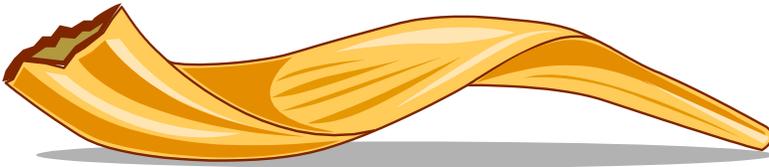


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A Rosh Hashana Message for 5767

The first night of Slichos we cry out to Hashem:

מרבִּים צרכנו ואין להאמר מקצר דעה וכו'
"Our needs are so many but cannot be expressed for our lack of wisdom".

The last day of Slichos we reiterate our plaint:

מרבִּים צרכי עמך ודעתם קצרה, מחסורם
ומשאלותם בל יוכלו לספרה

"The needs of your nation are so many but we lack the wisdom to express them". After a whole week of introspection, and self-analysis we still cannot determine what truly we need this coming year other than the generalities of health, security and prosperity. We therefore beseech Hashem: בינה הדיגנו טרם נקרא

"Hashem understand our prayers before we utter them".

We leave it to Hashem to select from our prayers those that are indeed for our benefit.

The above thought was dramatically demonstrated in the recent war with Iran's proxy, the Hizballa [י"שוי]. Their attack on Israel, a minor skirmish in the Moslem's war against Western Civilization, was answered by Israel's military response.

Throughout the Torah-observant Jewish world, Jews prayed fervently for Israel's success in totally destroying their arch-enemy, those misfits from human society who failed to attain the humanhood of one created בצלם אלקים. Hashem rejected our prayers in favor of His understanding of what is best for our nation. If Israel had eliminated the threat of terrorism from the Hizballa, Olmert and his cohort of self-hating Jews would have immediately begun the expulsion of the finest of our nation from their homes in Yehuda v'Shomron, the West Bank. With the Hizballa still a fighting force, their arsenals of missiles provided them by Iran and Syria still a threat, the planned expulsion of Israeli citizens, mostly Torah observant Jews, could not begin. Hashem modified our prayers that we uttered, without wisdom, to benefit this nation Israel. We defeated, but did not destroy our enemy so that Israel can be at Peace!

May Hashem monitor all our prayers to assure that they are truly for our benefit, and inscribe us in His Book of Life for the year תשסז.

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