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### The Shape of the Shofar, Devon Spier, 2019 AJR Student

The shape of the shofar  
it is a wonder  
the shofar  
is shaped  
like the inside  
of an ear  
because at the moment  
we are blasted with sound  
and our whole world becomes the ancient voice,  
longing  
calling  
demanding  
we are meant to listen to whom is below noise  
and there, underneath the usual commands  
and allegiances  
is Torah  
listening and weeping  
in all the invisible, eternal ink

**Reflection Question:** What associations or memories does the physical shape of the shofar evoke for you? How do your past experiences of hearing the shofar's call shape your perception of it this year? In what ways has Torah influenced or accompanied you on your journey over the past year?