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Davening Times

Services

Congregation Ohel Levi Yitzchok Lubavitch
Weekly Schedule

Shabbos NOT M'vorchim Parsha Nitzavim/Vayeilech 5770
Licht Benching 7:16 PM
Mincha 7:25 PM
Kabbolas Shabbos 7:55 PM
Tehillim 8:00 AM
Shacharis 9:40 AM

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SPECIAL WOMEN'S FARBRENGEN IN HONOR OF ROSH HASHANAH

Pirkei Avos Shiur for Women with Mrs. Chanie Feldman, at the home of the Denton's, 6414 Park Heights Ave., Apt. A-4, 5:00 PM

Gemora Shiur, Mesechta Taanis with Rabbi Uri Feldman – 5:05 PM
Hilchos Shabbos Shiur with Adam Block – 6:05 PM

Mincha - 7:05 PM
Maariv - 8:21 PM
Selichos - 1:00 AM

Sunday, September 5th (26th - Elul)

Shacharis - 7:30 AM and 8:30 AM
Mincha - 7:25 PM
Maariv - 8:05 PM

Women's Tehillim Group at the Weintraubs' @ 10:30 AM

Monday and Tuesday September 6th & 7th (27th & 28th elul)

Selichos - 6:00 AM & 7:00 AM
Shacharis - 6:30 AM & 7:30 AM
Mincha - 7:20 PM
Maariv - 8:00 PM

Erev Rosh Hashana & Rosh Hashana 5771
Wednesday, September 8th (29th Elul)

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When lighting your candles please pray for Levi Yitzchak Ben Tzirel's complete recovery

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From the Rabbi's desk



Shabbos Parshas Nitzavim is always the last Shabbos

reading of the year, and often, as this year, it is joined with Parshas Vayelech. The Rebbe would always say that nothing is incidental, and surely matters related to Torah and Mitzvos are specific and meaningful.

Nitzavim means "standing upright". The Torah empowers every Jew to recognize that notwithstanding all of the possibilities for error over the course of the ending year, on this final Shabbos we still "stand upright" in the eyes of Hashem. The conclusion of the month of Elul brings with it the potential for every Jew to tap into the deepest recesses of our Souls and reveal true Infinite potentials. Ani L'dodi, I am to my beloved, meaning to say that I am defined by Hashem's True Reality and I resolve to rededicate my New Year with this inspiration. It is our's for the asking.

Parshas Vayelech then is a call to action that one must take after coming to this resolution. Nitzavim tells you who you are, and that Infinite potential. Vayelech tells you how far you can go with that recognition. Vayelech means "and he went", referring to the journey of the

Selichos - 5:45 AM Only
 Shacharis - 6:30 AM (followed by Hatoros Nedarim)
 Licht Benching - 7:08 PM
 Mincha - 7:20 PM
 Maariv - 8:08 PM

Thursday, September 9th (1st day Rosh Hashana)
 Shacharis - 9:00 AM
 Shofar (approx.) - 11:30 AM
 Mincha - 6:45 PM (followed by Tashlich)
 Licht Benching - Not Before 8:05 PM
 Maariv - 8:05 PM

Friday, September 10th (2nd day Rosh Hashana)
 Shacharis - 9:00 AM
 Shofar (approx.) - 11:30 AM
 Mincha - 7:05 PM
 Licht benching - No Later than 7:05 PM
 Kabbalah Shabbos - 7:45 PM

Jew that , in the observance of Mitzvos, can leap beyond any boundaries of the finite body and can reach an intimacy with our Creator defined by His Truth.

Let us resolve together to recognize our truest inner potentials and move forward to sanctify our lives , our homes, our families, and our surroundings with the Light of our Torah and may we merit a New Year filled with the Blessings from Hashem for Health, Prosperity, Nachas from our children and the Complete Redemption, speedily in our days.

Selichot

Please remember that we begin the Selichot prayers this Saturday night at 1:00 AM, and throughout the week at 6:00 AM. Erev Rosh Hashanah Selichot begin at 5:45 AM.

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If you only knew the power of verses of Psalms and their effect in the highest Heavens, you would recite them constantly. Know that the chapters of Psalms shatter all barriers, they ascend higher and still higher with no interference; they prostrate themselves in supplication before the Master of all worlds, and they effect and accomplish with kindness and compassion
 — Rabbi Menachem Mendel of Lubavitch ("Tzemach Tzedek, 1789-1866)

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Video & Audio

Selichot with the Rebbe

The post-midnight "supplication" prayers are a unique blend of solemnity and joy



Seasons of the Soul

The High Holidays – Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur

The Day of Awe: Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, and Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement.



Jewish Practice

Selichot

Several days before Rosh Hashanah we begin to recite the *Selichot*, a series of penitential prayers and liturgy



The Rebbe

The Israeli Prime Minister's Jewish Pride

It was a politically chaotic time in Israel. Prime Minister Yitzchak Rabin, a member of the Labor Party, resigned, bringing on new general elections. The elections brought dramatic change to the small country. On May 17, 1977, the right-wing Likud Party came to power, ending a twenty-nine year period in which the Left had governed Israel.

Chabad-Lubavitch News from Around the World



NORTH AMERICA

N.Y. Rabbi Promotes New Year Services Ahead of Fashion Week

For the first time ever, New York Fashion Week – an annual tradition that showcases the spring lines of hundreds of the city's top fashion designers – will coincide with the Jewish New Year of Rosh Hashanah.



THE ARTS

Printmaker Blends Jewish Images With a Nod to Pop Culture

Chasidic artist Michael Mordechai Cohen celebrated his East Coast debut as he unveiled a series of pop-influenced spiritual prints at the J. Klaynberg Gallery in the New York City neighborhood of Chelsea.



FORMER SOVIET UNION

Lenin's Birthplace Celebrates First-Ever Torah Scroll

More than 500 people celebrated the completion of the first Torah scroll to be written in the birthplace of Communist leader Vladimir Lenin.



HOLIDAY WATCH

Children Toot Their Own Horns at Pre-New Year Workshops

The more-than 30-year tradition of bringing the shofar into the classroom helps students connect with and understand the importance of Rosh Hashanah.

The Jewish Calendar

Thursday

Elul 23 | September 2

Dove brings Olive Leaf(2105 BCE)
Elul Observances

Friday

Elul 24 | September 3

Passing of Chafetz Chaim(1933)
Elul Observances

Shabbat

Elul 25 | September 4

Creation(3761 BCE)
Jerusalem Walls Rebuilt(335 BCE)
Passing of R. Elazar(2nd century CE)
Passing of R. Michel of Zlotchov(1786)
Shabbat Mevarchim Customs
Ethics: Chapters 5 & 6
Selichot
Elul Observances

Sunday

Elul 26 | September 5

Elul Observances

Monday

Elul 27 | September 6

Passing of Belzer Rebbe(1855)
Selichot
Elul Observances

Parshat Nitzavim-Vayelech

The Parshah of *Nitzavim* includes some of the most fundamental principles of **the Jewish faith**:

The **unity of Israel**: "You stand today, all of you, before the L-rd your G-d: your **heads**, your **tribes**, your **elders**, your **officers**, and **every Israelite man**; your **young ones**, your **wives**, the **stranger** in your gate; from your **wood hewer** to your **water drawer**."

The **future redemption**: Moses warns of the exile and **desolation** of the Land that will result if Israel abandons G-d's laws, but then he prophesies that, in the end, "You will return to the L-rd your G-d... If your outcasts shall be at the ends of the heavens, from there will the L-rd your G-d gather you... and bring you into the Land which your fathers have possessed."

The **practicality of Torah**: "For the Mitzvah which I command you this day, it is not beyond you nor is it remote from you. It is **not in heaven**... It is not across the sea.... Rather, it is **very close** to you, in your **mouth**, in your **heart**, that you may **do it**."

Freedom of choice: "I have set before you life and goodness, and death and evil; in that I command you this day to love G-d, to walk in His ways and to keep His commandments... Life and death I have set before you, blessing and curse. And you shall choose **life**."

The Parshah of *Vayelech* (" **And He Went**") recounts the events on Moses' last day of earthly life. "I am one hundred and twenty years old **today**," he says to the people, "and **I can no longer** go forth and come in." He transfers the leadership to Joshua, and writes (or concludes writing) **the Torah** in a scroll which he entrusts to the Levites for safekeeping **in the Ark** of the Covenant.

Tuesday

Elul 28 | September 7

[Selichot](#)

[Elul Observances](#)

Wednesday

Elul 29 | September 8

Erev Rosh Hashanah

[Tzemach Tzedek Born\(1789\)](#)

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[Annulment of Vows](#)

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Thursday

Tishrei 1 | September 9

Rosh Hashanah

[Adam & Eve\(3760 BCE\)](#)

[1st Sin & Repentance\(3760 BCE\)](#)

[Dove's 3rd Mission\(2105 BCE\)](#)

[Binding of Isaac; Sarah's Passing\(1677 BCE\)](#)

[Baal Shem Tov's Vision of Moshiach\(1746\)](#)

[Daf Yomi\(1923\)](#)

["Good Year"](#)

[Apple & Honey](#)

[Shofar](#)

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Friday

Tishrei 2 | September 10

Rosh Hashanah

[Shehecheyanu \(New Fruit\)](#)

[Shofar](#)

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Shabbat

Tishrei 3 | September 11

[Passing of Rebbetzin Devorah Leah\(1792\)](#)

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The mitzvah of *Hak'hel* ("**Gather**") is given: every seven years, during the festival of Sukkot of the first year of the **shemittah cycle**, the entire people of Israel -- men, women and children -- should gather at the Holy Temple in Jerusalem, where the **king** should read to them from the Torah.

Vayelech concludes with the prediction that the people of Israel will turn away from their covenant with G-d causing Him to **hide His face** from them, but also with the promise that the words of the Torah "**shall not be forgotten** out of the mouths of their **descendants**."

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