***Today We Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord!***

September 15-17 is the feast of Yom Teruah, also known as Rosh Hashanah.

Teruah = Noise, shouting; raising a noise

Today marked a joyful noise unto the Lord (Psalm 81:1-4).

This feast is unique because:  
1) It is the only holiday that starts on a new moo.  
2) The only reason for this feast is to “rest” and offer sacrifice (Numbers 29:1; Leviticus 23:24).

This holiday is also called the “Head of the Year.”

That year is 5784: Pey Dalet  
Face/Mouth of God  
Door…

This year is prophetically saying, “God’s face is at the door!”

**Rosh Hashanah—Awakening to Judgment**

This marks the beginning of a ten day period of prayer, self-examination and repentance (aseret yemei Teshuvah), culminating on Yom Kippur, or day of repentance.

These days are referred to as Yamim Norai’m, or days of Awe or high holy days. This day can also mean days of purification.

*L’Shanah Tovah Tikatevu*! (May you be inscribed [in the book of life] for a good year!). This is the greeting. Then the response is: “*Gam Letha*” (Same to you).

Tradition says that it’s at this time of Rosh Hashanah that the earth was created, that this is the 6th day of creation when Adam and Eve were created. The most significant thing on this holiday is that this day is a “day of Remembrance” (Leviticus 23:24) to remember to blow the shofar or Teruah to both coronate God as King of the Universe and to remember the sacrifice of Isaac.

The shofar blast is meant to jolt our sleep.

On these days, messages on repentance and judgement will be stressed.

Let us then walk thoughtfully in these next few days.

Let us soberly meditate in gratefulness how God has been good to us.

Let us express the same kindness to others.

“Blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) are the people who know the joyful sound [who understand and appreciate the spiritual blessings symbolized by the feasts]; they walk, O Lord, in the light and favor of Your countenance!”  
Psalm 89:15 AMPC