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#### The Month of Elul

The final 29 days of the Jewish year comprise the month of Elul. Elul is a preparation for the upcoming New Year. An analogy refers to G-d during this month as a "King in the field." After returning to his palace, after being away, the king will pass through outlying fields and is approachable to anyone who wishes. Similarly during the month of Elul, G-d readily accepts our petitions and grants all requests.

#### Slichot

Each day until Rosh Hashanah, beginning late Saturday night (Sep. 9), we recite "Selichot" [prayers for forgiveness].

#### Rosh Hashanah

Rosh Hashanah commemorates the beginning of Creation. It is a time for reflection on our purpose and resolving to make our lives more meaningful.

It is customary to dip challah in honey and eat a piece of apple

dipped in honey. Other customs include eating pomegranates and

On Rosh Hashanah (this year, only on the 2nd day) we hear the sounds of the shofar, an soulful instrument, sounding like a primal outcry from the depth of the soul.

We recite "Tashlich" services (when *not Shabbat*) while visiting a body of water containing fish.

#### Fast of Gedalia (Sep. 18)

This fast day commemorates the assassination of the Governor of Judea installed by Nebuchadnezzar.

#### **Yom Kippur**

Repentance in its ultimate form empowers us not only to transcend our failings but also to redeem them; to literally travel back in time and redefine past misdeeds and transform them to good.

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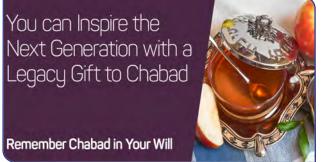
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#### Sukkot

On Sukkot we observe 3 mitzvot: Sukkah: We eat our meals in a

Sukkah — a temporary hut covered by branches.

<u>Lulav & Etrog:</u> Each day (not Shabbat) we take four plant species and shake/point them to the six directions. This represents the "binding" and uniting all types as one.

<u>Joy</u>: The overarching mitzvah of Sukkot is joy. While our Holy Temple in Jerusalem stood, there was continuous celebration for seven days. Men and women, young and old, would join in music, dancing, juggling and other entertainments.

# Shemini Atzeret Simchat Torah

On the evenings of Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah (Oct. 6 & 7) singing and dancing are held in the synagogue celebrating our connection to the Torah.

On Simchat Torah (Oct. 8) we conclude, and begin anew, the annual Torah reading cycle. The

event is marked with great rejoicing, and "hakafot" procession, in which we march and dance with the Torah scrolls.

#### Shabbat Bereshit (Oct.14)

"Bereshit" is the beginning of the weekly Torah reading cycle. A Chassidic adage says: "The way one sets out on Shabbat Bereshit, the entire year will follow."

#### **Rosh Chodesh**

The first day of each Hebrew month is called Rosh Chodesh [lit. head of the Month]. It is considered a minor holiday, when one is encouraged to partake of a semi-festive meal.

#### **Cheshvan 7** (0ct. 22)

During the time of the Holy Temple the economy of Israel was solely dependent on rain for the crops. Yet, they waited until Cheshvan 7, two weeks after Sukkot, to begin the prayers for rain. This was in order not to inconvenience the pilgrims who lived the furthest from Israel (who would still be on their way home after spending the holidays at the Temple in Jerusalem).



Bratislava, Slovakia. The Heydukova Street Synagogue, built in the 1920s, houses a permanent exhibition called "The Jews of Bratislava and Their Heritage".



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A unique gift from G-d. It is the day G-d finished the creation of the universe and then gave "creation" the opportunity to retract within itself, to rest, to reflect and to redirect goals, ambitions and focus. The true meaning of Shabbat, rest, is retirement from an increasingly animated and working world, to an

This oasis is welcomed by lighting the Shabbat candles 18-minutes before sunset. Married women

island of pure tranquility within

time.

light two candles, some add a candle for each member of the family. Single women and girls light one candle. The Shabbat lights glow with the spirituality that nourishes the Jewish home on Shabbat.

It is customary to put a few coins into a tzedakah box before lighting the candles.

In the evening, a special Shabbat meal is prepared and sanctified by the recitation of the kiddush prayer over a cup of wine. Thus begins the actual experience and connection to this deep refreshing energy we call Shabbat.

Challah: At the start of the Shabbat meals, immediately after kiddush, we make a blessing over two (braided) loaves of bread called "challah". These two challot remind us of the double portion of manna that descended from heaven on Friday mornings (while the Jews were in the desert).



Kingston, Jamaica. The Sha'are Shalom Synagogue was (re)constructed in 1912.



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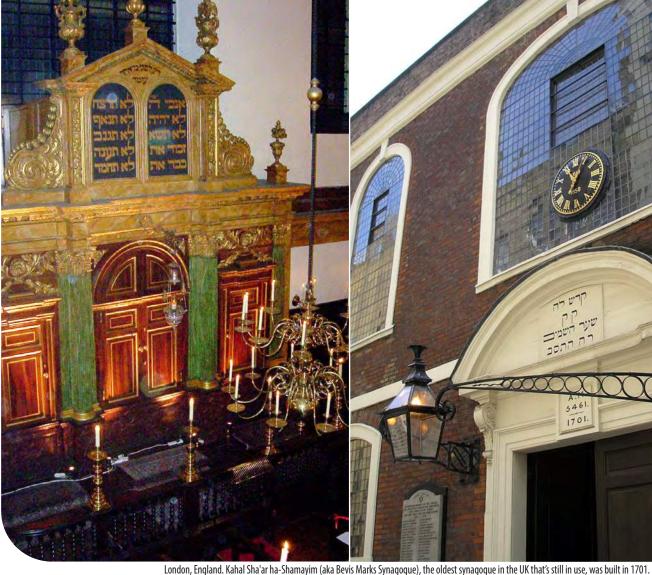
Chanukah celebrates the miraculous and stunning victory of the Maccabees over the wellarmed Syrian armies. When the Jewish nation recaptured the Holy Temple in Jerusalem, they found only one sealed cruse of olive oil that had not been contaminated. It contained enough oil to light the menorah for just one day. It would take eight days until more of the proper oil could be procured. They decided to light the menorah with the available oil. Miraculously, it burned for eight days. To commemorate this miracle we light the menorah (preferably with olive oil) for eight days of Chanukah and we savor foods fried in oil, such as potato latkes.

The lit menorah publicizes the miracle. Therefore, we light the menorah at night when its light shines brightest (except on Friday, when it is lit immediately prior to lighting the Shabbat candles) and we put it in a doorway or window so passersby may share in the light. All family members should participate in this beautiful ceremony of light. We specifically involve the children by distributing Chanukah gelt and other gifts to them.

On the first night of Chanukah, we light one light on the menorah and hence we add one more light each night until eight are lit on the last night.

#### Asara B'Tevet (Dec. 22)

A fast day commemorating the 3year siege of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon (in 425 bce).



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#### Tu B'Shevat (Jan. 25)

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This day is the New Year for trees. Just as Rosh Hashanah (the New Year for creation) is the day on which humans are judged, so too Tu B'Shvat is a day of judgment for earth's vegetation.

To commemorate this day we eat from the Seven Species of fruits and grains enumerated in the Torah (Deuteronomy 8:8) as being special products of the Land of Israel: wheat, barley, grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives, and dates.

A tree is an ordinary and common sight. At first glance, there seems nothing in it to arouse any special meditation. Yet we can learn a few useful lessons from a tree.

A tree is comprised of three primary elements 1) roots, 2) axis or main shaft and 3) fruit (seeds).

The root system obtains nourishing substances from the earth. The leaves also obtain certain substances for the plant's existence, vet the root is by far the most important life-giving agent of the plant. Furthermore, it also provides a firm entrenchment for the plant against the wind.

The axis is the main body of a plant

or tree, and visibly marks the growth and development of the tree.

In producing fruit, the tree reaches its perfection, for in it lies the seed for the propagation of its kind, generation after generation for eternity.

Man is likened to a tree: "... Man is the tree of the field" [Deuteronomy 20:19]. This likeness is particularly marked in the spiritual sense:

The root is the faith which links a Jew with his or her origin, and which constantly obtains spiritual nourishment. Unless the roots are strong and firmly entrenched in the soil, the tree - despite its great trunk and branches and leaves - cannot withstand the wind

The trunk or stem is the Torah and Mitzvot; these must increase and grow, just as the age of a tree increases its stem and branches. The development and advancement and in fact the entire stature of a Jew can be seen through his or her practice of the Torah and Mitzvot.

In a Jew, the fruit is those Mitzvot, which benefit others as well as self, and which have within them the seed that produce similar good deeds, through helping to perpetuate our great national heritage.



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GET YOUR CHILD A LETTER IN THE KIDS TORAH.			In Memory of Leah Platt		LIGHT: 4:08pm	ENDS: 5:32PM
7 Tevet 26 תכן טבת בין טבת בין סייבור Third Annual Chabad Golf Classic	8 Tevet 27 מיז טבת	9 Tevet 28 מר טבת Con Union Happy Birthday	10 Tevet 29 כט טבת	א שבט Shevat 1 Rosh Chodesh	12 Shevat 2 ב שבט	אבט Shevat 3 ג שבט ג שבט נארא Vaerah
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In Memory of Yakov Gershon Regar	In Memory of Helen Goldstein			Happy Birthday Fraydee Kessler	LIGHT: 4:21pm	Previous Rebbe's Yahrtzeit 1950, (Rebbe's leadership begins.)  ENDS: 5:44PM
21 Shevat 11 יא שבט	22 Shevat 12 יב שבט	23 Shevat 13 יג שבט	א Shevat 14 יד שבט	25 Shevat 15 טו שבט U B'Shevat	26 Shevat 16 טז שבט	27 Shevat 17 יז שבט יז שבט בשלח Beshalach
In Memory of Eli Glassman In Memory of Pinchas Platt			Happy Birthday Sarah Lew		Happy Birthday Jordan Pelter Happy Birthday Musia Lew LIGHT: 4:27pm	In Memory of Harvey Austin ENDS: 5:51PM
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#### Adar I (Feb.10-Mar. 10)

The Jewish calendar is a lunar one (11 days shorter than the solar year). In order for Pesach to remain in the Spring, 13–month leap years are inserted every 2 or 3 years. The added month is called Adar I.

#### Purim Katan (Feb.23)

The 14th of Adar I is referred to as "Purim Minor" and is commemorated by increasing in joyous events.

#### **Tefillin**

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The straps of tefillin are wrapped around the arm. As a result, the arm loses its freedom of movement. This indicates that man is not free to do as he wishes. He can move his arm in ways that are in accordance with the spirit of the tefillin; of the Sh'ma. Arms and hands have the power to heal and help, to create and build, and this is what the tefillin remind us each morning that all our actions must be in character with these principles.

One box is placed near the heart; the seat of emotions. We are responsible for our emotions. There are certain emotions which the Torah prohibits and others the Torah encourages — we are capable of being their master, not their pawn.

The other box is placed upon the head. Man's mind is his finest gift and at the same time the most ominous threat to the world. If we use our mind appropriately, we can create a paradise; if not, we can bring utter destruction. Tefillin declare to us that we must use our mind in accordance with the teachings of the Torah, and not utilize the brain for self-aggrandizement at the expense of others.

Tefillin are a bond and a "sign" binding the American Jew, the Russian Jew and the Israeli Jew together into one inseparable whole, and at the same time tying the hand, the mind and the heart of the Jew to G-d and Torah, to ideal and principle. The tefillin strap spans oceans and continents, binding a scattered people into one strong unit.



Rhodes, Greece. The Kahal Shalom Synagogue, circa 1577, is the sole remaining synagogue on the Island of Rhodes still being used for services. It is the oldest synagogue in Greece.



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#### Fast of Esther (Mar. 21)

This fast day commemorates the 3day fast initiated by Queen Esther before interceding on behalf of her people to King Ahasuerus.

#### **Purim**

On Purim we celebrate the deliverance of the Jewish people from annihilation instigated by Haman, a member of the Amalek tribe. Had it not been for the lastminute intervention of Oueen Esther. who it turned out was lewish. Haman's plot may have succeeded. Upon the advice of her uncle Mordechai, the Jewish leader, Esther agreed to a daring strategy of approaching the king without being summoned. Esther requested that for 3 days prior to her approaching the king, the Jewish people reconnect with G-d through fasting and prayer.

When Esther approached the King's throne, she was summoned and bade to ask for whatever she wanted. Her request ultimately put an end to Haman and his plot.

Purim Eve (Mar. 23): At the conclusion of Shabbat, Purim begins

with listening to the megillah. When Haman's name is mentioned we twirl our groggers and stamp our feet to drown out his evil name.

Purim day (Mar. 24): During the course of this day, we listen to the reading of the megillah again.

The Purim salvation was a result of the unified efforts of all the Jewish community, we therefore, perform deeds that foster relationships and we assist the needy. We send a gift of food to a friend and give funds to the needy. We celebrate with a special festival meal with friends and family.

Masks and Costumes: The miracle of Purim was concealed: it seemed to come about from natural causes. G-d's presence was "masked" beneath the "costume" of natural events.

#### Shushan Purim (Mar. 25)

In the capital city of Shushan, the Jews were victorious on the following day: the 15th of Adar. Therefore, in certain cities (including Jerusalem), Purim is celebrated on the following day; known today as Shushan Purim



Shanghai, China. The Ohel Moshe Synagogue, created in 1927 by remodeling an existing building, is one of only two Shanghai synagogues that still stands today—out of the original six.



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#### **Passover**

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Passover celebrates the liberation of the Jewish people from Egyptian slavery and their subsequent birth as a nation more than 3,300 years ago. It is a holiday rich with traditions that are meant to help us experience "freedom" in our personal lives.

Chametz is the term for all food and drink made from leavened wheat, barley, rye, oats, spelt or their derivatives, which are forbidden during Passover. (The prohibition against eating chametz begins late-morning on April 22.) Seder Nights: The Passover holiday kicks off with a festive "seder" on the evenings of April 22 & 23, conducted at a table royally set. We relive and reenact the exodus from Egypt, thinking as if we ourselves were in bondage in Egypt and suffering under Pharaoh's oppressions. We then join with our ancestors as they experience their freedom and then cross the Sea of Reeds.

Matzah: One of the main mitzvot of Pesach is eating matzah. There is a custom to eat hand-baked "shmurah" matzah.

#### The Omer (April 23-June 11)

On the second night of Passover (April 23) we began counting the days until Shavuot, the day we received the Torah.

This counting links Passover to Shavuot, binding together the physical creation of the Jewish people during the exodus, and the creation of our spiritual identity through Torah.

#### Final Pesach Day (Apr. 29-30)

The eighth and final day of Passover, is associated with our fervent hope for the imminent coming of Moshiach (Messiah).

Passover concludes on Apr. 30 at the time indicated in the calendar. This is the time when we may begin to eat chametz products.





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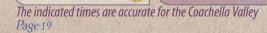
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LIGHT AFTER: 8:08pm

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#### Pesach Sheini (May 22)

After the Exodus, G-d instructed the people of Israel to bring the Passover offering, as they had done before departing Egypt.

However, there were individuals who could not prepare the Passover offering. They approached Moses and Aaron and said: "...why should we be deprived?" (Numbers 9:6-7). In response, G-d established the 14th of lyar as "Pesach Sheini" (2nd Passover).

This day represents a "second chance" achieved through the power of repentance. The Second Passover represents how there is never a lost cause.

We mark this day by eating matzah.

#### Lag B'Omer (May 26)

The 33rd day of the Omer count is celebrated as a joyous holiday. In the early second century on this date, Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai, a Mishnaic Sage, mystical thinker, and author of the Zohar, passed away. Having fulfilled his mission in this world he requested that the anniversary of his passing be celebrated as a happy day. In Israel, Lag B'Omer is celebrated with festivities and bonfires throughout the country, and particularly in the city of Meron, near the grave of Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai.

Throughout the world, this day serves as an occasion for weddings and other celebrations.

#### What is a Mezuzah?

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A small parchment scroll, which contains the Shema, a mezuzah placed on the entrances of the home reflects the holiness of the home that one is about to enter.

In addition to its role as a reminder of our faith, the mezuzah is also a symbol of G-d's watchful care over the home. The name of G-d, Sha-dai, which appears on the reverse side of the parchment is an acronym for "guardian of the doorways of Israel." The placing of a mezuzah on the doors protects the inhabitants - whether they are inside or not.

The letters in a mezuzah can be affected by the elements, especially an outdoors one, therefore we have them checked every 2 years to assure that nothing have faded or cracked.

Affix a mezuzah on the right doorpost as one enters, in a slanted position with the top pointed toward the inside and on the bottom of the upper third of the doorpost.











May 2024 ניסן-אייר תשפ"ד Nissan-lyar 5784 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday 2 Tonight Omer 10 Nissan 25 Nissan 23 Nissan 24 3 פרקי אבות א כג ניסן כד ניסן כה ניסן The month of May SHABBAT Tonight Omer 9 Tonight Omer 11 Tonight Omer 12 אחרי מברכים is dedicated in honor of utleHEIGHTS Acharei Rabbi Shimon Posner on his 60th birthday! May 17-19, '24 JLI In Memory of ENDS: 8:12PM Rabbi Zalman Posner LIGHT: 6:48PM Nissan 30 Nissan 27 Nissan 28 Nissan 29 8 Rosh Chodesh Iyar 1 10 Iyar 2 פרקי אבות ב 6 כז ניסו כח ניסו כט ניסו ל ניסן א אייר ב אייר Rosh Chodesh ג אייך Tonight Omer 13 Tonight Omer 18 Tonight Omer 14 Tonight Omer 15 קדושים Yom HaShoah Kedoshim Happy Birthday **Wanda Matranga** Happy Birthday LIGHT: 6:54PM Olivia Rae Artigas Happy Birthday Shaily Saig ENDS: 8:18pm פרקי אבות ג 18 13 15 Iyar 5 Iyar 6 Iyar 7 16 Iyar 8 Iyar 9 Iyar 4 ד אייר ה אייר ו אייר ז אייר ח אייר ט אייר ו אווך Tonight Omer 25 Tonight Omer 20 Tonight Omer 21 Tonight Omer 22 Tonight Omer 23 Tonight Omer 24 Tonight Omer 26 אמור **Yom Hazikaron Israel Day** Mother's Day Emoi **Happy Birthday** Happy Birthday Myla Rose Artigas Sholom Kesselman LIGHT: 6:59PM Happy Birthday Ted Goldman Happy Birthday Gita Kesselman ENDS: 8:24PM פרקי אבות ד Iyar 16 Iyar 11 Iyar 12 Iyar 13 Ivar 14 Iyar 15 19 יג אייר יא אייר יב אייר יד אייר טו אייר טז אייר יז אייר Tonight Omer 27 Tonight Omer 28 Tonight Omer 29 Tonight Omer 31 Tonight Omer 32 בחר Pesach Sheini Behar Happy Birthday Jerome Axelrod Happy Birthday Shimon Posner Happy Birthday Rochel Kreiman LIGHT: 7:04PM In Memory of Daniel Reich Happy Birthday Yeshayah Regar ENDS: 8:30PM Iyar 18 Iyar 19 28 Iyar 20 29 Iyar 21 31 Ivar 23 26 Ivar 22 יח אייר יט אייר כ אייר כא אייר כב אייר כג אייר Tonight Omer 37 Tonight Omer 39 Tonight Omer 38 Tonight Omer 36 LIGHT A CANDLE Lag B'omer **Federal Holiday** Memorial Day In Memory of **Chaim Zeisel Saywitz** In Memory of Albert LIGHT: 7:08PM Elie Bassal-Levy Happy Birthday Shahnti Brook The indicated times are accurate for the Coachella Valley Molad Iyar 5784: Wednesday, 11:41am +8 chalakim

#### Shavuot

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Shavuot marks the day G-d gave the Torah to the Jewish people, 3,336 years ago.

Shavuot ("weeks") represents the seven weeks during which the Jewish people prepared to receive the Torah, following the exodus. During this time they rid themselves of the scars of bondage and became a holy nation ready to stand before G-d.

Our sages have compared the giving of the Torah to a wedding between G-d and the Jewish people. He became our G-d and we accepted the responsibilities of this unique relationship.

Today, we prepare for the receiving of the Torah by staying up and studying Torah on the first night of Shavuot (June 11). It is also customary to decorate one's home with flowers that remind us of the flowers that blossomed over Mount Sinai when the Torah was given. Another custom is to eat cheese blintzes, cheesecake (dairy foods) during this festival.

Many make a point of attending the first day of Shavuot's Torah reading with all members of the family, even young children. This is a reliving of

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the giving of the Torah at which time every single Jew was present.

#### Mitzvot

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Each mitzvah that we fulfil strengthens our connection with G-d, allowing us to access a deeper dimension of existence.

The 613 mitzvot of the Torah include charity, kosher, praying, mezuzah, and Tefillin. Each "act" enhances and refines another aspect of our being and another dimension of our relationship with G-d.

Our sages tell us that the 613 mitzvot correspond to the human body. The 248 positive mitzvot are the limbs, and the 365 prohibitions are arteries. We should not pass up an opportunity to perform a mitzvah because each mitzvah strengthens our connection with G-d on a particular level.

Although we were all instructed to observe 613 mitzvot, not all apply to everyone all the time (i.e. several mitzvot (mostly agricultural) are only relevant to the Holy Land itself and many only apply during the Temple era).

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- OBM

Happy Birthday Rochel'e Lew In Memory of Yenta Lew

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#### The Three Weeks

Starting with the "Fast of Tammuz 17" (July 23) and concluding three weeks later after the Tisha B'Av fast (Aug. 13), the Three Weeks are a period of national mourning for the destruction of the two Temples. We do not celebrate weddings and festivities during this time.

#### 17th of Tammuz (Jul. 23)

This fast day ushers in the mourning period of the Three Weeks.

Five catastrophes happened on this date: 1) Moses smashed the Tablets upon seeing the golden calf. 2) King Menashe set up an idol inside the Temple. 3) A Greek general burned the Torah scroll. 4) The tamid (daily sacrifice) was stopped. 5) The Romans breached Jerusalem's walls

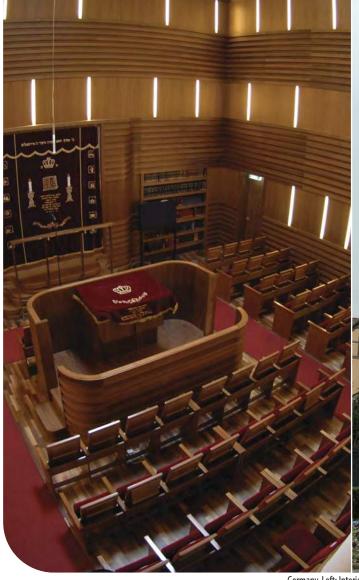
#### Ani Maamin (=I believe)

Many recite these thirteen "Ani Maamin's" daily. Compiled from the 613 commandments, each one begins with the words "Ani Maamin." Maimonides referred to them as "the fundamental truths of our religion

and its very foundation."

The Thirteen articles are:

- 1. The existence of the Creator, who is the Primary Cause of all that exists.
- 2. G-d's unity.
- 3. G-d's non-corporeality, nor that He is affected by any physical occurrences, such as movement, or
- rest, or dwelling. 4. G-d's eternity.
- 5. The imperative to worship G-d exclusively and no false gods.
- 6. G-d communicates with humans through prophecy.
- 7. The prophecy of Moses our teacher has priority.
- 8. The Divine origin of the Torah.
- 9. The immutability of Torah.
- 10. Divine omniscience and providence.
- 11. Divine reward and retribution.
- 12. The arrival of the Messiah and the messianic era.
- 13. The resurrection of the dead.





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#### Tisha B'Av (Aug. 13)

Tisha B'Av, the 9th day of Av, is the saddest day in the Jewish calendar. From the earliest days of our nation's history — when G-d decreed on this date that the Jews would wander in the desert for forty years — through the destruction of both Temples in Jerusalem, to the Holocaust, this date appears as a pivotal and somber point in time.

In addition to remembering all these tragic events, this day is used as a day of prayer to the Almighty. We pray for Him to bring us the final redemption through our righteous Moshiach and the rebuilding of the third Temple. Within our sadness shines a beacon of hope which will ultimately carry us through.

There is a famous story about the popular sage Rabbi Ákiva who once visited the ruins at the site of the Temple together with his colleagues. As they began to weep over the destruction of the Temple, Rabbi Akiva rejoiced. Responding to his colleague's bafflement, he explained that the prophets foresaw the Temple's

destruction and its rebuilding. "Now that I see the first part has been fulfilled. I am certain the second part will be fulfilled as well." To this they responded, "Akiva, you have brought us great consolation." May we merit this speedily in our days.

#### Tu B'Av (Aug. 19) CHABADRM.COM/AV15

The Talmud states: "There were no greater holidays for the Jewish People than Av 15 and Yom Kippur."

This day marks a number of happy occasions: End of the 40-year decree upon the Jewish People to remain in the desert (1,274 bce). Reconciliation of the tribe of Benjamin with the other tribes of Israel (Judges 21), Removal of guards, stationed by Jeroboam ben Nevat, preventing the pilgrimage to the Temple in Jerusalem by any member of the Ten Tribes of Israel, And, after 14 years, the Romans finally grant permission for the dead of Beitar to be buried (149 ce).









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#### The Month of Elul

The final 29 days of the Jewish year comprise the month of Elul. Elul is a preparation for the upcoming New Year. An analogy refers to G-d during this month as a "King in the field." After returning to his palace, after being away, the king will pass through outlying fields and is approachable to anyone who wishes. Similarly during the month of Elul, G-d readily accepts our petitions and grants all requests.

#### Slichot

Each day until Rosh Hashanah, beginning late Saturday night (Sept. 28), we recite "Selichot" [prayers for forgiveness].

#### Rosh Hashanah (Oct. 3-4)

Rosh Hashanah commemorates the beginning of Creation. It is a

time for reflection on our purpose and resolving to make our lives more meaningful.

It is customary to dip challah in honey and eat a piece of apple dipped in honey. Other customs include eating pomegranates and carrots.

On Rosh Hashanah we hear the sounds of the shofar, an soulful instrument, sounding like a primal outcry from the depth of the soul. We recite "Tashlich" services (when *not Shabbat*) while visiting a body of water containing fish.

#### Fast of Gedalia (Oct. 6)

This fast day commemorates the assassination of the Governor of Judea installed Nebuchadnezzar.



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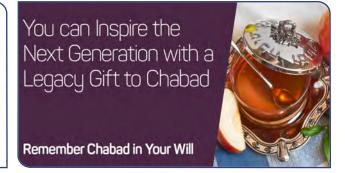
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	Happy Birthday David Pelter		Happy Birthday Shailee Frida Talit	Happy Birthday Rivkah Posner	In Memory of Helen Rosenberg	In Memory of David Garber	In Memory of Alex Iser Reifer Baal Shem Tov Birthday Alter Rebbe's Birthday ENDS: 7:20PM	
	22 Elul 19 יט אלול	23 Elul 20 כ אלול	24 Elul 21 כא אלול	25 Elul 22 כב אלול	26 Elul 23 כג אלול	27 Elul 24 כד אלול Happy Birthday	פרקי אבות היו Elul 25 כה אלול נצבים-וילך מכרכים Nitzavim-Vayelech	
	In Memory of Stephen Finger In Memory of Nanny Bordoff In Memory of Joan Holland			Happy Birthday Bryan Kocen		Levi Yitzchok Kreiman In Memory of Yisroel (Poz) Pozepoff In Memory of Fannie Pelter LIGHT: 5:52pm	שבת סליהות Slichot tonigh שבת סליהות ENDS: 7:10PM	
	29 Elul 26 כו אלול	30 Elul 27 כז אלול	LIGHT A CANDLE		1000's of Kosher			
		Happy Birthday Geraldine Axelrod Happy Birthday Steve Sand In Memory of Zalmon Jaffe	SHARE THE LIGHT	chabadrm.com/red	recipes  Thousands of Kosher recipes at your fingertips.	chabad	rm.com/newyear	



































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