

**ELUL**

The month of Elul, the last on the Jewish calendar, is the time to reflect on the year gone by, and to correct any shortcomings. In synagogues around the world, extra prayers are recited, and the Shofar is sounded every weekday after the morning service.

**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**

This year, the first day the Selichot prayers are recited.

**ROSH HASHANA**

Rosh Hashana, the beginning of the Jewish year, is considered the world's birthday. On this date, G-d completed His creation by creating Adam and Eve, the first humans. The very day of his creation, Adam acknowledged G-d's Kingship over the entire universe. We continue to do so every Rosh Hashana, as we reaffirm our commitment to following G-d's commandments.

**THE SHOFAR**

An important observance of Rosh Hashana is the sounding of the Shofar (the ram's horn). The Shofar has many meanings. It symbolizes our coronation of G-d as King, it reminds us to 'wake up' and return to G-d, and it presages the coming of Moshiach, which will be heralded by the sounding of the Shofar. If one did not hear the Shofar in the synagogue, one should make sure to hear at least the thirty prescribed Shofar sounds during each day of Rosh Hashana.



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**TASHLICH**

On the first day of Rosh Hashana, or on one of the following days, it is customary to visit a body of water containing fish and to recite the Tashlich prayer. At this service, we symbolically 'cast away our sins', proclaiming to all that we want no part of them, and that G-d will surely 'cast them away' into oblivion.

**FAST OF GEDALIAH**

This fast day commemorates the assassination of Gedaliah. Gedaliah was the leader of the remaining Jewish community in Israel, during the beginning of the Babylonian exile. As a result of this assassination, these last remnants were dispersed, as well.

**YOM KIPPUR**

Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, is the holiest day in the Jewish calendar. On this day, G-d promises to forgive all our sins - as long as we regret our past and resolve to do better in the future. During this day we are compared to angels who are free from sin; We refrain from work, any food or drink, and from washing, anointing oneself with oils or lotions, marital relations, and the wearing of leather shoes.

**TESHUVA**

The word Teshuva is commonly translated as 'repentance'. In fact, however, Teshuva means 'return'. This difference is significant, and it carries an important message: No matter how far a Jew may stray, the Jewish soul always remains connected to its true home. The door remains open; it is always possible to return.

(Based on the teachings of the Lubavitcher Rebbe)

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Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Shabbat	
5	י"ט אלול Elul 19	6	י"א אלול Elul 20	7	כ"א אלול Elul 21	1	ט"ו אלול Elul 15	2	ט"ז אלול Elul 16	3	י"ז אלול Elul 17	4	י"ח אלול Elul 18 KI TAVO Pirkei Avot: chapter 3 & 4
For more information or to RSVP call 856-874-1500 or email Shofar@TheChabadCenter.org		For more information or to RSVP call 856-874-1500 or email Kapparot@TheChabadCenter.org								Light candles at 7:09 pm		Shabbat ends at 8:08 pm	
		<i>Labor Day</i>										כה אלול Elul 25 NITZAVIM - VAYEILECH Pirkei Avot: chapter 5 & 6	
12	כ"ו אלול Elul 26	13	כ"ז אלול Elul 27	14	כ"ח אלול Elul 28	15	כ"ט אלול Elul 29	16	א' תשרי Tishrei 1	17	ב' תשרי Tishrei 2	18	ג' תשרי Tishrei 3 HA'AZINU Shabbat Shuva
						Eiruv Tavshilin Light candles at 6:49 pm		1-st day of ROSH HASHANA Light candles after 7:47 pm		2-nd day of ROSH HASHANA Light candles at 6:46 pm		Shabbat ends at 7:44 pm	
19	ד' תשרי Tishrei 4	20	ה' תשרי Tishrei 5	21	ו' תשרי Tishrei 6	22	ז' תשרי Tishrei 7	23	ח' תשרי Tishrei 8	24	ט' תשרי Tishrei 9	25	י' תשרי Tishrei 10 Yizkor YOM KIPPUR Holiday ends at 7:32 pm
FAST OF GEDALIAH Fast ends at 7:31 pm										Light candles at 6:34 pm			
26	יא' תשרי Tishrei 11	27	י"ב תשרי Tishrei 12	28	י"ג תשרי Tishrei 13	29	יד' תשרי Tishrei 14	30	ט"ו תשרי Tishrei 15	 Chabad Hebrew School A link to the past and a bridge to the future. We create an environment that brings to life, fosters creativity and supports your child's unique style of learning.			
						Eiruv Tavshilin Light candles at 6:26 pm		1st day of SUKKOT Light candles after 7:24 pm		Light candles at 6:34 pm			