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"וְהָיָה בְיָמֵי זֶרְעֵךָ בְּזֶדְדְּךָ, וּבְיָמֵי שַׁבָּת בְּשִׁבְתּוֹ"

And it shall come to pass that from one New Moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another
(ישעיהו פרק סו פסוק כג)

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August 20 – September 18, 2020

The New Moon: Tuesday night (18.8.2020) at 1:54 a.m. and 16 *chalakim*

Kiddush Levana (Sanctification of the Moon):

from Saturday night, the eve of 3 *Elul* (22.8.2020) to the end of Tuesday night, the eve of 13 *Elul* (1.9.2020) the entire night

Kiddush Levana (according to Oriental communities): from Wednesday night, 7 *Elul* (26.8.2020)

Thursday, *Alef d'Rosh Chodesh Elul*, 30 *Menachem-Av* (20.8.2020): *Rosh Chodesh* prayers.

Friday, 1 *Elul* (21.8.2020) – Second day of *Rosh Chodesh Elul*: *Rosh Chodesh* prayers.

We begin to blow the *Shofar* (*teki'a* – *shevarim* – *teru'a* – *teki'a*) every morning until 28 *Elul*, in order to arouse people to do *teshuva*. We begin to recite *ledavid Hashem ori* at the *shacharit* and *'arvit* services (*ashkenazim-chasidim* and *sefardim*: at *shacharit* and *mincha*) until the festival of *Shemini 'Atzeret*.

It is the custom of our Oriental communities to rise every morning to recite *selichot* before *ashmoret haboker* from Sunday night, the eve of 2 *Elul* (22.8.2020) and some do so at midnight. Some blow the *shofar* during *selichot* – when the *chazan* recites *Vaya'avor*.

Candle Lighting Times For Shabbat - Friday, 1 Elul, August 21, 2020

Shabbat begins		Shabbat ends		Shabbat begins		Shabbat begins			
Jerusalem	18:32	Jerusalem	19:43	New York	19:13	Melbourne	17:26	Madrid	20:22
Tel Aviv	18:49	Tel Aviv	19:45	Los Angeles	18:54	Johannesburg	17:29	Marbella	20:35
Beer Sheba	18:49	Beer Sheba	19:45	Paris	20:11	Buenos Aires	18:03	Toronto	19:31
Haifa	18:42	Haifa	19:45	London	19:26	Moscow	19:05	Warsaw	19:00
Eilat	18:36	Eilat	19:41	Amsterdam	20:06	Rome	19:19		

Shabbat Parashat Shoftim, 2 Elul (22.8.2020)

For the Haftara we read in the book of Isaiah (51:12), from *Anochi Anochi Hu Menachemchem* to 52:12 "...e-lokei yisrael".

Mincha: Three men are called up to read from *Parashat Ki Tetze*. *Avot*, chapter 1.

Candle Lighting Times for Shabbat - Friday, 8 Elul, August 28, 2020

Shabbat begins		Shabbat ends		Shabbat begins		Shabbat begins			
Jerusalem	18:32	Jerusalem	19:43	New York	19:13	Melbourne	17:26	Madrid	20:22
Tel Aviv	18:49	Tel Aviv	19:45	Los Angeles	18:54	Johannesburg	17:29	Marbella	20:35
Beer Sheba	18:49	Beer Sheba	19:45	Paris	20:11	Buenos Aires	18:03	Toronto	19:31
Haifa	18:42	Haifa	19:45	London	19:26	Moscow	19:05	Warsaw	19:00
Eilat	18:36	Eilat	19:41	Amsterdam	20:06	Rome	19:19		

Shabbat Parashat Ki Tetze, 9 Elul (29.8.2020)

We read the *haftara* from Isaiah (*Yesha'yahu*) 54:1: *ronni 'akara* – to verse 10: *amar merachamecha Hashem*.

Mincha: Three men are called up to read from *Parashat Ki Tavo*. *Avot* chapter 2.

Candle Lighting Times for Shabbat - Friday, 15 Elul, September 4, 2020

Shabbat begins		Shabbat ends		Shabbat begins		Shabbat begins			
Jerusalem	18:23	Jerusalem	19:34	New York	19:02	Melbourne	17:32	Madrid	20:11
Tel Aviv	18:40	Tel Aviv	19:36	Los Angeles	18:45	Johannesburg	17:32	Marbella	20:25
Beer Sheba	18:40	Beer Sheba	19:36	Paris	19:57	Buenos Aires	18:08	Toronto	19:19
Haifa	18:33	Haifa	19:36	London	19:10	Moscow	18:47	Warsaw	18:44
Eilat	18:28	Eilat	19:33	Amsterdam	19:50	Rome	19:07		

Shabbat Parashat Ki Tavo, 16 Elul (5.9.2020)

The *haftara* is read from Isaiah (*Yesha'yahu*) 60: *kumi ori* to the end of the chapter. It is customary to read the *tochecha* in a low voice, but the whole congregation must hear the reading. It is also customary for the reader himself to make the *berachot* over this section.

Mincha: Three men are called up to read from *Parashat Nitzavim*. *Avot*, Chapters 3-4.

Candle Lighting Times For Shabbat - Friday, 22 Elul, September 11, 2020

Shabbat begins		Shabbat ends		Shabbat begins		Shabbat begins			
Jerusalem	18:14	Jerusalem	19:24	New York	18:51	Melbourne	17:38	Madrid	19:59
Tel Aviv	18:31	Tel Aviv	19:26	Los Angeles	18:35	Johannesburg	17:35	Marbella	20:14
Beer Sheba	18:31	Beer Sheba	19:26	Paris	19:42	Buenos Aires	18:13	Toronto	19:06
Haifa	18:23	Haifa	19:26	London	18:54	Moscow	18:29	Warsaw	18:28
Eilat	18:19	Eilat	19:24	Amsterdam	19:33	Rome	18:55		

Shabbat Parashat Nitzavim, 23 Elul (12.9.2020)

The *haftara* is read from Isaiah (*Yesha'yahu*) 61:10: *sos asis* to 63:9: *kol yemei 'olam*. We do not bless the new month (because of *bakeseh leyom chaggeinu*).

Mincha: Three men are called up to read from *Parashat Vayelech*. *Avot*, Chapters 5-6.

On *Motzei Shabbat* we do not recite *vihi noam* and *ata kadosh*. Oriental Jews, according to Kabbalah do recite.

Sunday, 14 Elul (13.9.2020)

Ashkenazim being to say *Selichot*. We recite *'al netilat yadayim, asher yatzar* and *birkat hatorah* before reciting *selichot*, and we do not repeat the *berachot* before praying. The *shaliach tzibbur* puts on his *tallit* (while it is still night), but does not recite the relevant *beracha*. When morning dawns he takes off the *tallit*, recites the *beracha* and puts it on again. It is preferable to wear a borrowed *tallit* (from an individual, not the one belonging to the *tzibbur*), so that his obligation to recite the *beracha* is clear. *Ashrei, chatzi kaddish, selichot* according to custom. After the *selichot* we recite the *vidui* once only (the Vilna Gaon's custom). *Tachanun, kaddish titkabbal* (if one recites *selichot* by himself one should say *shelosh esreh middot* as if he were reading it from the Torah, with its *trop*, and not as a prayer; he omits *uzechor lanu hayom brit shelosh 'esreh*, nor does he recite the *bakashot* written in Aramaic). Until *Erev Yom Kippur* it is customary to visit gravesites of *tzaddikim*. Some fast on the first day of *selichot*.

Friday, 29 Elul (18.9.2020): Erev Rosh Hashanah 5781.

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