

# אלול

## ELUL

אלול תשע"ז – AUG.-SEPT. '17		בתולה	דף היומי
סנהדרין	לח	23 Wed.	ב' דר"ח אלול, שופר
	לט	24 Thu.	פ' שופטים הפטרה אנכי אנכי, פרק א'
	מ	25 Fri.	
	מא	26 Sat.	
	מב	27 Sun.	
	מג	28 Mon.	SEPTMBER
	מד	29 Tue.	
	מה	30 Wed.	
	מו	31 Thu.	
	מז	1 Fri.	
מח	2 Sat.	פ' כי תצא הפטרה רני עקרה, פרק ב'	
מט	3 Sun.	פ' כי תבוא הפטרה קומי אורי, פרק ג"ד	
נ	4 Mon.		
נא	5 Tue.		
נב	6 Wed.		
נג	7 Thu.		
נד	8 Fri.		
נה	9 Sat.		
נו	10 Sun.	פ' נצבים-וילך הפטרה שוש אשיש, פרק ה"ו	
נז	11 Mon.		
נח	12 Tue.		
נט	13 Wed.		
ס	14 Thu.		
סא	15 Fri.		
סב	16 Sat.		
סג	17 Sun.	א' דסליחות ער"ה תשע"ח, ע' תבשילין, זכור ברית	
סד	18 Mon.		
סה	19 Tue.		
סו	20 Wed.		

מולד אלול: דינסטאג אינדערפרי 44 מינוט מיט 15 חלק נאך 10

**א' דראש חודש**  
**FIRST DAY ROSH CHODESH**  
TUESDAY, AUG. 22, 30 AV

**שחרית / SHACHRIS**

The usual service for *Rosh Chodesh*: יעלה ויבא in *Shemonah Esrei*; Half-Hallel; *Kaddish Tiskabel*; Torah Reading; *Mussaf* for *Rosh Chodesh* etc.

**ב' דראש חודש**  
**SECOND DAY**  
**ROSH CHODESH**

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 23, 1 ELUL

**שחרית / SHACHRIS**

For *Rosh Chodesh*: יעלה ויבא; Half-Hallel; *Kaddish Tiskabel*; Torah Reading; *Mussaf*; etc. Psalm of the Day; ברכי נפשי. We begin to blow תשר"ת every day at the conclusion of the morning service (excluding Shabbos) through the day before *Erev Rosh HaShanah*. We begin to recite לדוד אורי after *Maariv* (*Nusach Sefard* after *Mincha*) and *Shachris* through *Shemini Atzeres*.

(The essential purpose of *Shofar* Blowing is to arouse and even startle people into a heightened awareness of the need to repent. It is the nature of a horn's blast to produce a level of concern, as the Prophet Amos stated (Amos 3:6): "Shall a *Shofar* be blown in a city and the people

not tremble?" Therefore, it is imperative that a person begin to prepare himself with genuine repentance, prayer, and *Tzedakah* at least thirty days before the Day of Judgement, *Rosh HaShanah*. "And our Sages, of blessed memory, provide us with the following insight: The first letters of each of the following words – אני לדודי ודודי לי – I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine (Song of Songs: 6:3), spell out the word אלול. Therefore, in the month of *Elul* one must intensify one's efforts at repentance, prayer, and charitable acts. Our Sages, of blessed memory, provided us with an additional insight: The first letters of each word of the phrase איש לרעהו ומתנות לאביונים – "...each man to his friend (shall send portions) as well as gifts to the needy (Esther: 9:22)," again spell out אלול. This serves as an allusion to the fact that in the month of *Elul* we must increase our gifts to the poor [*Chayei Adam, Siman 138*]."

## שבת פרשת שופטים

### SHABBOS

### PARSHAS SHOFTIM

AUG. 26, 4 ELUL

The *Haftorah* is read from Isaiah 51:12-52:12 (אנכי אנכי). At *Mincha* צדקתך. Chapter 1 of *Pirkei Avos*.

**שבת פרשת כי תצא**  
**SHABBOS PARSHAS**  
**KI SEITZEI**

SEPT. 2, 11 ELUL

The *Haftorah* is read from "רני עקרה" – Isaiah 54:1-10). At *Mincha* צדקתך צדק. Chapter 2 of *Pirkei Avos*.

The final time for the sanctification of the New Moon of *Elul* is the night following Tuesday Sept. 5 (15 *Elul*) till 5:06 a.m.

**שבת פרשת כי תבא**  
**SHABBOS PARSHAS KI SAVO**  
SEPT. 9, 18 ELUL

The *Haftorah* is read from Isaiah 60:1-22 ("קומי אורי"). Chapters 3 and 4 of *Pirkei Avos*.

**שבת פרשת נצבים-וילך**  
**SHABBOS PARSHAS**  
**NITZAVIM-VAYEILECH**  
SEPT. 16, 25 ELUL

The *Haftorah* is read from Isaiah 61:10-63:9 (שוש אשיש). (We do not bless the month of *Tishrei*.) At *Mincha* צדקתך צדק. Chapters 5 and 6 of *Pirkei Avos*.

**מוצאי שבת קודש**  
**DEPARTURE OF SHABBOS**

As is customary for the departure of

*Shabbos: Shemonah Esrei* with אתה חוננתנו ויהי נועם ויתן לך; *Kaddish Tiskabel*; (we do not say ואתה קדוש and עלינו; *Havdalah*; *Mourner's Kaddish*).

Saturday night, after midnight, or in the early hours of the morning, we begin the recitation of *Selichos*. The *Chazzan* dons his *Tallis* without making a *Bracha* until later, when it becomes light outside (it is preferable that the *Chazzan* borrow a *Tallis* from an individual [not one belonging to the congregation], with the intention that he is not acquiring it even temporarily to fulfill the *Mitzvah* of *Tzizis*, thus avoiding any question as to the need for a *Bracha*). We begin with אשרי; Half-*Kaddish*, intoned in the special melodies of *Rosh HaShanah* and *Yom Kippur*; the usual *Selichos* for the first day; at the end of *Selichos* we recline, in the usual fashion, as we say *Tachanun*; *Selichos* are followed by a *Kaddish Tiskabel*. We continue the recitation of *Selichos* on every subsequent weekday morning through *Erev Yom Kippur*.

## ערב ראש השנה

### EREV ROSH HASHANAH

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 20, 29 ELUL

(Some are accustomed to fast until noon.) We begin saying the many *Selichos* of *Erev Rosh HaShanah* that include "זכור ברית", before the pre-dawn sky begins to

brighten; *Tachanun* during *Selichos* but not during morning or afternoon prayers. One who arose before dawn and at that time washed his hands in the prescribed manner, three times alternately on each hand, must wash them again three times after dawn (see *Mishne Brurah* on *Orach Chaim* 4:4). We say למנוח. We do not blow the *Shofar* at all during the day so as to make a distinction between the voluntary shofar blowing of *Elul* and the obligatory shofar blowing of *Rosh HaShanah*; התרת גדרים.

One takes a haircut, and bathes in honor of the approaching holiday. Immersion in a *Mikvah*, not before an hour before midday, is appropriate so that we may enter the Day of Judgement in a state of holiness and purity..

We make all preparations for *Yom Tov*. We make an *Eirev Tavshilin*. We hasten to light candles (20 minutes before sunset). We make the *Brachos* "להדליק נר של יום טוב" and "שהחיינו" over the candles.

May it be the Divine will that our prayers be accepted in mercy and grace, and may we all be written for good long lives full of tranquility and peace.

Repentance prayer and charity avert the evil decree.

**MAY THE NEW YEAR OF 5778 AND  
ITS BLESSINGS COMMENCE!**