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# How to Sound the Shofar - A Simple Guide



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*Let's get inspired*

Every Rosh Hashanah, we pull out the shofar and sound it. How does one sound the shofar.

The sounding of the shofar is generally a public affair.

One person sounds the shofar for the congregation, which stands and listens together.

## Instructions

What can we do if we can't make it to a community to hear the shofar? How does one sound the shofar at home? Whoever has a shofar can fulfill the commandment by sounding it at home. Here is how to do it.

Two blessings are recited before the sounding of the shofar:

The first blessing: Barukh atta Adonai Eloheinu melekh ha-olam, asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu lishmoa kol shofar.

“Blessed are you Lord our God, Sovereign of the universe, Who has sanctified us with the commandments and commanded us to hear the blast of the shofar.”

The second blessing: Barukh atta Adonai Eloheinu melekh ha-olam, shehekhiyanu v'kiymanu v'higiyanu lazman hazeh.

“Blessed are you Lord our God, Sovereign of the universe, Who has given us life and sustained us and enabled us to reach this time.”

To fulfill the mitzvah of hearing the shofar, a total of thirty shofar blasts are sounded in three consecutive sets.

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Set 1: Three rounds of Teki'ah - Shevarim - Teru'ah - Tekiah (12 total blasts)

Set 2: Three rounds of Teki'ah - Shevarim - Tekiah (9 total blasts)

Set 3: Three rounds of Teki'ah - Teru'ah - Tekiah (9 total blasts)

“Teki'ah” is one long, continuous sound.

“Shevarim” is three short blasts.

“Teru'ah” is a sequence of many tiny blasts (at least 9) in a row.



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