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September 2014 Elul 5774/Tishrei 5775

אלול תשע"ד~תשרי תשע"ה

ELUL

The month of Elul is the time to reflect on the passing year, to examine our behavior and to correct any shortcomings. In synagogues throughout the world, extra prayers are recited daily and the Shofar is sounded every weekday.

THE KING IS IN THE FIELD

When the king leaves his guarded palace and travels through the fields, he makes himself accessible to all – and the people stop what they are doing and come out to greet him, excited by the rare opportunity to see their king up-close. During the month of Elul, G-d is more accessible to us, His people. This notion compels us to stop and reach out to him through repentance, prayer and charity.

ELUL 18

Known as Chai Elul, the "life" of Elul. Birthday of Rabbi Israel Baal Shem Tov (1698), founder of the Chassidic movement, and of Rabbi Shneur Zalman of Liadi (1745), founder of the Chabad movement.

ELUL 25-26

After midnight, we recite Selichot (special penitential prayers). We continue to recite Selichot every morning until Rosh Hashanah.

ROSH HASHANAH

Rosh Hashanah (literally, the "head" of the year) is the beginning of the Jewish year – and the "birthday" of all of creation. It commemorates the creation of Adam and Eve, the first humans. Man was the first to acknowledge G-d's kingship over the universe, and on Rosh Hashanah we renew this commitment to G-d and His commandments.

THE SHOFAR

The sounding of the Shofar (the ram's horn) is a central observance of Rosh Hashanah. The Shofar calls many things to mind: It symbolizes our coronation of G-d as King, it is a "wake up call" to return to G-d, and it presages the coming of Moshiach, whose arrival will be heralded by the "Great Shofar".



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1
 1 אלול
 Elul 6
 Labour Day

2
 2 אלול
 Elul 7

3
 3 אלול
 Elul 8

4
 4 אלול
 Elul 9

5
 5 אלול
 Elul 10
 Light candles at 7:55pm

6
 6 אלול
 Elul 11
 KI TEITZEI
 Pirkei-Avot: Chapter 2
 Shabbat ends at 9:01pm

7
 7 אלול
 Elul 12

8
 8 אלול
 Elul 13

9
 9 אלול
 Elul 14

10
 10 אלול
 Elul 15

11
 11 אלול
 Elul 16

12
 12 אלול
 Elul 17
 Light candles at 7:39pm

13
 13 אלול
 Elul 18
 KI TAVO
 Pirkei-Avot: Chapter 3 & 4
 Birthday of Ba'al Shem Tov,
 founder of Chassidic Movement.
 Birthday of the Alter Rebbe, 1st
 Lubavitcher Rebbe in 1745.
 Shabbat ends at 8:45pm

14
 14 אלול
 Elul 19

15
 15 אלול
 Elul 20

16
 16 אלול
 Elul 21

17
 17 אלול
 Elul 22

18
 18 אלול
 Elul 23

19
 19 אלול
 Elul 24
 Light candles at 7:23pm

20
 20 אלול
 Elul 25
 NITZAVIM -
 VAYEILECH
 Shabbat Selichot
 Pirkei-Avot: Chapter 5 & 6
 Beginning of Creation
 Shabbat ends at 8:28pm

21
 21 אלול
 Elul 26

22
 22 אלול
 Elul 27

23
 23 אלול
 Elul 28

24
 24 אלול
 Elul 29
 Eruv Tavshilin
 Light candles at 7:12pm

25
 25 תשרי
 Tishrei 1
 1st day of
 ROSH HASHANAH
 Light candles after 8:16pm

26
 26 תשרי
 Tishrei 2
 2nd day of
 ROSH HASHANAH
 Light candles at 7:07pm

27
 27 תשרי
 Tishrei 3
 HA'AZINU
 Shabbat Shuva
 Shabbat ends at 8:12pm

28
 28 תשרי
 Tishrei 4
 FAST OF GEDALIAH
 Fast begins at 5:48am
 Fast ends at 7:54pm

29
 29 תשרי
 Tishrei 5

30
 30 תשרי
 Tishrei 6








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October 2014

Tishrei/Cheshvan 5775

תשרי~חשון תשע"ה

YOM KIPPUR

Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, is the holiest day of the Jewish calendar. It is day of spiritual cleansing: We acknowledge our shortcomings and transgressions, with a firm resolution for a better future; G-d promises us forgiveness, and the chance for a fresh start. We refrain from work, and avoid any food or drink, as well as washing, using oils or lotions, marital relations and regular (leather) shoes.

SUKKOT

The name Sukkot is derived from the word Sukkah, or hut. In commemoration of the protective "clouds of glory" with which G-d surrounded the Jewish people on their way out of Egypt, we live in makeshift huts during the seven days of this holiday.

During Sukkot, we observe the special mitzvah of shaking the Lulav (palm branch) and the Etrog (citron). Taken together with the Hadas (myrtle) and the Aravah (willow), these very different plant species represent the unity of disparate types of Jews who, each in their own way, are vital components of the Jewish nation.

SIMCHAT TORAH

Simchat Torah marks the day we complete the reading of the Torah in its annual cycle. On the evening of Simchat Torah, (and in many communities, on the previous evening of Shemini Atzeret as well) we make seven Hakafot (circuits) around the table upon which the Torah is read, dancing and rejoicing with the Torah scrolls. During morning services on Simchat Torah, we complete the Torah, reading the last Torah portion. We immediately start reading the Torah from the beginning again—remembering that the Torah is an endless source of wisdom, each cycle challenging us to discover its ever deeper meaning.



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1 ז תשרי
Tishrei 7

2 ח תשרי
Tishrei 8

3 ט תשרי
Tishrei 9

Light candles and
Fast begins at 6:51pm



4 י תשרי
Tishrei 10

 Yizkor
YOM KIPPUR
Holiday ends at 7:56pm

5 יא תשרי
Tishrei 11

6 יב תשרי
Tishrei 12

7 יג תשרי
Tishrei 13

8 יד תשרי
Tishrei 14

Eruv Tavshilin
Light candles at 6:40pm



9 טו תשרי
Tishrei 15

 1st day of SUKKOT
Light candles after 7:45pm



10 טז תשרי
Tishrei 16

2nd day of SUKKOT
Light candles at 6:36pm



11 יז תשרי
Tishrei 17

1st Intermediate day
Shabbat ends at 7:41pm

12 יח תשרי
Tishrei 18

2nd Intermediate day

13 יט תשרי
Tishrei 19

Thanksgiving Day
3rd Intermediate day

14 כ תשרי
Tishrei 20

4th Intermediate day

15 כא תשרי
Tishrei 21

HOSHANA RABA
Eruv Tavshilin
Light candles at 6:25pm



16 כב תשרי
Tishrei 22

 Yizkor
SHEMINI ATZERET
Light candles after 7:31pm



17 כג תשרי
Tishrei 23

 **SIMCHAT TORAH**
Light candles at 6:21pm



18 כד תשרי
Tishrei 24
BEREISHIT
Blessing of new month
Isru Chag

Shabbat ends at 7:27pm

19 כה תשרי
Tishrei 25

20 כו תשרי
Tishrei 26

21 כז תשרי
Tishrei 27

22 כח תשרי
Tishrei 28

23 כט תשרי
Tishrei 29
New moon: 9:02 16/18 PM

24 ל תשרי
Tishrei 30

Rosh Chodesh
Light candles at 6:07pm



25 א חשוון
Cheshvan 1
NOACH

Rosh Chodesh
Shabbat ends at 7:13pm

26 ב חשוון
Cheshvan 2

27 ג חשוון
Cheshvan 3

28 ד חשוון
Cheshvan 4

29 ה חשוון
Cheshvan 5

30 ו חשוון
Cheshvan 6

31 ז חשוון
Cheshvan 7

Light candles at 5:54pm



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November 2014

Cheshvan/Kislev 5775

חשוון~כסלו תשע"ה

CHESHVAN 11

Passing of our Matriarch Rachel, wife of Yaakov. Rachel passed away in 1563 BCE as Yaakov was returning home to his parents. She is buried in Bethlehem.

SHMITAH – THE SABBATICAL YEAR

The Jewish year 5775, which began this past Rosh Hashanah, is observed as the Shmitah, the Sabbatical year. The Torah obligates us to leave the land of Israel fallow, and that landowners relinquish ownership of all that does grow so that everyone, even animals, could freely enjoy it. This practice is repeated every seventh year.

Similar to the day of Shabbat, which is observed weekly, the Sabbatical year reminds us that the G-dly blessing is the true source of our sustenance. The Torah promises that farmers will have enough left from the prior year to sustain them until after the Shmitah. In addition, this year offers farmers the opportunity to spend some time focusing on higher, more spiritual pursuits.

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1 ח חשון
 Cheshvan 8
 LECH LECHA

Shabbat ends at 7:01pm

2 ט חשון
 Cheshvan 9

3 י חשון
 Cheshvan 10

4 יא חשון
 Cheshvan 11

5 יב חשון
 Cheshvan 12

6 יג חשון
 Cheshvan 13

7 יד חשון
 Cheshvan 14

8 טו חשון
 Cheshvan 15
 VAYEIRA

Standard Time

Light candles at 4:42pm

Shabbat ends at 5:51pm

9 טז חשון
 Cheshvan 16

10 יז חשון
 Cheshvan 17

11 יח חשון
 Cheshvan 18

12 יט חשון
 Cheshvan 19

13 כ חשון
 Cheshvan 20

14 כא חשון
 Cheshvan 21

15 כב חשון
 Cheshvan 22
 CHAYEI SARAH

Remembrance Day

Light candles at 4:32pm

Shabbat ends at 5:42pm

16 כג חשון
 Cheshvan 23

17 כד חשון
 Cheshvan 24

18 כה חשון
 Cheshvan 25

19 כו חשון
 Cheshvan 26

20 כז חשון
 Cheshvan 27

21 כח חשון
 Cheshvan 28

22 כט חשון
 Cheshvan 29
 TOLDOT
 Blessing of new month
 New moon: 9:46 17/18 AM

Light candles at 4:23pm

Shabbat ends at 5:35pm

23 א כסלו
 Kislev 1

24 ב כסלו
 Kislev 2

25 ג כסלו
 Kislev 3

26 ד כסלו
 Kislev 4

27 ה כסלו
 Kislev 5

28 ו כסלו
 Kislev 6

29 ז כסלו
 Kislev 7
 VAYEITZEI

30 ח כסלו
 Kislev 8

Light candles at 4:17pm

Shabbat ends at 5:30pm



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December 2014
Kislev/Tevet 5775
כסלו~טבת תשע"ה

KISLEV 19

"Chassidic Rosh Hashanah". Yartzeit of Rabbi Dov Ber of Mezritch, the second leader of the Chassidic movement (1772). Release from prison of Rabbi Schneur Zalman of Liadi, founder of the Chabad movement (1798). His triumphant release marked a turning point in the spreading of Chassidic thought, and this date is celebrated in many communities throughout the world.

CHANUKAH

The kindling of the Menorah is the focal point of the Chanukah holiday, symbolizing religious freedom and the strength of the Jewish spirit. The menorah is kindled on each of the eight nights of Chanukah, this year beginning Tuesday night, December 16th.

The Menorah is placed at the left side of a central doorway of the home, or at the front window. The candles should be lit immediately following sunset, and should be prepared so that they will remain lit for at least a half hour after dusk. In keeping with Shabbat observance, the Menorah is lit before the Shabbat candles on Friday evening and after the Havdalah ceremony at the end of Shabbat.

Gather all family members and light the Shamash, the service candle. Recite the proper blessings and then light the candles beginning from the left. Then place the Shamash at its designated place, separated from the other candles.



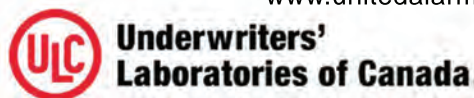
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1 ט כסלו
Kislev 9

2 י כסלו
Kislev 10

3 יא כסלו
Kislev 11

4 יב כסלו
Kislev 12
In evening begin Tal U'Matar

5 יג כסלו
Kislev 13
Light candles at 4:13pm

6 יד כסלו
Kislev 14
VAYISHLACH
Shabbat ends at 5:27pm

7 טו כסלו
Kislev 15

8 טז כסלו
Kislev 16

9 יז כסלו
Kislev 17

10 יח כסלו
Kislev 18

11 יט כסלו
Kislev 19
Alter Rebbe, founder of the Lubavitch Movement, was released from the St. Petersburg Jail in 1798

12 כ כסלו
Kislev 20
Light candles at 4:11pm

13 כא כסלו
Kislev 21
VAYEISHEV
Shabbat ends at 5:27pm

14 כב כסלו
Kislev 22

15 כג כסלו
Kislev 23

16 כד כסלו
Kislev 24

17 כה כסלו
Kislev 25
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18 כו כסלו
Kislev 26
CHANUKAH

19 כז כסלו
Kislev 27
CHANUKAH
Light candles at 4:13pm

20 כח כסלו
Kislev 28
MIKEITZ
Blessing of new month
CHANUKAH
Shabbat ends at 5:29pm

21 כט כסלו
Kislev 29
New moon: 10:31 PM
CHANUKAH

22 ל כסלו
Kislev 30
CHANUKAH
Rosh Chodesh

23 א טבת
Tevet 1
CHANUKAH
Rosh Chodesh

24 ב טבת
Tevet 2
CHANUKAH

25 ג טבת
Tevet 3

26 ד טבת
Tevet 4
Light candles at 4:17pm

27 ה טבת
Tevet 5
VAYIGASH
Shabbat ends at 5:33pm

28 ו טבת
Tevet 6

29 ז טבת
Tevet 7

30 ח טבת
Tevet 8

31 ט טבת
Tevet 9

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January 2015
Tevet/Shevat 5775

טבת~שבט תשע"ה

TEVET 10

Observed as a fast day. On this date, Jerusalem was placed under siege by the Babylonian king Nebuchadnezzar, resulting in the destruction of the First Temple (422 BCE).

TEVET 24

Yartzeit of Rabbi Schneur Zalman of Liadi, founder of the Chabad movement (1813).

SHEVAT 10

Yartzeit of Rabbi Yosef Yitzchak Schneerson, sixth leader of Chabad Lubavitch (1950). Rabbi Yosef Yitzchak fought to preserve Jewish life in the U.S.S.R., and was eventually imprisoned, threatened with his life, and finally forced to leave (1927). In 1940 he came to the United States and established the network of Chabad-Lubavitch educational institutions throughout the U.S.A. and across the world.

This day also marks the beginning of the leadership of his son-in-law Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, known as the Lubavitcher Rebbe.



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1 י טבת Tevet 10

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FAST OF TEVET 10
Fast begins at 6:45am
Fast ends at 5:20pm

2 יא טבת Tevet 11

Light candles at 4:23pm

3 יב טבת Tevet 12
VAYECHI
Shabbat Chazzak

Shabbat ends at 5:40pm

4 יג טבת Tevet 13

5 יד טבת Tevet 14

6 טו טבת Tevet 15

7 טז טבת Tevet 16

8 יז טבת Tevet 17

9 יח טבת Tevet 18

Light candles at 4:32pm

10 יט טבת Tevet 19
SHEMOT

Shabbat ends at 5:48pm

11 כ טבת Tevet 20

12 כא טבת Tevet 21

13 כב טבת Tevet 22

14 כג טבת Tevet 23

15 כד טבת Tevet 24

16 כה טבת Tevet 25

Light candles at 4:42pm

17 כו טבת Tevet 26
VA'EIRA
Blessing of new month

Shabbat ends at 5:57pm

18 כז טבת Tevet 27

19 כח טבת Tevet 28

20 כט טבת Tevet 29
New moon: 11:15 1/18 AM

21 א שבט Shevat 1

Rosh Chodesh

22 ב שבט Shevat 2

23 ג שבט Shevat 3

Light candles at 4:53pm

24 ד שבט Shevat 4
BO

Shabbat ends at 6:07pm

25 ה שבט Shevat 5

26 ו שבט Shevat 6

27 ז שבט Shevat 7

28 ח שבט Shevat 8

29 ט שבט Shevat 9

30 י שבט Shevat 10

Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, assumed the leadership of the Lubavitch movement in 1950

Light candles at 5:06pm

31 יא שבט Shevat 11
BESHALACH
Shabbat Shira

Shabbat ends at 6:18pm



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February 2015
Shevat/Adar 5775

שבט~אדר תשע"ה

SHEVAT 15 – TU B'SHEVAT

In Jewish tradition, the fifteenth day of Shevat marks the "New Year" for the trees, opening the season in which trees begin to bud in the Holy Land.

It is customary to celebrate this date by enjoying some fruit, especially the five fruits mentioned in the Torah in connection with Israel: Grapes, Figs, Pomegranates, Olives, and Dates.

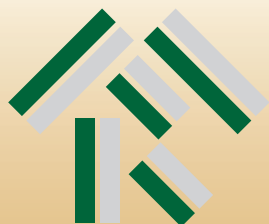
SHEVAT 22

Yartzeit of Rebbetzin Chaya Mushka Schneerson, wife of the Lubavitcher Rebbe (1988).

ADAR 7

Birthday and Yartzeit of Moshe Rabbeinu (Moses), who led the Jewish people out of Egyptian bondage.

THE WEEKLY TORAH READING According to our tradition, the custom of reading from the Torah in the Synagogue every Shabbat is one of the oldest Jewish customs, instituted by Moshe Rabbeinu (Moses) himself. The Torah was divided by Moshe into 54 portions, which is the maximum number of regular readings possible during a Jewish calendar year. The regular cycle is suspended during Jewish holidays, when we read holiday themed portions instead. Most years, it becomes necessary to occasionally group two portions together in order to complete the cycle on time for Simchat Torah. Our lives are built around the calendar cycles: The year, the month, the week. Every day, the current Torah Reading offers a fresh source of inspiration. Though repeated again and again, there is always a new insight, a new guidance, a new commentary on the here and the now. This is the Jewish way of "living with the times."



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PURIM

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THE MITZVOT OF PURIM ARE:

- The Fast of Esther, held before Purim, to commemorate the day of prayer and fasting which the Jews held before their victory.
- Listen to the reading of Megillat Esther (the Scroll of Esther) at night and day, recounting the story of Purim.
- Send gifts containing at least two types of ready-to-eat food to one or more friends on the day of Purim. These gifts, called Mishloach Manot ("sending portions"), should preferably be sent via a third party.
- Give Matanot L'evyonim ("gifts of charity to the poor"). While Tzedakah (charity) is a year-round responsibility, it is a particularly special Mitzvah on Purim. Give to at least two needy individuals during Purim day.
- Celebrate with a special festive and joyous meal.

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NISAN 11

Birthday of the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson (1902).

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1 י אדר
Adar 10

2 יא אדר
Adar 11

3 יב אדר
Adar 12

4 יג אדר
Adar 13

FAST OF ESTHER
Fast begins at 5:32am
Fast ends at 6:56pm

5 יד אדר
Adar 14

PURIM

6 טו אדר
Adar 15

SHUSHAN PURIM
Light candles at 6:08pm

7 טז אדר
Adar 16
KI TISA

Shabbat ends at 7:16pm

8 יז אדר
Adar 17

Daylight Saving Time

9 יח אדר
Adar 18

10 יט אדר
Adar 19

11 כ אדר
Adar 20

12 כא אדר
Adar 21

13 כב אדר
Adar 22

Light candles at 7:20pm

14 כג אדר
Adar 23

VAYAK'HEIL-PEKUDEI
Parshat Parah
Shabbat Chazzak
Blessing of new month

Shabbat ends at 8:28pm

15 כד אדר
Adar 24

16 כה אדר
Adar 25

17 כו אדר
Adar 26

18 כז אדר
Adar 27

19 כח אדר
Adar 28

20 כט אדר
Adar 29

New moon: 12:43 3/18 PM

Light candles at 7:31pm

21 א ניסן
Nissan 1

VAYIKRA
Parshat Hachodesh

Rosh Chodesh
Shabbat ends at 8:40pm

22 ב ניסן
Nissan 2

23 ג ניסן
Nissan 3

24 ד ניסן
Nissan 4

25 ה ניסן
Nissan 5

26 ו ניסן
Nissan 6

27 ז ניסן
Nissan 7

Light candles at 7:43pm

28 ח ניסן
Nissan 8

TZAV
Shabbat HaGadol


Shabbat ends at 8:52pm

29 ט ניסן
Nissan 9

30 י ניסן
Nissan 10

31 יא ניסן
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CELEBRATING PESACH (PASSOVER)

On Pesach we celebrate the birth of the Jewish nation with our miraculous redemption from Egypt. Pesach is celebrated by refraining from eating (or evening owning) any foods which are chametz (leavened), and by participating in a Seder dinner on the first two nights of the holiday.

THE SEDER

The Pesach Seder, conducted each of the first two nights of Pesach, is the central event of the Passover festival.

- We drink four cups of wine (or grape juice), remembering the redemption and its four stages.
- We ask the "Four Questions" and recite the Haggadah, retelling the story of Passover and the miracles of our redemption.
- We eat Shmurah Matzah, the plain unleavened bread which aren't allowed to rise, remembering both the simple bread of slaves and the swiftness of the redemption from Egypt.
- We eat Maror (bitter herbs), remembering the bitterness of the enslavement.

THE LAST DAY OF PESACH

The eighth and final day of Pesach is associated with the ultimate redemption through Moshiach, and our fervent hope for its imminent arrival. In many communities, a festive "Moshiach Meal" is organized toward the evening, to emphasize this day's special dimension.

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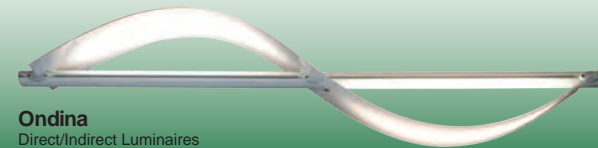
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2 יג ניסן
Nissan 13

Search for chometz after 8:51pm

3 יד ניסן
Nissan 14

Eat chometz until 11:27am
Destroy chometz by 12:33pm
FAST OF FIRST BORN
First Seder
Light candles at 7:54pm

4 טו ניסן
Nissan 15

1st day of PASSOVER
Second Seder
In the evening count Omer 1
Light candles after 9:05pm

5 טז ניסן
Nissan 16
Omer 1

2nd day of PASSOVER
In the evening count Omer 2
Holiday ends at 9:07pm

6 יז ניסן
Nissan 17
Omer 2

1st Intermediate day
In the evening count Omer 3

7 יח ניסן
Nissan 18
Omer 3

2nd Intermediate day
In the evening count Omer 4

8 יט ניסן
Nissan 19
Omer 4

3rd Intermediate day
In the evening count Omer 5

9 כ ניסן
Nissan 20
Omer 5

Eruv Tavshilin
4th Intermediate day
In the evening count Omer 6
Light candles at 8:04pm

10 כא ניסן
Nissan 21
Omer 6

7th day of PASSOVER
In the evening count Omer 7
Light candles at 8:06pm

11 כב ניסן
Nissan 22
Omer 7

Yizkor
8th day of PASSOVER
In the evening count Omer 8
Holiday ends at 9:18pm

12 כג ניסן
Nissan 23
Omer 8

Isru Chag
In the evening count Omer 9

13 כד ניסן
Nissan 24
Omer 9

In the evening count Omer 10

14 כה ניסן
Nissan 25
Omer 10

In the evening count Omer 11

15 כו ניסן
Nissan 26
Omer 11

In the evening count Omer 12

16 כז ניסן
Nissan 27
Omer 12

Yom Hashoa
In the evening count Omer 13

17 כח ניסן
Nissan 28
Omer 13

In the evening count Omer 14
Light candles at 8:17pm

18 כט ניסן
Nissan 29
Omer 14
SHEMINI
Pirkei-Avot: Chapter 1
Blessing of new month

In the evening count Omer 15
Shabbat ends at 9:31pm

19 ל ניסן
Nissan 30
Omer 15
New moon: 1:27 4/18 AM

Rosh Chodesh
In the evening count Omer 16

20 א אייר
Iyar 1
Omer 16

Rosh Chodesh
In the evening count Omer 17

21 ב אייר
Iyar 2
Omer 17

In the evening count Omer 18

22 ג אייר
Iyar 3
Omer 18

Yom Hazikaron
In the evening count Omer 19

23 ד אייר
Iyar 4
Omer 19

Israel Day
In the evening count Omer 20

24 ה אייר
Iyar 5
Omer 20

In the evening count Omer 21
Light candles at 8:29pm

25 ו אייר
Iyar 6
Omer 21
TAZRIA-METZORA
Pirkei-Avot: Chapter 2

In the evening count Omer 22
Shabbat ends at 9:44pm

26 ז אייר
Iyar 7
Omer 22

In the evening count Omer 23

27 ח אייר
Iyar 8
Omer 23

In the evening count Omer 24

28 ט אייר
Iyar 9
Omer 24

In the evening count Omer 25

29 י אייר
Iyar 10
Omer 25

In the evening count Omer 26

30 יא אייר
Iyar 11
Omer 26

In the evening count Omer 27

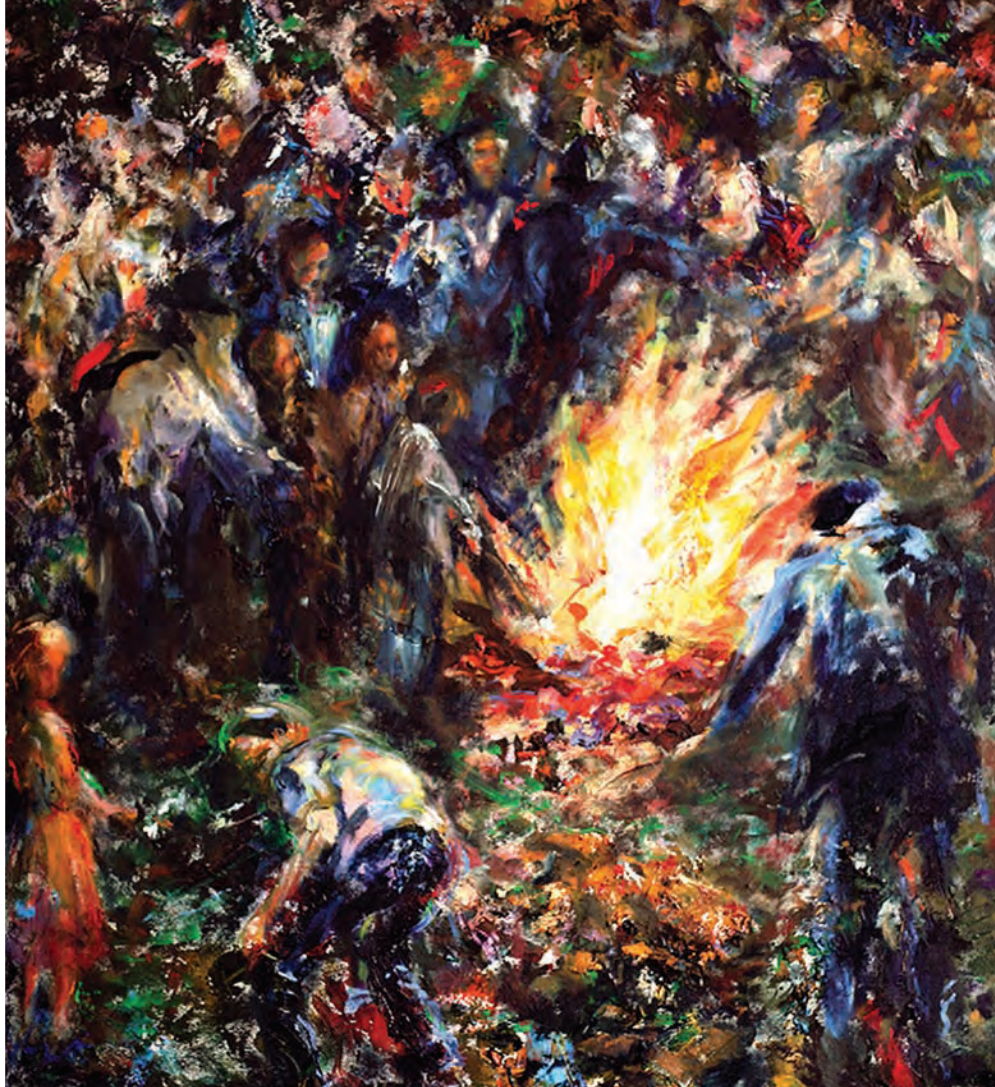


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COUNTING OF THE OMER:

Beginning the second evening of Pesach, we count seven weeks until the arrival of the festival of Shavuot. They correspond to the seven weeks, starting from the night of the Exodus, during which our ancestors eagerly awaited the receiving of the Torah at Mount Sinai.

passing be celebrated as a joyous occasion. Throughout the Land of Israel – and indeed in Jewish communities throughout the world – this day is marked with festivities and bonfires. In particular, thousands journey to rejoice in the town of Meron, site of Rabbi Shimon's resting place.

PESACH SHENI

When the Holy Temple stood in Jerusalem, this day offered a second chance to offer the Passover sacrifice for those who had been unable to bring their offering at the appropriate time.

THE FESTIVAL OF SHAVUOT:

Shavuot celebrates the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai. It is on this day that we became G-d's "chosen people", and He formed a bond with us which shall never be broken.

IYAR 18 – LAG BA'OMER

On this date, in the early 2nd century, the students of Rabbi Akiva, the greatest sage of that era, ceased to die from an epidemic. Years later on the same date, his student Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai, Mishnaic sage and author of the Zohar (the seminal work of Kabbalah) passed away. Having fulfilled his mission in this world he asked that the anniversary of his

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1 יב אייר
Iyar 12
Omer 27

In the evening count Omer 28
Light candles at 8:40pm



2 יג אייר
Iyar 13
Omer 28

ACHAREI-KEDOSHIM
Pirkei-Avot: Chapter 3

In the evening count Omer 29
Shabbat ends at 9:58pm

3 יד אייר
Iyar 14
Omer 29

PESACH SHEINI
In the evening count Omer 30

4 טו אייר
Iyar 15
Omer 30

In the evening count Omer 31

5 טז אייר
Iyar 16
Omer 31

In the evening count Omer 32

6 יז אייר
Iyar 17
Omer 32


In the evening count Omer 33

7 יח אייר
Iyar 18
Omer 33

LAG B'OMER
In the evening count Omer 34

8 יט אייר
Iyar 19
Omer 34

In the evening count Omer 35
Light candles at 8:51pm



9 כ אייר
Iyar 20
Omer 35
EMOR
Pirkei-Avot: Chapter 4

In the evening count Omer 36
Shabbat ends at 10:11pm

10 כא אייר
Iyar 21
Omer 36

Mother's Day
In the evening count Omer 37

11 כב אייר
Iyar 22
Omer 37

In the evening count Omer 38

12 כג אייר
Iyar 23
Omer 38

In the evening count Omer 39

13 כד אייר
Iyar 24
Omer 39

In the evening count Omer 40

14 כה אייר
Iyar 25
Omer 40

In the evening count Omer 41

15 כו אייר
Iyar 26
Omer 41

In the evening count Omer 42
Light candles at 9:02pm



16 כז אייר
Iyar 27
Omer 42

BEHAR-BECHUKOTAI
Pirkei-Avot: Chapter 5
Blessing of new month
Shabbat Chazzak

In the evening count Omer 43
Shabbat ends at 10:25pm

17 כח אייר
Iyar 28
Omer 43

Yom Yerushalayim
In the evening count Omer 44

18 כט אייר
Iyar 29
Omer 44
New moon: 2:11 5/18 PM

Victoria Day
In the evening count Omer 45

19 א סיון
Sivan 1
Omer 45

Rosh Chodesh
In the evening count Omer 46

20 ב סיון
Sivan 2
Omer 46

In the evening count Omer 47

21 ג סיון
Sivan 3
Omer 47

In the evening count Omer 48

22 ד סיון
Sivan 4
Omer 48

In the evening count Omer 49
Light candles at 9:12pm



23 ה סיון
Sivan 5
Omer 49

BAMIDBAR
Pirkei-Avot: Chapter 6

Light candles after 10:37pm



24 ו סיון
Sivan 6

1st day of SHAVUOT
Light candles after 10:39pm



25 ז סיון
Sivan 7

Yizkor
2nd day of SHAVUOT
Holiday ends at 10:41pm

26 ח סיון
Sivan 8

Isru Chag

27 ט סיון
Sivan 9

28 י סיון
Sivan 10

29 יא סיון
Sivan 11

Light candles at 9:21pm



30 יב סיון
Sivan 12
NASO
Pirkei-Avot: Chapter 1

Shabbat ends at 10:48pm



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TAMMUZ 12

Birthday of Rabbi Yosef Yitzchak, sixth leader of Chabad Lubavitch (1880), and his release from Bolshevik imprisonment (1927). He was imprisoned and threatened with his life for his struggle to preserve Judaism in the Soviet Union. His release was celebrated throughout the Jewish world as a victory for Jewry and Judaism.

THE UPCOMING REDEMPTION

The belief in the upcoming redemption is one of the foundations of our faith, and has been promised to us by almost every one of our prophets, beginning with Moses himself. Maimonides included it in his famous Thirteen Principles of the Jewish Faith. Throughout the ages, even during the most trying times, our ancestors have always prayed for and looked forward to the coming of Moshiach, our redeemer.

LET'S WELCOME MOSHIACH

Led by the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, many prominent Rabbis proclaimed this generation to be the one to usher in the redemption. We can prepare for this special time by studying the relevant passages in the Torah and its commentaries, and by increasing in acts of goodness and kindness. This will not only help us prepare for the redemption – this will hasten its arrival!

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1 יד סיון
Sivan 14

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Sivan 15

3 טז סיון
Sivan 16

4 יז סיון
Sivan 17

5 יח סיון
Sivan 18

Light candles at 9:28pm 

6 יט סיון
Sivan 19
BEHA'ALOTECHA
Pirkei-Avot: Chapter 2

Shabbat ends at 10:58pm

7 כ סיון
Sivan 20

8 כא סיון
Sivan 21

9 כב סיון
Sivan 22

10 כג סיון
Sivan 23

11 כד סיון
Sivan 24

12 כה סיון
Sivan 25

Light candles at 9:33pm 

13 כו סיון
Sivan 26
SHLACH
Pirkei-Avot: Chapter 3
Blessing of new month

Shabbat ends at 11:04pm

14 כז סיון
Sivan 27

15 כח סיון
Sivan 28

16 כט סיון
Sivan 29

17 ל סיון
Sivan 30
New moon: 2:55 6/18 AM

Rosh Chodesh

18 א תמוז
Tammuz 1

Rosh Chodesh

19 ב תמוז
Tammuz 2

Light candles at 9:37pm 

20 ג תמוז
Tammuz 3
KORACH
Pirkei-Avot: Chapter 4

 Joshua stopped the Sun from setting in 1271 B.C.E.
Rebbe's Day
The Rebbe Ascended on his last mission to complete the redemption in 5754.
Yechi Hamelech!

Shabbat ends at 11:08pm

21 ד תמוז
Tammuz 4

Father's Day

22 ה תמוז
Tammuz 5

23 ו תמוז
Tammuz 6

24 ז תמוז
Tammuz 7

25 ח תמוז
Tammuz 8

26 ט תמוז
Tammuz 9

Light candles at 9:37pm 

27 י תמוז
Tammuz 10
CHUKAT
Pirkei-Avot: Chapter 5

Shabbat ends at 11:08pm

28 יא תמוז
Tammuz 11

29 יב תמוז
Tammuz 12

30 יג תמוז
Tammuz 13



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Tammuz/Menachem Av 5775

תמוז~מנחם אב תשע"ה

A PERIOD OF MOURNING

The 17th of Tammuz is observed as a day of fasting. On this date, in the year 68, the walls of Jerusalem were breached by the Romans after years of siege. The Jewish forces continued to defend the Temple Mount for another 19 days, until it too fell on the 7th of Av. The Beit HaMikdash, the Holy Temple, was torched late on Av 9. The entire period, totaling 21 days, is observed by not scheduling weddings and in general holding no festivities. From the beginning of Av until after the Ninth of Av (excluding Shabbat), we refrain from consuming meat or wine and from various pleasurable activities as a sign of additional mourning.

TISH'A B'AV – THE NINTH OF AV

The Ninth of Av has been a sad day on the Jewish calendar from the earliest days of our history as a people. Just one year after our forefathers left Egypt, it was on this date that G-d punished that generation, decreeing that they would wander the desert for forty years, never entering into the Holy Land. The focus of our mourning, however, is on the destruction on this date of both the first Temple (422 BCE) and the second Temple (68 CE). The observances of the fast of Tish'a B'Av are similar to those of Yom Kippur. These include refraining from any food or drink, wearing leather shoes, washing or showering, using oils or lotions, and from marital relations. Additionally, on the eve of the fast, the scroll of Eichah (Lamentations) is read in the synagogue in a unique chant, which is mournful yet reassuring. Until noon we sit on low seats only, as a mourner does during Shiva.

May we merit seeing the ultimate redemption and rebuilding of the Temple by Moshiach, now!

Av 15

Several joyful events have occurred on this date, including the end of the 40-year decree upon the Jewish people to wander and die in the desert after leaving Egypt. This date is particularly joyful as it occurs just as we conclude the mourning period over the destruction of the Temple.



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1 יד תמוז
Tammuz 14

Canada Day

2 טו תמוז
Tammuz 15

3 טז תמוז
Tammuz 16

Light candles at 9:36pm



4 יז תמוז
Tammuz 17
BALAK
Pirkei-Avot: Chapter 6

Shabbat ends at 11:04pm

5 יח תמוז
Tammuz 18

FAST OF 17th TAMMUZ
Fast begins at 1:59am
Fast ends at 10:39pm

6 יט תמוז
Tammuz 19

7 כ תמוז
Tammuz 20

8 כא תמוז
Tammuz 21

9 כב תמוז
Tammuz 22

10 כג תמוז
Tammuz 23

Light candles at 9:32pm



11 כד תמוז
Tammuz 24
PINCHAS
Pirkei-Avot: Chapter 1
Blessing of new month

Shabbat ends at 10:58pm

12 כה תמוז
Tammuz 25

13 כו תמוז
Tammuz 26


14 כז תמוז
Tammuz 27

15 כח תמוז
Tammuz 28

16 כט תמוז
Tammuz 29
New moon: 3:39 7/18 PM

17 א א
Av 1

Rosh Chodesh
Light candles at 9:25pm



18 ב א
Av 2
MATOT-MASS'EI
Shabbat Chazzak
Pirkei-Avot: Chapter 2

Shabbat ends at 10:48pm

19 ג א
Av 3

20 ד א
Av 4


21 ה א
Av 5

22 ו א
Av 6

23 ז א
Av 7

24 ח א
Av 8

Light candles at 9:17pm



25 ט א
Av 9
DEVARIM
Shabbat Chazon

Fast begins at 9:33pm
Shabbat ends at 10:37pm

26 י א
Av 10

FAST OF 9th OF AV
Fast ends at 10:14pm

27 יא א
Av 11

28 יב א
Av 12

29 יג א
Av 13

30 יד א
Av 14

31 טו א
Av 15

Light candles at 9:06pm




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Tefillin, or phylacteries, are donned every weekday by Jewish men and boys over the age of 13. The Torah describes Tefillin as a sign, a public statement of Jewish involvement. By donning Tefillin daily, an individual gives expression to his basic feeling of Jewish identity and its importance to him.

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1 טו אב Av 16
 VA'ETCHANAN
 Shabbat Nachamu
 Pirkei-Avot: Chapter 3
 Shabbat ends at 10:24pm

2 יז אב Av 17

3 יח אב Av 18
 Heritage Day

4 יט אב Av 19

5 כ אב Av 20

6 כא אב Av 21

7 כב אב Av 22
 Light candles at 8:55pm

8 כג אב Av 23
 EIKEV
 Pirkei-Avot: Chapter 4
 Blessing of new month
 Shabbat ends at 10:09pm

9 כד אב Av 24

10 כה אב Av 25

11 כו אב Av 26

12 כז אב Av 27

13 כח אב Av 28

14 כט אב Av 29
 Light candles at 8:42pm

15 ל אב Av 30
 RE'EH
 Pirkei-Avot: Chapter 5
 New moon: 4:23 8/18 AM
 Rosh Chodesh
 Shabbat ends at 9:54pm

16 א אלול Elul 1
 Rosh Chodesh

17 ב אלול Elul 2

18 ג אלול Elul 3

19 ד אלול Elul 4

20 ה אלול Elul 5

21 ו אלול Elul 6
 Light candles at 8:28pm

22 ז אלול Elul 7
 SHOFTIM
 Pirkei-Avot: Chapter 6
 Shabbat ends at 9:37pm

23 ח אלול Elul 8

24 ט אלול Elul 9

25 י אלול Elul 10

26 יא אלול Elul 11

27 יב אלול Elul 12

28 יג אלול Elul 13

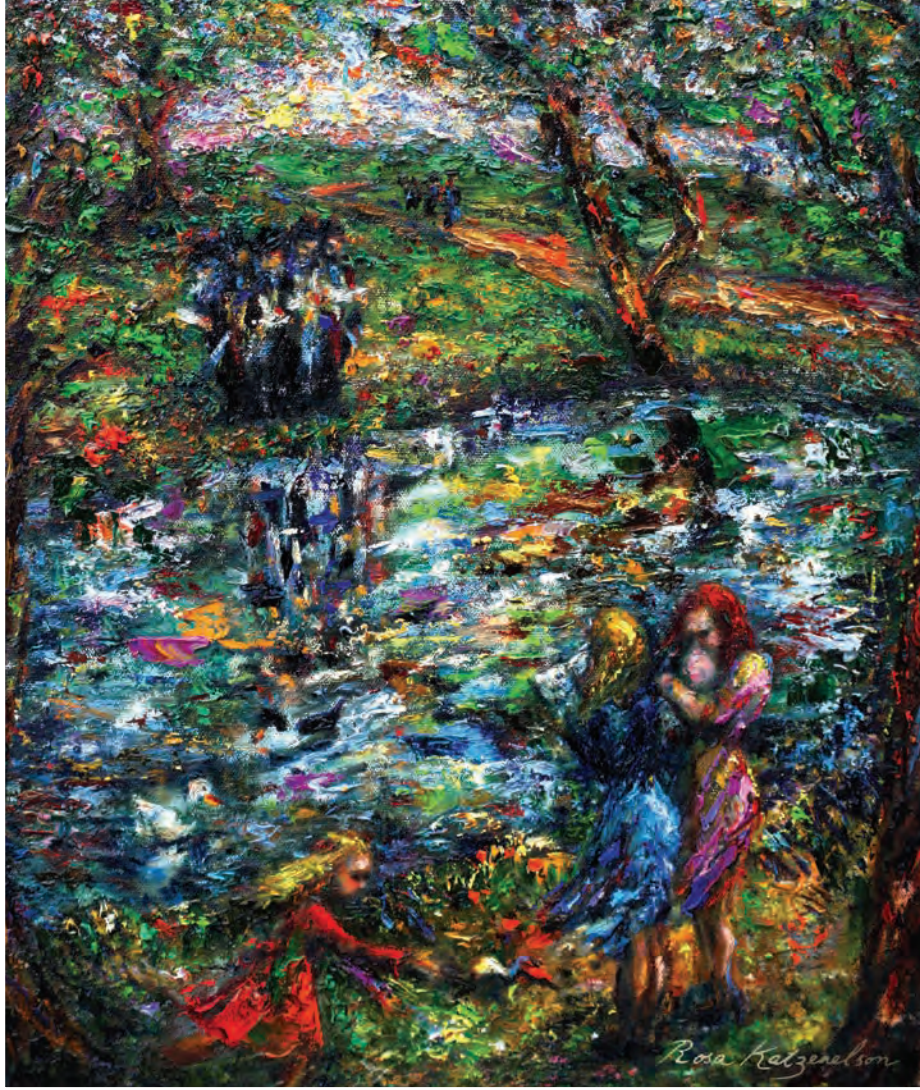
29 יד אלול Elul 14
 KI TEITZEI
 Pirkei-Avot: Chapter 1 & 2

30 טו אלול Elul 15

31 טז אלול Elul 16

Light candles at 8:13pm

Shabbat ends at 9:21pm



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September 2015

Elul 5775/Tishrei 5776

אלול תשע"ה~תשרי תשע"ו

ELUL 18

Known as Chai Elul, the "life" of Elul. Birthday of Rabbi Israel Baal Shem Tov (1698), founder of the Chassidic movement, and of Rabbi Shneur Zalman of Liadi (1745), founder of the Chabad movement.

ELUL 25-26

After midnight, we recite Selichot (special penitential prayers). We continue to recite Selichot every morning until Rosh Hashanah.

ROSH HASHANAH

Rosh Hashanah (literally, the "head" of the year) is the beginning of the Jewish year – and the "birthday" of all of creation. It commemorates the creation of Adam and Eve, the first humans. Man was the first to acknowledge G-d's kingship over the universe, and on Rosh Hashanah we renew this commitment to G-d and His commandments.

THE SHOFAR

The sounding of the Shofar (the ram's horn) is a central observance of Rosh Hashanah. The Shofar calls many things to mind: It symbolizes our coronation of G-d as King, it is a "wake up call" to return to G-d, and it presages the coming of Moshiach, whose arrival will be heralded by the "Great Shofar".

YOM KIPPUR

Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, is the holiest day of the Jewish calendar. It is day of spiritual cleansing: We acknowledge our shortcomings and transgressions, with a firm resolution for a better future; G-d promises us forgiveness, and the chance for a fresh start. We refrain from work, and avoid any food or drink, as well as washing, using oils or lotions, marital relations and regular (leather) shoes.

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Elul 17

2 יח אלול
Elul 18

Birthday of Ba'al Shem Tov,
founder of Chassidic Movement.
Birthday of the Alter Rebbe, 1st
Lubavitcher Rebbe in 1745.

3 יט אלול
Elul 19

4 כ אלול
Elul 20

Light candles at 7:58pm

5 כא אלול
Elul 21
KI TAVO
Shabbat Selichot
Pirkei-Avot: Chapter 3 & 4

Shabbat ends at 9:04pm

6 כב אלול
Elul 22

7 כג אלול
Elul 23

Labour Day

8 כד אלול
Elul 24

9 כה אלול
Elul 25

10 כו אלול
Elul 26

11 כז אלול
Elul 27

Light candles at 7:42pm

12 כח אלול
Elul 28
NITZAVIM
Pirkei-Avot: Chapter 5 & 6

Shabbat ends at 8:48pm

13 כט אלול
Elul 29

Light candles at 7:37pm

14 א תשרי
Tishrei 1

1st day of
ROSH HASHANAH
Light candles after 8:43pm

15 ב תשרי
Tishrei 2

2nd day of
ROSH HASHANAH
Holiday ends at 8:40pm

16 ג תשרי
Tishrei 3

FAST OF GEDALIAH
Fast begins at 5:26am
Fast ends at 8:22pm

17 ד תשרי
Tishrei 4

18 ה תשרי
Tishrei 5

Light candles at 7:26pm

19 ו תשרי
Tishrei 6
VAYEILECH
Shabbat Shuva

Shabbat ends at 8:31pm

20 ז תשרי
Tishrei 7

21 ח תשרי
Tishrei 8

22 ט תשרי
Tishrei 9

Light candles and
Fast begins at 7:17pm

23 י תשרי
Tishrei 10

Yizkor
YOM KIPPUR
Holiday ends at 8:22pm

24 יא תשרי
Tishrei 11

25 יב תשרי
Tishrei 12

Light candles at 7:10pm

26 יג תשרי
Tishrei 13
HA'AZINU

Shabbat ends at 8:15pm

27 יד תשרי
Tishrei 14

Light candles at 7:05pm

28 טו תשרי
Tishrei 15

1st day of SUKKOT
Light candles after 8:10pm

29 טז תשרי
Tishrei 16

2nd day of SUKKOT
Holiday ends at 8:08pm

30 יז תשרי
Tishrei 17

1st Intermediate day

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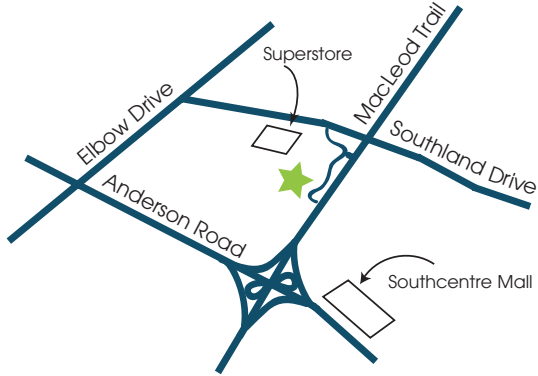
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