

The Second New Year After October 7, 2023

Another New Year
Rosh Ha-Shanah
'The head
of the year'
while
the heart
of the past
two years
is still
bleeding
broken
by grief
loss
anguish
day-by-devastating-day
destruction.

Rosh Ha-Shanah
cue for '*shanah*'
'change'
but
nothing
is changing.

So
what should we do
with this New Year?
what can we do
to effect change?

We can speak up
and speak out
we can support
the refusers
the resistors
the co-exist-ers
the peace-with-justice
makers-and-seekers
who are standing
together
in defiance of
division
in the chasm
between
stone-hearted
hatreds
with them
we can choose
Life.

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