

3) duty of fitting ourselves for immortal life. Death, says England's great poet, "if it be not now, yet it will come; the readiness is all" Yes, my friends, the readiness is all. But are we ready? Should we care to be surprised by death in the midst of what we are doing?? Such questions are very searching questions and would inevitably bring the blush of shame to the cheeks of those who spend their time in little trickeries in treacheries and in hates. But whether we be submerged in thoughtlessness or not, Death keeps no holiday!!

My friends, this is a period in Jewish History known as the sad period in the Jewish Calendar...but the prophetic promise bringing light and joy into our homes will indeed be realised. For after the darkness comes the light

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"Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy cometh in the morning" and light will enter our homes. Verily therefore shall this celebration this morning have the power not only to reddeem us from thoughtlessness and illusion, from transgression and sin, but rather will it illumine and transform our lives with the light of eternity, and with the hope of immortality. It is a BATH-KOL, a Heavenly Voice from our Father on High, more eloquent than any human tongue, calling upon the children of men to return ~~unto Him~~ in Penitence unto our Father Who is in Heaven"..... Amen..