Two members of the police were martyred as a result of an explosion that took place near a police checkpoint at the Dahdouh intersection south of Gaza City. The relevant authorities have started to examine the nature of the explosion."

Another man was said to have been killed in another explosion shortly afterwards in Sheikh Ajlin neighborhood.

Several others were wounded in the explosions, including one critically, and transferred to al-Shifa hospital for medical treatment.

While the interior ministry first placed blame on an Israeli airstrike before retracting it, other reports in the Strip claimed that one of the policemen had been carrying an explosive device which detonated.

The IDF denied involvement saying that they were unaware of any airstrikes.

Hours earlier on Tuesday four mortars were fired at southern Israel.

According to the IDF, one fell in open territory next to the border fence while the other three fell inside the Strip. There were no casualties or injuries.

In response, an Israeli aircraft bombed a Hamas observation post east of Juhor ad-Dik in the central Gaza Strip.

In the last round of violence between Israel and group in the Strip in May, which saw close to 700 rockets were fired on Israel, the Israel Air Force carried out the first targeted killing in five years taking out Hamed al-Khoudary who Israel accused of being the man in charge of transferring funds from Iran to terror

groups in the Strip.

Another Hamas operative was struck while riding his motorcycle on Salah al-Din Street, near the city of Khan Younis and the Israeli military also targeted the private homes of other senior Hamas activists.

The targeted strikes brought Hamas to its knees and a cease-fire arrangement was hammered out.

The tensions in southern Israel come as the IDF is on high alert in northern Israel following an Israeli airstrike in Syria and alleged Israeli attacks in Lebanon, leading to Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah warned that the group would retaliate.

According to the Lebanese satellite television station Al-Mayadeen, the Palestinian terror groups in the Gaza Strip will join any confrontation between Israel and the Iranian-backed Hezbollah terror group.

The Hezbollah-affiliated Al-Mayadeen quoted an unnamed source in the "Palestinian resistance" in the Gaza Strip as saying: "If war breaks out with Hezbollah, we will be at the front line."

The source, who was described as a leader of the "Palestinian resistance," said that Israel "must read the message of our support

for the resistance in Lebanon."

Hamas, Islamic Jihad and other Gaza-based groups have condemned Israel's recent airstrikes in Syrian and Lebanon and voiced support for Hezbollah.

The situation in Gaza remains very fragile as violent incidents continue," Mladenov told the Security Council in New York.

"Israel must calibrate its use of force and use lethal force only as a last resort, and only in response to imminent threats of death or serious injury. Hamas must prevent the indiscriminate launching of rockets and mortars towards Israel. It must ensure that protests at the fence remain peaceful and prevent provocations," he said.

Masada

Masada is one of many Jewish historical and archeological sites in Israel. Jews have had a continuous presence in the land for over 3,000 years.

Jews in Jerusalem

Jews are indigenous to Israel, and once again became the largest group living in Jerusalem in the 1860s.

Jewish connection to the land

The Jewish connection to the land of Israel spans over 3,000 years, as demonstrated through numerous historical and archaeological sites and artifacts.

Coins, History, and Zionism

Fast fact: these coins and their

motifs inspired modern day Israeli currency.

History in the Land of Israel

The Jewish people have a long and rich history in the Levant, especially in the city of Jerusalem. Despite suffering oppression and expulsions, Jews have lived in Jerusalem and the surrounding area for 3,000 years.

The Western Wall

The 2nd temple in Jerusalem was the center of Jewish life, and stood for 600 years before being destroyed by the Romans in 70 CE. To this day, Jews continue to visit and pray at the Western Wall of the temple.

Israel to hold elections in September .Gantz vs Netanyahu: the race between two leaders accused of corruption.

Five things to know about Netanyahu administration's corruption cases

Tensions flare as Israel welcomes US delegation for embassy opening In 2018, Israel became the most condemned nation at the UN

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As we enter the fall season we hope that each and everly member attends a synagogue of their choice and with the fall season we will be having important elections for government offices. In this country everyone should use their right to vote and maintain this democracy

Freedom is not free. Unless you choose not to use it, you may someday be unable to use it.

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we dip the challah in honey before taking the first bite.
#9. The meal then proceeds, including a number of sweet delicacies and other foods that express our prayerful wishes for the year. The most common symbolic food is apple slices dipped in honey (or sugar in some communities). Another favorite is tzimmes, a traditional Eastern European dish that includes carrots.#10. It is customary to sample a morsel from the head of a fish on Rosh Hashanah, symbolizing our wish to be “a head and not a tail.” Some people prefer the head of a ram, which is appropriate since it evokes the time when Abraham almost followed G-d’s command to sacrifice his son Isaac, until G-d stopped him at the last moment and had him sacrifice a ram instead.#11. Many people eat pomegranates on Rosh Hashanah, demonstrating their wish for as many merits as the pomegranate has seeds. It is commonly said that the pomegranate has 613 seeds, corresponding to the 613 mitzvahs in the Torah. However, this has yet to be empirically demonstrated by seed counters.



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