

MY EMAIL TO GOD

Dear Friends,

Please see my email correspondence below.

Begin forwarded message:

From: Rabbi Freedman <rabbi@newwestend.org.uk>

Date: August 16, 2015 20:18:27 BST

To: God <God@heaven.co.il>

cc: Moshiach <Moshiach613@heaven.co.il>, Heavenly Court
<angels@heaven.co.il>

Subject: Requests for the coming year

Dear God,

I trust you are keeping well. I am writing on behalf of the Jewish people to make a few requests for the coming year. I realise that it's probably a busy time with the Yom Tovim coming up very soon and all that, but we are told that this is an especially good time to talk to you and make our requests, so here it goes.

1. Please could you make sure we live through the year? We all have so much we want to achieve and while I'm sure that Heaven is a nice place to be, we can do so much more in this world. Not only that, but we can enjoy so much of life here. For instance, the latest Hunger Games movie is coming out in November (Mockingjay Part 2). I don't know if it's your cup of tea, but I can't wait to find out what happens! There's also a sequel to Crouching Dragon, Hidden Tiger coming out next year and I'm sure I speak for most people when I say that I would really hate to miss it.

Also, could you make sure that our families are all safe? We want to watch our children and grandchildren grow up and enjoy them for many years to come. They mean so much to us - more than we can express.

2. Please could you help keep us fit and healthy during the coming year? After all, what's the point of life if one spends it in suffering? Pain is so debilitating and no one likes to see a loved one endure it or have to go through any type of illness. The odd cold would be fine and we will obviously try to stay out of trouble by eating healthy foods and exercising, but the rest really is up to you.

3. Please could you ensure that we all have enough money to live comfortably, after all, the more we have the more we can give to tzedakah, right? I realise that the economy is not what it once was, but a bit more cash would really help to pay the bills.

4. I know this is a biggie, but could you please make our politicians and journalists have a little bit more sense. I know it would involve some type of open miracle, which strictly speaking are no longer allowed, but you are the Almighty, right? If I have

to listen to the news when they're talking about Israel one more time, I might just blow a gasket!

Seriously though, it's really painful to watch Israel being slandered, vilified and defamed. We love our little country, even with all its imperfections. We don't need the rest of the world to love Israel, but if they could just be a bit more balanced, that would be really appreciated. If that's too much, could you at least make the UN stop being so biased and prejudiced towards Israel? At least that would be a start.

5. While we are on the subject of Israel, could you help to stop Hamas and all of the other terrorist movements who are threatening both Israel and the rest of the world? It's in all of our interests and I don't see how we can find a solution by ourselves. They are responsible for so much suffering and hurt, it is almost too much to bear. We all hope that we will live to see an end to human suffering and pain and I hope you'll agree that it would help us serve you better in the future.

Thanks so much for taking the time to read this. Please do let me know if any of this is possible. Shannah Tovah u'metukah - have a good and sweet New Year.

Kind regards,

Moshe

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Subject: Re: Requests for the coming year

Dear Moshe,

Thank you so much for your email. It was so great to hear from you, after all, it's been such a long time. I cannot tell you how every day I long to hear from you and all of your friends. Please do pass on my regards to them and tell them that I think about them all the time - literally! If they ever, ever want to be in touch with me, tell them I'm available any time, any place in whatever language they like (after all, I created them all so it should be obvious that I understand them)! They don't have to worry about feeling "religious" and all that malarkey. I just want them to be in touch.

With respect to your requests, of course I want you to all live through the year. However, while I cannot reveal the reason that some people will live the year out and others

will not, it might be a good idea to focus a bit more on the mission I set your forefathers over 3,300 years ago.

There's probably nothing wrong with going to a see couple of movies although I'm not giving you *psak* (a halachic decision); best to ask your local orthodox rabbi for that! But there is a purpose to life beyond the physical pleasures of movies and popcorn.

Try to think about what your lasting legacy will be: Did you devote time to helping others or did you focus mainly on yourself? Did you use your time wisely or did you waste it? Just imagine what a dying person would do for a little more life. Did you try to build relationships with other people? It's one thing with the people you love, but what about those who may have wronged you during that past year? No one is perfect, but I promise measure for measure, if you can forgive others for their shortcomings, it will help me forgive you for yours.

I realise that the whole thing about health is difficult for you to comprehend. I can't tell you why some people suffer with illnesses and other tragic and terrible things. Please trust me when I tell you that with your finite minds and therefore finite understanding of the world, you would simply not be able to grasp it. If you could, you would be just like me, and there can only be one God. Just rest assured that I love you all and when you cry, I cry with you. However, I saw that you copied in the Moshiach (Messiah). I can guarantee that when he arrives, everything will make perfect sense.

With respect to money, I guess that one is really up to you. I decide on Rosh HaShannah how much you will get based on how much I think you need for the coming year. All I can do is remind you of the laws of *tzedakah* and that I promise to repay those who spend money on Shabbat food and the needs of others. People who misuse their money or keep it for themselves when there are others in need have squandered a tremendous opportunity to help.

You may be wondering why I created politicians and journalists at all. I do understand. Put it this way, they give the *Satan* a lot to do. Only joking! The truth is, most of them are great people and simply want to do their job. Some of them actually do a lot of good. But they are also human and subject to the frailties that all of you have.

I know that there are some who are very antagonistic to our cause, whether they are anti-Zionist or just atheist. By the way, I can't wait to see the look on their faces when those atheist guys meet me for the first time! Sorry, I digress. Please try to understand that they too serve a purpose. If you want them to recognise and accept your connection with the Land of Israel, bear in mind that I promised you that land in the same Torah that contains all

of the methods by which you can connect with me - the Mitzvot. I'm not asking you to be perfect, but if you want to get non-Jews to respect you, the best thing to do is to respect your Judaism. If they see that you are not really serious about me or engaging with our rich heritage such as celebrating Shabbat and our festivals, they will question the rest of Torah too.

As for the UN: forget it! I have basically given up. As you rightly point out, open miracles are off limits and that's one storm you'll just have to ride. The terrorists are also a tough nut to crack. Once again, I have my reasons but there is one piece of advice I can give you which will cover all of these requests, but it may sting a little too, so hold on to your hats.

I want to help, but as your heavenly parent I would be spoiling you if I handed everything to you on a silver platter. You have to make a bit of effort. You can't just keep on blaming me for all of the world's problems or pretend that I'm not there when I gave all of mankind free will to do what they want. The truth is I am really careful not to punish you straight away for your indiscretions, you know, that whole "slow to anger" thing. But one thing's for sure, all of your actions in the physical world have a knock on effect up here in Heaven.

I realise you can't be an angel and never do any wrong - besides I have enough Angels (and if I didn't I would just create a few more). But here is my advice: you have asked me for all this stuff, which is fine. In fact it's great. It shows you recognise me as the ultimate source for all of this. But I can't just say yes to everything. Just as a parent can't promise they will buy their 7 year old the latest iPad or a pony for their birthday, I will tell you this:

If you decide to do one extra thing this year - and really mean it - it will go a long long way to helping. Don't think I won't notice - I'm omniscient, remember? But we have to start somewhere. Every parent knows that if you spoil a child, you rob them of the opportunity to learn how to work for things themselves. Parents may think they are showing love, but in fact, those parents prevent their children from developing positive character traits because the kids think they are entitled to whatever they want, without putting any effort in. It actually weakens the relationship between parent and child. The same is true with me and you.

Oh, and one other thing. Don't feel you have to wait until next Rosh HaShannah to ask me again. Like I said at the beginning, I can't wait to hear from you. I love it when you talk to me and ask for things. You can ask me for whatever you want, any time. Looking forward to seeing how things progress. Shanah Tovah.

With infinite love beyond anything you could imagine,

God

Wishing you all a year filled with blessing and success.

Rabbi Freedman, together with Shaya, Yossi, Akiva and Motti.