

RABBI'S MESSAGE

Seventeen Wishes for the New Year, 2017

Dear God,

With Your Divine help, I pray:

1. To be able to recognize my strengths and use them wisely;
2. To understand my limitations and work within them;
3. To truly listen to what the world is teaching;
4. To truly listen to the hearts of those in need;
5. To be truly heard when I speak from my own heart;
6. To understand and utilize the power and importance of silence;
7. To learn something new each day, and to recognize learning from unexpected sources;
8. For those who struggle with illness, addictions and disabilities to find healthy paths to living full lives;
9. For those who struggle with issues of identity to find the Divine Self within;
10. For those with economic struggles to be able to find needed resources;
11. To appreciate the many blessings, both obvious ones and hidden ones;
12. To see difficult challenges as opportunities for growth;
13. To exercise my mind, body and spirit regularly to keep each healthy and challenged;
14. To rest and rejuvenate regularly;
15. To be patient with those I hold dear, and be even more patient with those with whom I have been impatient;
16. To embrace whatever mysteries the new year brings;
17. To express my gratitude and love often.

This list is only a beginning. As the new year continues, I hope to revisit my list and expand upon it. We all begin a new year with hopes, dreams, wishes and prayers. Let's journey together.

L'shalom,

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