



Holiday: Days of Awe
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Days of Awe

If ever there were a Jewish holiday custom-made to the specifications of a gender variant Jew, the Days of Awe would have to be it/them. The Days of Awe are the ten days bordered by *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur*. They are not a discrete event, rather, they are ten days of liminality – betweenness – within which we prepare ourselves for our closest encounter with the Infinite this side of death. Sounds like transition to me, nu? This holiday rings, shouts, nay, this celebration of liminality blasts forth, bleats, laments and exults with the *shofar* call of transformation. I hearby dub them instead the Days of AWESOME! Wake up! The *shofar* says, for:

This is the holiday that recognizes

Even the gender *invariant*

May be intentionally reconstructed

May have the benefit of masculine, feminine and

That which lies between and beyond

Recognize who you are

Know what you have been this past year

Die

To your shortcomings

Then think yourself

From one image of G-d to another.



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Take a firm grip on the tree
Of your own life and
Hold on with your clutching fingertips
To the illusion you embody
A fruit of that tree, you
Hang over the depths
Of your own abyss
And work within
To bear the darkness
For the potential
The gestation
It offers

Then let go
Fall and fly
And laugh for *yichud**

May your Days of Awe lead you toward peace with your Finites and with your Infinities. As a result of your Awesome Transformation, may you be Made of Awesome in the coming year.

- *yichud*- unification, often used to refer to the unification of the male and female aspects of the Divine



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