

ELUL

The month of Elul, the last on the Jewish calendar, is the time to reflect on our actions of the passing year and to find ways to correct any shortcomings. In synagogues around the world, extra prayers are recited daily and the Shofar is sounded every weekday.

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 20

At night, we begin to recite Selichot (special penitential prayers). We continue on the following weekday mornings until the eve of Rosh Hashanah.

MEZUZAH

The Mezuzah is a small piece of parchment containing two Torah passages (the first two paragraphs of the Shema prayer), which is affixed to the doorposts of Jewish homes and businesses.

The Mezuzah reminds us of G-d's constant presence even within our dwellings. Judaism begins at home – and the Mezuzah reminds us that through our good deeds we fill our homes



with holiness.

A kosher Mezuzah protects our homes, too. On the back of the Mezuzah is the Divine name, Sha-Da-I, made up of three Hebrew letters which form the acronym of the phrase, “Keeper of the Gates of Israel”. The Talmud teaches: While it is customary for servants to guard the king's palace, the Divine King, in His great love for us, guards the doors of our homes.

The Mezuzah is hand-written on a parchment by a qualified sofer (scribe). To make sure that your Mezuzot (pl. of Mezuzah) are Kosher, it is important to purchase Mezuzot from a reliable source and to have them checked by a professional scribe every few years. Contact our office to find out more about purchasing, checking and affixing Mezuzot.





THE KING IN THE FIELD

A king, returning to his palace, passes through the surrounding fields and greets his subjects. When enthroned in his palace, the king is not easily accessible; only those who merit his attention are granted an audience. But when the king appears in public, anyone may approach him. In Elul, “the King is in the field”: The Divine “King of the Universe” is available to anyone who approaches ... and graciously accepts our petitions and grants our requests.

*Based on the teachings of
the Lubavitcher Rebbe*

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אב תשס"ה / אלול תשס"ה

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Shabbat
				1 כז אב Av 27	2 כח אב Av 28 	3 כט אב Av 29 RE'EH Blessing of new month New moon: 10:04:11 PM Pirkei Avot: Chapter 5
4 ל אב Av 30 Rosh Chodesh	5 א אלול Elul 1 Rosh Chodesh Labor Day	6 ב אלול Elul 2	7 ג אלול Elul 3	8 ד אלול Elul 4	9 ה אלול Elul 5 	10 ו אלול Elul 6 SHOFTIM Pirkei Avot: Chapter 6
11 ז אלול Elul 7	12 ח אלול Elul 8	13 ט אלול Elul 9	14 י אלול Elul 10	15 יא אלול Elul 11	16 יב אלול Elul 12 	17 יג אלול Elul 13 KI TEITZEI Pirkei Avot: Chapters 1 & 2
18 יד אלול Elul 14	19 טו אלול Elul 15	20 טז אלול Elul 16	21 יז אלול Elul 17	22 יח אלול Elul 18	23 יט אלול Elul 19 	21 כ אלול Elul 20 KI TAVO Pirkei Avot: Chapters 3 & 4
25 כא אלול Elul 21	26 כב אלול Elul 22	27 כג אלול Elul 23	28 כד אלול Elul 24	29 כה אלול Elul 25	30 כו אלול Elul 26 