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ROSH HASHANAH
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Dvar Torah — R David Silverberg

The Torah never mentions explicitly that God judges the world on Rosh Hashanah. This tradition is mentioned in the mishna, in Masekhet Rosh Hashanah 16a. The Gemara (earlier, in Masekhet Rosh Hashanah 8a), cites Rav Nachman Bar Yitzchak as bringing a Biblical source: "[It is a land...] on which the Lord your God always keeps His eye, from year's beginning to year's end" (Devarim 11:12). Rav Nachman Bar Yitzchak interprets this verse to mean that God judges the world at the beginning of the year to determine what will occur at its end, meaning, what kind of year it will be. The Gemara does not, however, inform us as to why the Almighty selected Rosh Hashanah as the trial date. True, this is when the year begins, but this itself requires an explanation: why did God determine that for purposes of judgment the year begins in Tishrei? Several Rishonim addressed this question. The Ran in Masekhet Rosh Hashanah suggests two historical bases for this designation of the first of Tishrei. According to the Midrash, it was on the same day that Adam was created that he committed his sin in the Garden of Eden. And on that very day he stood trial before God and was forgiven, or at least had his sentence lightened. It was thus established that forever more God will judge the world on the same day when Adam was created and later stood trial - Rosh Hashanah. The Ran's second suggestion involves a later historical event - Benei Yisrael's atonement for the sin of the golden calf. Our tradition tells us that God formally granted atonement on Yom Kippur. The Ran claims, however, that it was ten days earlier, on Rosh Hashanah, when God began to accept Moshe's pleas on the nation's behalf. He thus decided to establish this day, which had become a day of mercy and compassion towards Benei Yisrael, as the day of judgment for years to come.

A much different approach to Rosh Hashanah is mentioned by the Meiri. Rosh Hashanah falls at the height of the harvest season, when a farmer once and for all sees the fruits of his labor and experiences the pride of productive toil. Specifically at this point in the agricultural season, God found it necessary to humble mankind, to ensure that they recognize their dependence on His kindness. He therefore instituted the first of Tishrei as the most intimidating day of the year, the day on which we must stand trial before His tribunal. This helps prevent an arrogant sense of self-sufficiency and independence that might otherwise overcome the proud farmer.

The Meiri's approach reflects an aspect of Rosh Hashanah that bears relevance even in contemporary, non-agrarian society. The Yamim Nora'im period is intended to be a ...

*Wishing everyone a
 Happy, Healthy & Peaceful New Year!*



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"The Trial of Josef K. & Yona's Debate with G-d"

This class will be dedicated to understanding some essential questions about the book of *Jonah* and why we read it on the afternoon of *Yom Kippur*.

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Join us as we carry on the time-honored tradition of holding a special thought provoking study session on *Shabbat* afternoon between *Rosh Hashanna* and *Yom Kippur*.

**Shabbat Shuva, October 1st, 4:45pm
 At Young Israel of West Hartford**

מזל טוב

מזל טוב to Amy & Kevin Shacknofsky on the birth of twins. **מזל טוב** to Susanne & David Gelb proud grandparents; siblings Shane, Eva & Tamara; aunts, uncles & cousins Adena, Dov, Yaniv, Shayna, Leora & Atara Goldman; Jeffrey & Debbie Gelb; and Jonathan Gelb.

ברוך דין האמת

Our condolences to Juanita Moss on the passing of her grandmother, Chaja Lieberman, Chaya bat Shmuel.

humbling experience for us all. It is meant to remind the individual of his powerlessness and dependence on God's mercy. Over the course of the Days of Awe one must realize that his very life, not to mention his health and livelihood, rests on God's compassion, compassion that we must earn through our conduct. Herein lies perhaps the most humbling recognition of all - that we have not earned divine compassion. We come face-to-face with ourselves and recognize that we are undeserving, by our own merit, of God's mercy. Only once we have arrived at this conclusion and undertaken a concerted effort to improve can we go into *Yom Kippur*, ask for forgiveness, and thereby earn God's favor.

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✧ YIWH Schedule of Services ✧
Wednesday, September 28th - October 7th, 2011
Rosh Hashanah and Shabbat Shuva

It is easy to sponsor a Kiddush
Or Seudah Shlishit!

Wednesday, September 28th - Erev Rosh Hashanah

Shacharit followed by Hatarat Nedarim
Make an Eruv Tavshilin Before Candle Lighting
Candle Lighting
Mincha/ Maariv

6:30 a.m.
6:22 p.m.
6:27 p.m.

Thursday, September 29th - 1st Rosh Hashanah

Shacharit
Torah Reading (approx.)
Rabbi's Sermon (approx.)
Shofar Blowing (approx.)
Communal Tashlich on the Bridge at UCONN
on Troutbrook & Lawler Road
Mincha/Maariv
Candle Lighting After...

8:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
10:45 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
5:00 p.m.
6:20 p.m.
7:20p.m.

Friday, September 30th - 2nd Rosh Hashanah

Shacharit
Torah Reading (approx.)
Rabbi's Sermon (approx.)
Shofar Blowing (approx.)
Candle Lighting Before...
Mincha/Maariv

8:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
10:45 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
6:19 p.m.
6:20 p.m.

Shabbat, October 1st - Shabbat Shuva

Rabbi Sheinkopf's Mishna Brurah Class
Shacharit
Sof Zman Kriat Shma
Rabbi Weinberg's Shabbat Shuva Drasha
Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit & Maariv
Shabbat Ends

8:15 a.m.
9:00 a.m.
9:43 a.m.
4:45 p.m.
6:00 p.m.
7:17 p.m.

Sunday, October 2nd - Tsom Gedalia

Fast Begins
Earliest Tallit & Tefillin
Selichot
Shacharit
Chatzot
Mincha/Maariv
Fast Ends
Selichot

5:26 a.m.
5:57 a.m.
7:30 a.m.
8:00 a.m.
12:40 p.m.
6:05 p.m.
7:06 p.m.
9:30 p.m.

Monday, October 3rd - Thursday, October 6th

Shacharit... Monday & Thursday
Mincha/Maariv
Selichot (Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday Night)

6:45 a.m.
6:15 p.m.
9:30 p.m.

Friday, October 7th

Shacharit and Short Selichot
Mincha & Hatarat Nedarim (for those who haven't yet)
Candle Lighting
Kol Nidre

6:30 a.m.
2:45 p.m.
6:07 p.m.
6:11 p.m.

Making an Eruv Tavshilin
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Shul handles set up & Clean up!
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October 7th - 12th, 2011
Shabbat Yom Kippur

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Friday, October 7th - Erev Yom Kippur

Shacharit and Short Selichot
Mincha & Hatarat Nedarim (for those who haven't yet)
Candle Lighting
Kol Nidre
Fast Begins NO LATER THAN....

6:30 a.m.
2:45 p.m.
6:07 p.m.
6:10 p.m.
6:20 p.m.

Shabbat, October 8th - Yom Kippur

Shacharit
Sof Zman Kriat Shma
Torah Reading (approx.)
Rabbi's Sermon & Yizkor (approx.)
Mussaf (approx.)
Mincha
Neilah (approx.)
Shofar Blowing & Maariv
Followed by Break Fast Sponsored by
Rabbi Mordechai & Dvorah Weiss
In Memory of Rabbi Weiss' mother
Miriam bat Avraham Chayim Yoseph Halevi
Who was nifteret on Yom Kippur at Mincha

8:00 a.m.
9:46 a.m.
10:45 a.m.
11:30 a.m.
12:00 p.m.
4:30 p.m.
6:00 p.m.
7:05 p.m.

Sunday, October 9th - Tuesday, October 11th

Earliest Tallit & Tefillin
Shacharit... Sunday (NO GEMARA CLASS)
Shacharit... Monday - Tuesday
Mincha/Maariv

6:04 a.m.
8:15 a.m.
6:45 a.m.
6:05 p.m.

Wednesday, October 12th - Erev Sukkot

Shacharit
Make an Eruv Tavshilin Before Candle Lighting
Candle Lighting
Mincha/Maariv

6:45 a.m.
5:58 p.m.
6:03 p.m.

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Lights

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Frida Weiss **טויבא פרידה בת עזרא**
Abraham Leichtberg **אברהם בן שמואל**

Yayin I' Kiddush Ve'Havdalah
Wine for Kiddush & Havdallah
Betty & Irving Wizenfeld
in memory of
Betty's Parents, Tobias & Esther Spira
טוביה בן צבי אלימלך
אסתר בת דוד הכהן
Irv's father, Sam Wizenfeld
שמואל מאיר בן יצחק הכהן

Pat La'Orchim

Challah rolls for Seudah Shlishit
Fran & Gene Wittenberg
in memory of
Fran's father, Tzvi ben Yitzchak Meir HaCohen
צבי בן יצחק מאיר הכהן
& Gene's father, Binyamin ben Moshe
בנימין בן משה

Seudah Shlishit Supplement
In Memory of Al Weisel

5771 Candy Man:
Gil Fried

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October 12th - 19th, 2011

Sukkot - Shabbat Chol HaMoed - Hoshanah Rabba

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Wednesday, October 12th - Erev Sukkot

Shacharit

6:45 a.m.

Make an Eruv Tavshilin Before Candle Lighting

Candle Lighting

5:58 p.m.

Mincha/ Maariv

6:03 p.m.

Thursday, October 13 - 1st Sukkot

Shacharit

8:45 a.m.

Mincha/Maariv

6:00 p.m.

Candle Lighting After...

6:57 p.m.

Friday, October 14th - 2nd Sukkot

Shacharit

8:45 a.m.

Candle Lighting Before...

5:55 p.m.

Mincha/Maariv

6:00 p.m.

Shabbat, October 15th

Rabbi Sheinkopf's Mishna Brurah Class

8:00 a.m.

Shacharit (with Reading Kohelet)

8:45 a.m.

Sof Zman Kriat Shma

9:49 a.m.

Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit & Maariv

5:40 p.m.

Shabbat Ends

6:54 p.m.

Sunday, October 16th - Tuesday, October 18th

2nd, 3rd & 4th Chol HaMoed Sukkot

Earliest Tallit & Tefillin

6:12 a.m.

Shacharit... Sunday

8:00 a.m.

Shacharit... Monday - Tuesday

6:30 a.m.

Mincha/Maariv

5:55 p.m.

Wednesday, October 19th - Hoshanah Rabba

Shacharit

6:00 a.m.

Make an Eruv Tavshilin Before Candle Lighting

Candle Lighting

5:47 p.m.

Mincha/ Maariv

5:51 p.m.

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