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## *A Sweet Year for All: A Rosh Hashanah Reading*

On Rosh Hashanah we reflect on the blessings and the challenges of the past year and look forward to the coming year with hope and a renewed sense of commitment and purpose. We dip apples in honey as a first act to usher in a sweet new year for ourselves, our families and our communities.

As we share the sweet tastes of the new year, let us also pray for and work toward the moment when all human beings throughout the world can confidently look forward to a hopeful future, one of sustenance and security.

**May we commit our financial resources to eradicate the root causes of hunger and famine so our sisters and brothers fighting for life in the Horn of Africa can feed themselves and their loved ones in this new year.**

**May we commit our political power to advocate for our brothers and sisters striving to rebuild in Haiti so they can have a say in the reconstruction of their homeland and their livelihoods in this new year.**

**May we commit our social power—our knowledge, voices and networks—to support marginalized people all over the world and ensure that their stories are heard in the halls of power.**

May this new year be a *shanah tovah u'metukah*, good and sweet for *all*.