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"וְהָיָה בְּיָמֵי זֶדְדִּים בְּזֶדְדָם, וּבְיָמֵי שִׁבְתֵּי שַׁבָּתוֹ"

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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September 3, 2024 – October 2, 2024

The New Moon: Tuesday (3.9.2024), at 2:37 p.m. and 12 *Chalakim*

Kiddush Levana (Sanctification of the Moon): From Saturday night, the eve of 8 *Elul* (18.9.2024) to Wednesday, 15 *Elul* (18.9.2024) early in the morning, beginning of a partial lunar eclipse

Kiddush Levana (according to Oriental communities): from Tuesday night, the eve of 8 *Elul* (10.9.2024).

Wednesday, 1 Elul (4.9.2024) – 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 *teshuvah*. 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 the eve of 2 *Elul* (5.9.2024) and some do so at midnight. Some blow the *shofar* during *selichot* – when the *chazan* recites *Vaya'avor*.

Shabbat Parashat Shoftim, 4 Elul (7.9.2024) – The fourth week of Shiva Denechamta

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.

Shabbat Parashat Ki Tetze, 11 Elul (14.9.2024) – The fifth week of Shiva Denechamta

We read the *haftara* from Isaiah (*Yasha'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.

Shabbat Parashat Ki Tavo, 18 Elul (21.9.2024) – The sixth week of Shiva Denechamta

The *haftara* is read from Isaiah (*Yasha'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.

Shabbat Parashot Nitzavim-Vayelech, 25 Elul (9.9.2023) – The Seventh week of Shiva Denechamta

The *haftara* is read from Isaiah (*Yasha'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 Ha'azinu*. *Avot*, Chapters 5-6.

On Saturday night we begin to say *Selichot*. Some begin to say at midnight, and some start at around 10 p.m., *ashmoret Shniya* (the second part of the night). It is preferable to say *Selichot* at dawn.

Sunday, 26 Elul (29.9.2024)

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*.

Wednesday, 29 Elul (2.10.2024): Erev Rosh Hashanah 5785.

Eruv Tavshilin is needed to be done in order to allowed to prepare food on Yom Tov for Shabbat.

It is customary to wake up early in the morning, to say many *slichot* known as *Zechor habrit*. A mourner may go to shul for *slichot*. Following *slichot tachanun* is said, and its recitation continues into daylight. During *shachrit tachanun* is not said.

Lamenatzeach is said. The *shofar* is not blown. After *davening* it is customary to perform *hatarat nedarim*, this can be done until *erev Yom Kippur*. One who does not understand the Hebrew should say *hatarat nedarim* in the language he understands. Vows may be annulled until *erev Yom Kippur*, and beyond. A woman may assign her husband to annul her vows: he should tell the *dayanim* that he is annulling his wife's vows and recite the text in the plural form: *shenadarnu, shenishbanu*. Some have the custom to *daven mincha gedola* half an hour after *chatzot*. All get haircuts, shower, and go to the *mikvah* in honor of the Day of Judgement.

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Candle Lighting Times for Shabbat - Friday, 3 Elul, September 6, 2024

| Shabbat begins | | Shabbat ends | | Shabbat begins | | Shabbat begins | | | |
|----------------|-------|--------------|-------|----------------|-------|----------------|-------|----------|-------|
| Jerusalem | 18:44 | Jerusalem | 19:56 | New York | 19:30 | Melbourne | 17:17 | Madrid | 20:38 |
| Tel Aviv | 19:01 | Tel Aviv | 19:59 | Los Angeles | 19:18 | Johannesburg | 17:25 | Marbella | 20:49 |
| Beer Sheba | 19:01 | Beer Sheba | 19:57 | Paris | 20:32 | Buenos Aires | 17:56 | Toronto | 19:49 |
| Haifa | 18:55 | Haifa | 19:59 | London | 19:49 | Moscow | 19:32 | Warsaw | 19:24 |
| Eilat | 18:48 | Eilat | 19:45 | Amsterdam | 20:30 | Rome | 19:36 | Belmonte | 20:05 |
| | | | | | | | | Lisbon | 20:10 |

Candle Lighting Times for Shabbat - Friday, 10 Elul, September 13, 2024

| Shabbat begins | | Shabbat ends | | Shabbat begins | | Shabbat begins | | | |
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| Jerusalem | 19:36 | Jerusalem | 19:48 | New York | 19:20 | Melbourne | 17:23 | Madrid | 20:28 |
| Tel Aviv | 18:53 | Tel Aviv | 19:50 | Los Angeles | 19:09 | Johannesburg | 17:28 | Marbella | 20:40 |
| Beer Sheba | 18:54 | Beer Sheba | 19:49 | Paris | 20:19 | Buenos Aires | 18:01 | Toronto | 19:38 |
| Haifa | 18:47 | Haifa | 19:50 | London | 19:34 | Moscow | 19:15 | Warsaw | 19:09 |
| Eilat | 18:40 | Eilat | 19:46 | Amsterdam | 20:14 | Rome | 19:25 | Belmonte | 19:55 |
| | | | | | | | | Lisbon | 20:00 |

Candle Lighting Times for Shabbat - Friday, 17 Elul, September 20, 2024

| Shabbat begins | | Shabbat ends | | Shabbat begins | | Shabbat begins | | | |
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| Jerusalem | 18:28 | Jerusalem | 19:39 | New York | 19:09 | Melbourne | 17:29 | Madrid | 20:17 |
| Tel Aviv | 18:45 | Tel Aviv | 19:41 | Los Angeles | 19:00 | Johannesburg | 17:31 | Marbella | 20:30 |
| Beer Sheba | 18:45 | Beer Sheba | 19:40 | Paris | 20:05 | Buenos Aires | 18:06 | Toronto | 19:29 |
| Haifa | 18:38 | Haifa | 19:41 | London | 19:19 | Moscow | 18:57 | Warsaw | 18:53 |
| Eilat | 18:33 | Eilat | 19:37 | Amsterdam | 19:59 | Rome | 19:14 | Belmonte | 19:44 |
| | | | | | | | | Lisbon | 19:49 |

Candle Lighting Times for Shabbat - Friday, 24 Elul, September 27, 2024

| Shabbat begins | | Shabbat ends | | Shabbat begins | | Shabbat begins | | | |
|----------------|-------|--------------|-------|----------------|-------|----------------|-------|----------|-------|
| Jerusalem | 18:19 | Jerusalem | 19:29 | New York | 18:57 | Melbourne | 17:35 | Madrid | 20:06 |
| Tel Aviv | 18:36 | Tel Aviv | 19:32 | Los Angeles | 18:51 | Johannesburg | 17:33 | Marbella | 20:20 |
| Beer Sheba | 18:36 | Beer Sheba | 19:31 | Paris | 19:50 | Buenos Aires | 18:11 | Toronto | 19:13 |
| Haifa | 18:29 | Haifa | 19:31 | London | 19:03 | Moscow | 18:39 | Warsaw | 18:37 |
| Eilat | 18:24 | Eilat | 19:28 | Amsterdam | 19:43 | Rome | 19:02 | Belmonte | 19:33 |
| | | | | | | | | Lisbon | 19:39 |

