

# Judgment on Rosh Hashanah: Analysis of Content and Process in a Talmudic Aggadah



*On Rosh Hashanah, all creatures pass before God like sheep (Mishnah Rosh Hashana 1:2).*

*This famous idea is a curious one, riddled with questions when one begins to ponder its words. Why sheep? How do we pass? Is it really all creatures? What distinguishes Rosh Hashanah for this time?*

*Rabbi Beryl Gershenfeld, a world-renowned leader in Jewish outreach for decades, takes us on a journey through this passage in his essay, "Judgment on Rosh Hashanah: Analysis of Content and Process in a Talmudic Aggadah," published in the first volume of the Orthodox Union and Yeshivat Ohr Yerushalayim's Jewish Thought: A Journal of Torah Scholarship.*

*As we begin our series on teshuva once more, we invite you to welcome Rabbi Gershenfeld's words into your mind, heart, and Elul.*

You can read Rabbi Gershenfeld's essay [here](#).