



ROSH HASHANAH

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אין עוד מלבדו

there is nothing other than Him

It is the greatest honor to Hashem that we serve Him as one harmonious nation fulfilling His will with total unanimity of mind, heart and purpose—with each helping the other in the perfection of his *avodah*. This is the very purpose of our existence: To establish Hashem's reign on earth and crown Him King of all creation.

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