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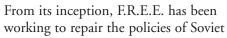
F.R.E.E.'s After School Program allows Jewish public school children aged 6-13 time to catch up on homework, absorb classes on Judaism, and participate in interactive games and activities with their peers.



The success of the program is due to the professional teachers who plan and execute the exciting schedule. Judaic studies include Hebrew reading and writing, Jewish history, and the weekly Torah portion. The goal of the program is to fill in gaps in Jewish knowledge not addressed in public school, and to provide homework assistance in general academic studies.

## F.R.E.E. CIRCUMCISION PROGRAM

Most Jewish males from the Former Soviet Union have never been circumcised due to the long-standing communist prohibition of Jewish religious practice.





Russia, notifying Russian Jewish immigrants that this spiritually crucial ceremony is available completely free of charge. F.R.E.E. meets with interested families and handles all manner of questions.

Additionally, F.R.E.E. explains the mystical benefits of Bris Milah, and its positive effects on the generations to come. With the fear of communist reprisal behind them, Russian immigrants have responded favorably over the years, leading to over 13,600 Jews of all ages perfecting the relationship with their heritage through this ancient and extremely important mitzvah.

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In 1971, F.R.E.E. launched what was to become one of its key undertakings - a Russian and bilingual publishing house, the world's first, for authentic Jewish books, Biblical texts, other classical Jewish texts and literature, and booklets on Jewish observance, philosophy and history. There are over 100 such booklet titles currently in print.



Before each Jewish holiday, F.R.E.E. publishes and distributes attractive, multicolored brochures detailing the holiday's history, practices and spiritual content.

Taking advantage of modern technology, F.R.E.E. has created its own Russian-language website: www.JudaismInRussian.com. It serves the Russian-speaking community, giving detailed information on many Jewish topics including the most basic Jewish observances and holidays, and provides the texts of the weekly Torah portions with commentaries and applicable lessons. The website also has a library section, providing complete texts of numerous classic Torah works.

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# THIS CALENDAR IS DEDICATED TO THE LUBAVITCHER REBBE, RABBI MENACHEM M. SCHNEERSON

His passionate and uncompromising love for every Jew, insisting that all Jews are equal regardless of background or affiliation; his love and devotion to the land of Israel and his love for G-d and Torah – these are beacons of truth and love that continue to guide and inspire us.



# a note from the chairman

Dear Friend.

As we approach the Jewish New Year 5770, we are pleased to present to you with the Jewish Art Calendar for the coming year 5770 (2009-10), with the compliments of Friends of Refugees of Eastern Europe (F.R.E.E.).

This calendar contains information, events and dates for the Jewish year, based on the lunar cycle, together with the corresponding solar dates.

The fact that the Jewish calendar follows the pattern of the moon is quite significant and should give us inspiration and guidance in these difficult and trying times. Our Sages have compared the Jewish people to the moon. At times, the moon seems to be only a sliver of light. However, just when it seems to disappear entirely, it suddenly appears larger and brighter each day. The same is true of the Jewish people. Although our history is full of ups and downs, periods of peace and times of tribulation, the Jews will never completely disappear. Like the moon, in essence we are eternal and destined to grow ever stronger and brighter.

As the New Year approaches, it is incumbent upon us to reflect upon the past year. We are pleased to inform you that the programs of F.R.E.E. continue to develop. Founded by a directive of the Lubavitcher Rebbe in 1969, F.R.E.E. was the first Jewish organization in the United States to focus its services on Russian Jewish immigrants. F.R.E.E. has grown to be America's largest Jewish religious and cultural organization serving the Russian Jewish community. With over 10 centers around the world, F.R.E.E. continues to offer a broad range of services from social services to the elderly to Jewish day schools for the young.

When Soviet Jews began arriving here in the mid 1960's, few in the Jewish community realized that they were the forerunners of hundreds of thousands more. Even fewer realized how they yearned to express their Jewish identity, after being denied access to their Jewish heritage for over half a century, and how they would learn to love Jewish life. F.R.E.E. knows this because it has been monitoring their attitudes and progress from the moment they arrived.

The coming year of 5770 marks our 41st anniversary, a milestone for us and for our many friends, most of whom came to these shores from the dark world of the

communist Soviet Union. From its inception, F.R.E.E. has sought to achieve its mandate of assisting Russian Jewish immigrants in all aspects of their material and spiritual lives. We have sought first to ease their transition from the gloom of the Soviet Union to the freedom of America and other western countries.

F.R.E.E. has been helping with everything from the day-to-day needs of food, shelter, clothing and gainful employment to the spiritual needs found in religious ceremony, education, celebration and prayer. Our organization has devoted its energies and resources toward providing quality and innovative programs and services for Russian Jewish immigrants of all ages worldwide.

Now more than ever, F.R.E.E. needs your support to meet the increasing needs of Russian Jewish communities around the world. In particular, with the coming school year, F.R.E.E. is looking for donors to undertake the cost of a child's education in our Russian Jewish schools. With the High Holidays approaching, now is the time to participate in the mitzvah of tzedaka with a tax-deductible contribution to F.R.E.E.

You are invited to earmark your contribution for days, weeks or months of a child's educational expenses, or to help fund publications that teach our faith and history. Opportunities are also available for dedications to honor the memory of your loved ones.

Please respond generously so that our vital work can continue, reaching ever more people in need. F.R.E.E.'s success in serving hundreds of thousands to date ensures that your charitable investment in our work will reap gratifying dividends.

Just one gift will enable you to make an everlasting impact! We thank you in advance for your support, and may you and your family be inscribed for a sweet year with abundant blessings of health, joy, and prosperity in all of your endeavors. Kesivah Vachasima Tovah!

Sincerely,

M. Okunov Rabbi Mayer Okunov Chairman



"You revealed Yourself to Your people with thunder and lightning, with the sound of the Shofar You appeared to them" (Rosh Hashanah Prayers)

### THE MONTH OF ELUL

One of the major accusations often leveled at the CEO of the universe is inaccessibility. These charges are entirely unfounded. G-d is everywhere and from there He awaits your call. And just to prove it, one month before Rosh Hashanah, He devotes an entire month to being as approachable as an Al-mighty Creator can get. Think of it as though the big boss took a stroll through the cubicles, happily chatting with anyone who approaches, giving each his full attention and a warm smile.

That's what our sages mean when they call Elul the month of divine compassion. During these days, you can repair all that went amiss from the entire year – with study, with charity and good deeds, with meditation and prayer. That is also why we blow the Shofar every day of this month, as a wake-up call to prepare for the magnificent days to come.

#### **ROSH HASHANAH**

Rosh Hashanah, the beginning of the Jewish year. This is the day G-d completed His creation by creating Adam and Eve, the first humans. On the very first day of his creation, Adam acknowledged G-d's Kingship over the entire universe. We, too, continue to do so every Rosh Hashanah, as we reaffirm our commitment to following G-d's commandments. An important Rosh Hashanah observance is the sounding of the Shofar (the ram's horn).

### **YOM KIPPUR**

Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, is the holiest day in the Jewish calendar. On this day G-d promises to forgive all our sins, as long as we regret our past and resolve to do better in the future.

During this day, we refrain from work as we do on Shabbat. In addition, we refrain from any food or drink, washing, anointing ourselves with oils or lotions, marital relations, and the wearing of leather shoes.



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"Three times a year all your males shall appear before the L-rd your G-d, in the place that He will choose" (Devarim 16:16) – The Holy Temple

## SUKKOT

After a period of seriousness and reflection during the Days of Awe, we are ready for the joyous holiday of Sukkot. During Sukkot, 'the season of happiness', we rejoice in the knowledge that G-d has inscribed us for a good and healthy new year. On each day of Sukkot, except for Shabbat, we observe the special mitzvah of shaking the Lulav (palm branch) and the Etrog (citron). Together with the Hadas (myrtle) and the Arava (willow), these plants represent the various types of Jews who together form the Jewish nation.

#### SIMCHAT TORAH

Simchat Torah marks the day we complete the reading of the Torah in its annual cycle. On the evening of Simchat Torah (in some communities, on the previous evening of Shemini Atzeret as well), we make seven *Hakafot* (circles) around the *Bimah* (table) on which the Torah is read, dancing and rejoicing with the Torah scrolls. During morning services on Simchat Torah, the Torah is officially completed by reading the last Torah portion. We immediately start reading from the beginning of the Torah again, for the Torah's teachings are endless, and we shall always seek to delve deeper and deeper into its meanings.

## SHABBAT AND FESTIVAL CANDLES

Light is a subject which has stirred the imagination of poets, scientists and psychologists. Because its nature is so different from other material entities, it is frequently used to describe spiritual insight. Shabbat is a day of light; a day with a different pattern and value-orientation. The lighting of the Shabbat Candles ushers in and inspires this state of awareness.

The responsibility for lighting the candles and inducing this change of perspective is the woman's. Young girls from the age of three are also encouraged to light their own candle, both as a means of involvement and as a part of their education.

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"If the Jews were to keep just one Shabbat properly, they would be immediately redeemed" (Yerushalmi Talmud, Taanit 1:1) - The Shabbat Table

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and our dear grandfather

Joe Weinstein

of blessed memory

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## THE MITZVAH OF TEFILLIN

*Tefillin*, or phylacteries, are donned every weekday by Jewish men and boys over the age of 13. The Torah describes *Tefillin* as a sign – a public statement of Jewish involvement. By donning *Tefillin* daily, an individual gives expression to his basic feeling of Jewish identity and its importance to him. The *Tefillin* are placed on the arm facing the heart, and on the head. This signifies the binding of one's emotional and intellectual powers to the service of G-d. The straps, stretching from the arm to the hand and from the head to the legs, signify the transmission of intellectual and emotional energy to the hands and feet, symbolizing deed and action.

## THE MITZVAH OF TZITZITH

Our sages refer to the precept of Tzitzith as a simple and easy Mitzvah. But as simple and easy as it is, so rich is this Mitzvah in symbolism, and so potent in effectiveness, that it is equivalent to all the other precepts of the Torah. For surely a consistent observance of this Mitzvah of Tzitzith must lead to a proper and complete observance of all the commandments. As the Shema states, "you shall look upon them, and you shall remember all G-d's commandments and fulfill them, and you will not follow after your heart and your eyes, by which you may go astray." When thrown into the tumultuous waters of the temptations of everyday life, the Tzitzith are our life-line, the rope to which we can cling to prevent us from drowning, as our Sages so graphically relate how the sight of the Tzitzith stopped a man on the verge of committing a grave sin and helped him to regain control over his body and to restore his spiritual equilibrium.

### RESPECT FOR PARENTS – A RELIGIOUS PRINCIPLE

The fact that "to honor" and "to revere" parents are Mitzvot of the Torah, impresses upon these precepts a stamp of absoluteness and makes of them independent principles. It no longer matters whether a particular society may have a different standard of ethics and code of morality. This is the effect of the Torah's laws – to enliven the seemingly ordinary behaviors of society with a G-dly spirit.

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## NOVEMBER 2009

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### **CELEBRATING CHANUKAH**

The kindling of the Menorah is the focal point of the Chanukah holiday. The Menorah symbolizes religious freedom and the strength of the Jewish spirit. The Menorah is kindled on each of the eight nights of Chanukah, this year beginning Friday, December 11th.

Many have the custom to place the Menorah in a doorway opposite the *Mezuzah* so that the two Mitzvot of *Mezuzah* and Chanukah surround the person. Others place it on a window sill facing a public through-fare.

The Chanukah lights are kindled in the evening preceding each of the eight days of Chanukah. The custom of many communities is to light the Menorah at sunset. However, due to Shabbat observances, we light it before the Shabbat candles on Friday and after the Havdalah ceremony on Shabbat.

Although an olive-oil Menorah is preferable, one may use any single-wick candle to perform this Mitzvah. Prepare the Menorah, with the appropriate number of candles, so that the candles will stay lit for a half-hour after nightfall. Gather all family members as you light the Shamash (the service candle). Recite the blessings and then light the candles beginning from the left. When finished, place the Shamash at its designated place on the Menorah.

Both men and women are obligated to light the Chanukah Menorah, or to participate in the Menorah lighting by the head of the household. Children should be encouraged to light their own Menorahs.

During all eight days of Chanukah, the "Hallel" psalms of praise are added to the morning prayers, and the Torah is read.

### THE TENTH OF TEVET

Observed as a fast day, marking the date on which Jerusalem was put under siege by the Babylonian king Nebuchadnezar, resulting in the destruction of the First Temple (422 BCE).

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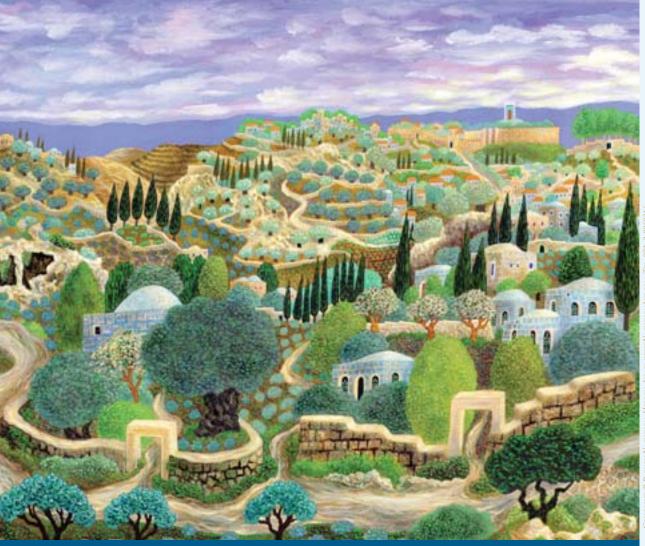
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## DECEMBER 2009

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יט כטלו Kislev 19  Yahrtzeit of Maggid of Mezritch The Alter Rebbe was released from prison. Rosh Hashanah of Chassidus	כ כסלו Kislev 20	פא כסלו Kislev 21	9 כב כסלו Kislev 22	בג כטלו Kislev 23	אבר כסלו Kislev 24  Menorah lighting before Shabbat candles  Light candles at 4:10	בה כסלו Kislev 25 Kislev 25 CHANUKAH VAYEISHEV / ישב Blessing of New Month Shabbat ends at 5:14 Menorah lighting after Shabbat ends
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ג טבת Tevet 3	ל טבת Tevet 4	מ טבת Tevet 5	23 Tevet 6	24 nav t Tevet 7	25 Tevet 8  Light candles at 4:15	ט טבת Tevet 9 ריגש VAYIGASH  Shabbat ends at 5:19
י טבת י Tevet 10  Yahrtzeit of  Mechel ben Yonah Schuster עייה  Mr. Emerick Gross יצחק בן ישעיהו דוד עייה  Rucker בטבת  Tast of Tevet 10  Fast ends at 5:05	יא טבת Tevet 11	יב טבת 'Tevet 12	יג טבת Tevet 13  Yahrtzeit of DR. MILTON KAPLAN מיכל אשר בן יוסף עייה	יד טבת Tevet 14	Do a Mitzvah! Honor your loved ones with a Memorial Plaque displayed in a Synagogue as an ever lasting tribute. 718-467-0860	Donate your car, TRUCK OR RV TO FRIENDS OF REFUGEES OF EASTERN EUROPE AND RECEIVE A FULL TAX BREAK FROM UNCLE SAM! CALL TO ARRANGE A FREE PICK UP 718-467-0860



"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem ... may there be peace within your walls, serenity within your mansions" (Psalms 122:6-7) – Jerusalem of Peace

## TU B'SHEVAT

Tu B'Shevat, the 15th of Shevat on the Jewish calendar (this year, Saturday, January 30, 2010), is the day that marks the beginning of a "New Year for Trees." This is the season in which the earliest-blooming trees in the Land of Israel emerge from their winter sleep and begin a new fruit-bearing cycle.

Tu B'Shevat is considered a day of judgment for the trees.

To commemorate this special day, Jews throughout the world eat foods that are distinctive to and characteristic of the Holy Land, particularly from the "Seven Kinds" that are singled out by the Torah: wheat, barley, grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives and dates. It is also customary to eat a fruit not yet eaten this season, to pronounce the blessing "Shehecheyanu."

On this day we remember that "Man is a tree of the field" (Deuteronomy 20:19) and reflect on the lessons we can derive from our botanical analogue.

### THE UPCOMING REDEMPTION

The belief in the upcoming redemption is one of the foundations of our faith. It has been promised to us by almost every one of our prophets, beginning with Moses. The great Jewish philosopher and codifier, Maimonides, included it in his famous Thirteen Principles of the Jewish Faith. Throughout the ages, even during the most trying times, our ancestors have always prayed for and looked forward to the Messianic Era, ushered in by Moshiach, our redeemer.

Many prominent Rabbis proclaimed this generation to be the one which will usher in the redemption.

We can prepare for this special time by studying the relevant sections in the Torah and its commentaries, and by increasing in acts of goodness and kindness. This will not only help us prepare for the redemption – this will also hasten its arrival!

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3	די טבת Tevet 17	יח טבת Tevet 18	יט טבת Tevet 19	ל כ טבת Tevet 20	7 הא טבת Tevet 21		שמות שמות SHEMOT Blessing of New Month
				Yahrtzeit of the Rambam		Light candles at 4:27	Shabbat ends at 5:31
10	כד טבת Tevet 24	11 תבת מבת Tevet 25	12 בו טבת Tevet 26	13 בז טבת Tevet 27	בח טבת Tevet 28	New moon: 1:43pm 11/18 Light candles at 4:34	א שבט א Shevat 1 א א שבט וארא VAEIRA  ראש חדש שבט Rosh Chodesh Shevat Shabbat ends at 5:38
17	ב שבט Shevat 2	אל שבט א Shevat 3	ד שבט Shevat 4	מ שבט Shevat 5	אבט Shevat 6	א שבט ל Shevat 7	ח שבט ה Shevat 8
24	ט שבט Shevat 9	אבט , Shevat 10	א שבט Shevat 11	יב שבט Shevat 12	איג שבט Shevat 13	יד שבט Shevat 14	30 או שבט Shevat 15 בשלח BESHALACH Shabbat Shira
31	טז שבט Shevat 16	Yahrtzeit of the Previous Lubavitcher Rebbe. The Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, accepted the reins of leadership of the movement.				Light candles at 4:51	New Year for Trees Shabbat ends at 5:53



"I will sing to G-d throughout my life; I will make music to my G-d while I exist" (Psalms 104:33) – Music of the Redemption

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Purim thus teaches us to take nothing for granted: even "natural" phenomena are in truth but another way of revealing G-d's providence. In fact, the more hidden the miracle, the higher its Divine source.

## THE MITZVOT OF PURIM ARE:

- Refrain from food and drink on the Fast of Esther, held Thursday,
   February 25th, to commemorate the day of prayer and fasting which the Jews held before their victory.
- Give 3 half-dollar coins to charity on the Fast of Esther, to commemorate the half-shekel given by each Jew in the time of the Holy Temple. This Mitzvah is usually performed in the synagogue.
- Listen to the *Megillat Esther* (Scroll of Esther), recounting the story of Purim, both on Purim evening and during Purim day.
- Send gifts containing at least two kinds of ready-to-eat food to one or more friends on the day of Purim. These gifts, known as *Mishloach Manot* (lit. sending gifts), should preferably be sent via a third party.
- Give charity to at least two, but preferably more, needy individuals on Purim. While charity is a year-round responsibility, it is particularly a special Mitzvah on Purim.
- Celebrate with a special festive and joyous meal.

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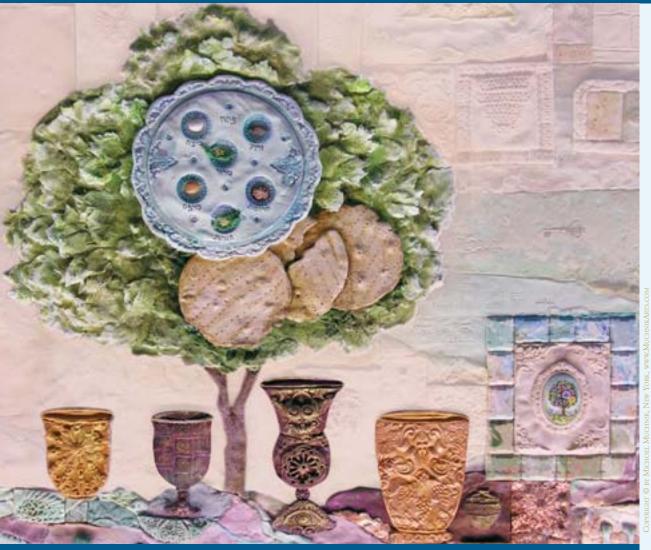
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## **CELEBRATING PESACH**

Pesach is celebrated by refraining from eating, owning or even deriving any benefit from any *Chometz* foods for the duration of the holiday, and by participating in a Seder dinner on the first two nights of the holiday. *Chometz* is defined as any product comprising water mixed with wheat, barley, oats, rye or spelt which have had time to rise. Spiritually, *Chometz* represents inflated egotism and arrogance. Accordingly, on Passover, we also emphasize the removal of the '*Chometz*' within.

We prepare for Pesach by thoroughly cleaning our home and office, removing any amount of *Chometz* we may find. If we don't have special dishes designated for Pesach use, our regular dishes and kitchen need to be koshered to make them suitable for Pesach. All food products used on Pesach need to be certified Kosher for Passover.

On the evening before Pesach begins, we make a formal search of the entire home for any remaining *Chometz*. Any *Chometz* we don't wish to discard of may be placed in a special room or closet and sold to a non-Jew (this should be done through a Rabbi). Whatever is not being sold is burned early the next morning. During the burning we make a special declaration disowning any *Chometz* in our possession. See below for the exact time by which this needs to be done.

### THE SEDER

The Seder is conducted during the first two nights of Pesach. During the Seder, we: Drink four cups of wine (or grape juice), which remind us of the four components of redemption; Ask the Four Questions and recite the *Haggadah*, which describes the miracles of the redemption; Eat Matzah, which symbolizes both the simple bread of slaves and the swiftness of the redemption, which did not give the Jews time to let their bread rise; Eat *Maror* (bitter herbs), which remind us of the bitterness of the exile. We pray that we may celebrate Pesach in Jerusalem with the rebuilding of the Holy Temple.

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## MARCH 2010

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"And G-d sent me before you to ensure that you survive in the land, and to sustain you in a great deliverance" (Bereishit 45:7) – Joseph's Coat

## PESACH SHENI

The fourteenth day of the month of Iyar is Pesach Sheni, the "Second Passover." When the Holy Temple stood in Jerusalem, this day served as a "second chance" for those who were unable to bring the Passover offering on the eve of the "first" Passover one month earlier, the 14th of Nissan. We learn from this day that 'it is never too late': even if one has missed out on important opportunities, the door is always open to start afresh.

### THE MITZVAH OF TZEDAKAH

Tzedakah literally means justice but is commonly translated as charity. However, in truth Tzedakah is not an undeserved gift to the recipient, but it is the proper use for wealth as intended from above. G-d could have distributed wealth evenly throughout all of creation. However, He desired that we be a partner with Him in perfecting His world. Thus, in truth, our material wealth is entrusted to us by G-d for the purpose of using it in accordance with His will. We can now appreciate why Tzedakah means, not charity, but justice – for in giving Tzedakah to the needy, we are giving them what is rightfully theirs.

There are eight degrees or levels of charity, each greater than the previous one: The eighth level is when one gives Tzedakah grudgingly. The seventh level is when one gives less than he should, but does so cheerfully. The sixth level is when one gives directly to the poor upon being asked. The fifth level is when one gives directly to the poor without being asked. The fourth level is when the giving is indirect – the recipient knows who the giver is, but the giver does not know the recipient. The third level is when the giver knows the identity of the recipient, but the recipient does not know the identity of the giver. The second highest level is when both the giver and receiver are unaware of each other. The highest form of Tzedakah is to help sustain a person before he becomes impoverished by offering a gift in a dignified manner, by extending an interest-free loan, or by helping him find employment.

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רי דחול המועד פסח 4th Intermediate Day of Pesach Light candles at 7:05 In evening count Sefirah 6	שביעי של פסח Seventh day of PESACH Light candles after 8:05	אחרון של פסח Eighth day of PESACH Yizkor Moshiach's Feast Yom Tov ends at 8:07 In evening count Sefirah 8	אסרו חג Isru Chag In evening count Sefirah 9	In evening count Sefirah 10	Light candles at 7:10 In evening count Sefirah 11	שמיני SHEMINI Blessing of New Month Shabbat ends at 8:11 In evening count Sefirah 12
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In evening count Seffrah 20	In evening count Sefirah 21	In evening count Sefirah 22	In evening count Sefirah 23	In evening count Sefirah 24	Light candles at 7:25 In evening count Sefirah 25	Shabbat ends at 8:27 In evening count Sefirah 26
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In evening count Sefirah 27	In evening count Sefirah 28	In evening count Sefirah 29	פסח שני Pesach Sheni In evening count Sefirah 30	In evening count Sefirah 31	Light candles at 7:32 In evening count Sefirah 32	Shabbat ends at 8:36

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On this date, in the early second century, the students of Rabbi Akiva ceased to die from an epidemic. Years later, on this date, Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai, Mishnaic Sage and author of the Zohar, passed away. Having fulfilled his mission in this world, he asked that the anniversary of his death be celebrated as a happy day.

#### THE HOLIDAY OF SHAVUOT

Shavuot is the second of the three major festivals (Passover being the first and Sukkot the third) and comes exactly fifty days after Passover. The Torah was given by G-d to the Jewish people on Mount Sinai over 3,300 years ago. Every year on this day we renew our acceptance of G-d's gift.

The word Shavuot means "weeks": it marks the completion of the seven weeks between Passover and Shavuot (the 'Omer' period) during which the Jewish people prepared themselves for the giving of the Torah. During this time they cleansed themselves of the scars of slavery and became a holy nation ready to enter into an eternal covenant with G-d with the giving of the Torah.

Shavuot also means "oaths": with the giving of the Torah, the Jewish people and G-d exchanged oaths, forming an everlasting covenant, not to forsake one another.

The giving of the Torah was a far-reaching spiritual event – one that touched the essence of the Jewish soul then and for all time. Our Sages have compared it to a wedding between G-d and the Jewish people. On this day G-d swore eternal devotion to us, and we in turn pledged everlasting loyalty to Him.

All-night Torah-study on the first night of Shavuot prepares us for the receiving of the Torah Reading of the Ten Commandments in the synagogue on the first day of Shavuot. Be sure to bring your children, too! A festive dairy meal is served on the first day of Shavuot. Our ancestors didn't have Kosher meat prepared yet!

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יח אייר Iyar 18 Sefirah 33  לג בעומר Lag B'Omer In evening count Sefirah 34	יט אייר Iyar 19 Sefirah 34	ל אייר Iyar 20 Iyar 20 Sefirah 35   **Yahrtzeit of** BARRY KARDONICK בערל בן הערשל עייה  In evening count Sefirah 36	5 אייר Iyar 21 Sefirah 36	לב אייר Iyar 22 Sefirah 37  In evening count Sefirah 38	לג אייר Iyar 23 Sefirah 38  Light candles at 7:39 In evening count Sefirah 39	15 אייר Iyar 24 Sefirah 39 בהר-בחקתי BEHAR-BECHUKOTAI Yahrtzeit of RENA BAT EZRA & ROSE SHALOM אייר Blessing of New Month Shabbat ends at 8:44 In evening count Sefirah 40
9 בה אייר Iyar 25 Sefirah 40 In evening count Sefirah 41 Mother's Day	10 בין אייר Iyar 26 Sefirah 41	11 אייר Iyar 27 Sefirah 42  In evening count Sefirah 43	12 בה אייר Iyar 28 Sefirah 43	20 אייר Iyar 29 Sefirah 44 New moon: 4:39pm 15/18 In evening count Sefirah 45	א סיון Sivan 1 Sefirah 45  Rosh Chodesh Sivan Light candles at 7:46 In evening count Sefirah 46	ב סיון Sivan 2 Sefirah 46 במדבר BAMIDBAR  Shabbat ends at 8:52 In evening count Sefirah 47
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23 Sivan 10	24 יא סיון Sivan 11	יב סיון Sivan 12	אל סיון Sivan 13	יד סיון	28 טו סיון Sivan 15	29 טיון Sivan 16 בהעלותך BEHAALOTCHA
30 jirt in Sivan 17	31 איח סיון Sivan 18				Light candles at 7:59	Shabbat ends at 9:07



"The heights of the mountains are His; indeed, the sea is His, for He made it; His hands formed the dry land" (Psalms 95:5) - Sea of Galilee

### THE SEVENTEENTH OF TAMMUZ

The 17th of Tammuz marks the beginning of a three-week period of national Jewish mourning. This is a sad period in our calendar during which many of our nation's calamities occurred. The period begins with a fast on the 17th of Tammuz on which we refrain from eating and drinking from dawn to nightfall.

During this three-week period, we celebrate no weddings and hold no festivities. Also prohibited are haircuts and live music. On the other hand, we increase in Torah study and giving Tzedakah to counteract the negative forces attached to the period.

Beginning with the first of Av, the mourning intensifies. From this day until midday on the tenth of Av (excluding Shabbat), we refrain from consuming meat or wine and from various pleasurable activities as a sign of additional mourning.

#### **MEZUZAH**

The *Mezuzah* is a small piece of parchment, containing two paragraphs of the Torah, 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 and that we must fill our homes with good deeds and holiness.

A kosher *Mezuzah* provides protection for our homes, too. On the back of the *Mezuzah* are inscribed three Hebrew letters, which form the acronym of the sentence 'Keeper of the doors of Israel'.

The Talmud teaches that while it is customary for servants to be guarding the king's palace, G-d himself, in His great love for the Jewish people, guards the doors of our homes.

The writing of a *Mezuzah* is done by hand, on parchment, by a skilled scribe. It is important to purchase *Mezuzot* from a reliable source, and, once purchased, to have a professional scribe check them every several years.

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#### THE REBBE

The Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, known simply and lovingly as "The Rebbe", cast the warm glow of his presence, his sensitivity and love for humanity, his awesome knowledge of Torah and incredible familiarity with virtually every field of human endeavor, and his vision for a world perfected, over the lives of millions, to the farthest reaches of the world. While the prophets of doom talked of the vanishing Jew – through intermarriage and assimilation – the Rebbe, in contrast, established bold and daring programs to reach out to those who otherwise would be lost to the Jewish People. Where others decried the dangers of modernity and the incompatibility of Torah truths and the "real" world; the Rebbe embraced science and technology as G-d given gifts to be utilized in the pursuit of brighter, warmer and holier world.

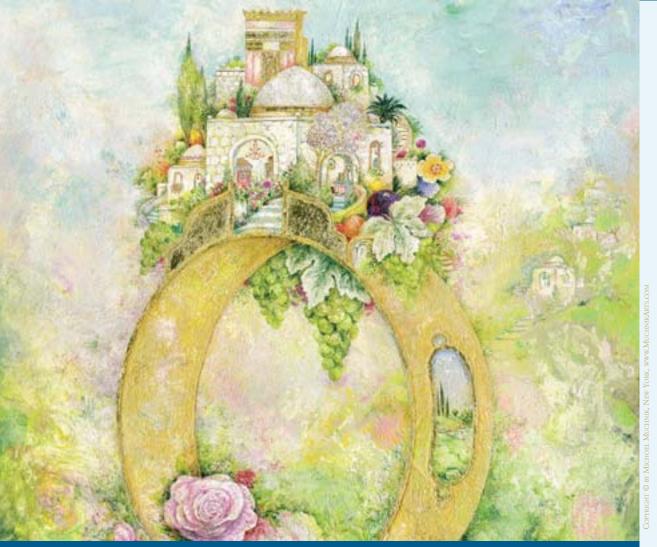
In the Rebbe's own words: "it is incumbent upon every one of us to increase in acts of goodness and kindness to hasten the coming of Moshiach". May the Almighty grant that our good deeds merit the long awaited redemption speedily in our days.



JUNE 2010

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6	כד סיון Sivan 24	קה סיון Sivan 25	פו סיון Sivan 26	9	כז סיון Sivan 27	Rel	כח סיון Sivan 28 day the Lubavitcher bbe, Menachem M. son arrived in the USA	1 1 Sivan 29  Light candles at 8:09	ל סיון Sivan 30 Sivan 30 קרח קרח Rorach  New moon: 5:23am 16/18 ראש חדש תמוז Rosh Chodesh Tammuz Shabbat ends at 9:17
13	א תמוז Tammuz 1 ראש חדש תמוז Chodesh Tammuz	14 ב תמוז ב תמוז Tammuz 2	15 Tammuz 3  Dedicated to the Lubavitcher Rebe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson	16	ד תמוז Tammuz 4	17	ה תמוז Tammuz 5	18 Tammuz 6	19 Tammuz 7  npn CHUKAT  Shabbat ends at 9:20
20	ח תמוז Tammuz 8	ט תמוז Tammuz 9	אר תמוז , Tammuz 10	23	יא תמוז Tammuz 11	Previous and the he would	Tammuz 12  Happy Birthday Simon Ghatan  Birthday of the ous Lubavitcher Rebbe day he was notified that d be released from prison.	The Previous Lubavitcher Rebbe was released from prison.  Light candles at 8:13	26 איר תמוז Tammuz 14 בלק BALAK Shabbat ends at 9:22
27	טו תמוז Tammuz 15	טז תמוז Tammuz 16	א תמוז Tammuz 17  Rast of Tammuz 17  Fast ends at 9:04	30	יח תמוז Tammuz 18	LOV MI DISPLA: AS .	OO A MITZVAH! HONOR YOUR VED ONES WITH A EMORIAL PLAQUE YED IN A SYNAGOGUE AN EVER LASTING TRIBUTE. 718-467-0860	Every Jewish Home should have a Pushka call to receive your own 718-467-0860	Do you need someone to say  KADDISH?  OBSERVE YAHRTZEITS?  CONTACT F.R.E.E.  AT 718-467-0860  OR VISIT US AT  www.kaddishservices.com

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"'The day of His wedding' refers to the giving of the Torah; 'the day of His heart's joy' refers to the rebuilding of the Holy Temple" (Taanit 26b)

### TISH'AH B'AV - THE NINTH OF AV

The Ninth of Av has been a sad day for Jews since early Jewish history. On this date, just one year after our forefathers left Egypt, G-d decreed that they would stay in the desert for forty years. Most recently, World War I began on Av 9. The focus of our mourning, however, is on the destruction, on this date, of both the first Temple (422 BCE) and the second Temple (68 CE).

The observances of the fast of Tish'ah B'Av are similar to those of Yom Kippur. It is a 25-hour fast, during which we refrain from wearing leather shoes, showering, and marital relations.

Additionally, on the eve of the fast, the scroll of *Eicho* (Lamentations) is read in the synagogue. Until noon, we sit on low seats only, as a mourner does during Shiva. May we merit seeing the ultimate redemption by Moshiach, speedily in our days.

#### SHABBAT NACHAMU

The Shabbat following the Ninth of Av is the Shabbat of joy over our anticipated consolation. It is called Shabbat Nachamu, for the prophetic portion that is read is taken from Chapter 40 of Isaiah which begins with the words "Nachamu, nachamu ami" – "Console, console My people, says your G-d." The Haftarah of Shabbat Nachamu is the first of the "seven consolations" – the seven Haftarot which are read on the seven Sabbaths following the Ninth of Av.

#### THE FIFTEENTH OF AV

"There were no greater holidays to the Jewish people than the 15th of Av and Yom Kippur" (Mishna). Celebrated for many reasons, first of which is the end of the 40-year decree cast upon the Jewish people to wander in the desert. After having felt the severity of Divine punishment, the Jews once again rejoiced in the newlyfound favor G-d showed them, like a son reunited with his father after many bitter years of loneliness and tribulation.





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	כב תמוז nmuz 22	5	כג תמוז Tammuz 23	6	כד תמוז Tammuz 24	7	כה תמוז Tammuz 25	8	כו תמוז Tammuz 26	9	Tammuz 27  Light candles at 8:11		לת תמוז ב Tammuz 28 מטות-מטעי MATOT-MASEI Blessing of New Month Shabbat ends at 9:18
	לט תמוז nmuz 29	12	א אב Av 1 ראש חדש מנחם אב Chodesh Menachem Av	13	ב אב Av 2	14	ג אב Av 3	15	ד אב Av 4	16	ה אב Av 5	17	אב 1 Av 6 דברים DEVARIM Shabbat Chazon Shabbat ends at 9:14
18	אב <i>ל</i> Av 7	19	אב n Av 8	20	ט אב Av 9 תענית ט' באב Fast of 9th of Av Fast ends at 8:55	21	י אב , Av 10	22	יא אב Av 11	23	יב אב Av 12	24	יג אב Av 13 ואתחנן VAETCHANAN Shabbat Nachamu Shabbat ends at 9:07
25 Parents' Day	יד אב Av 14	26	<b>טו אב</b> Av 15 חמשה עשר באב Fifteenth of Av	27	טז אב Av 16	28	א אב Av 17	29		30	יט אב Av 19 Light candles at 7:56		<b>ב אב</b> <b>Av 20</b> עקב EIKEV   Yahrtzeit of abbi Levi Yitzchak Schneersohn דצ"ל Shabbat ends at 9:00

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"Let my right hand forget its dexterity ... if I do not place Jerusalem above my highest joy" (Psalms 137:5-6) – Jerusalem of Gold

### THE MONTH OF ELUL

As the last month of the Jewish year, Elul is traditionally a time of introspection and stocktaking – a time to review one's deeds and spiritual progress over the past year and prepare for the upcoming "Days of Awe" of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

As the month of "Divine Mercy and Forgiveness," Elul is a most opportune time for Teshuvah ("return" to G-d), prayer, charity, and increased Ahavat Yisrael (love for a fellow Jew) in the quest for self-improvement and coming closer to G-d. Rabbi Schneur Zalman of Liadi likens the month of Elul to a time when "the king is in the field" and, in contrast to when he is in the royal palace, "everyone who so desires is permitted to meet him, and he receives them all with a cheerful countenance and shows a smiling face to them all."

Each day of the month of Elul (except for Shabbat and the last day of Elul), we sound the Shofar (ram's horn) as a call to repentance. Chapter 27 of the Book of Psalms is added to the daily prayers, in the morning and afternoon. Additionally, the Baal Shem Tov instituted the custom of reciting three chapters of Psalms each day, from the 1st of Elul until Yom Kippur (on Yom Kippur the remaining 36 chapters are recited, thereby completing the entire book of Psalms).

When writing a letter or meeting one another, we bless one another by including the greeting "Leshanah tovah tikateiv veteichateim – May you be inscribed and sealed for a good year."

Elul is a good time to have one's *Tefillin* and *Mezuzot* checked by an accredited scribe to ensure that they are in good condition and fit for use.

### THE EIGHTEENTH OF ELUL

Birthday of Rabbi Yisroel Baal Shem Tov, founder of Chassidism, renowned for his love of every Jew. Birthday of Rabbi Schneur Zalman of Liadi, founder of Chabad, the intellectual branch of Chassidism.

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## AUGUST 2010

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1	כא אב Av 21	2	כב אב Av 22	3	כג אב Av 23	4	כד אב Av 24	5	כה אב Av 25	6	כו אב Av 26	7	בז אב Av 27 ראה RE'EI
										Light c	andles at 7:49		lessing of New Month habbat ends at 8:51
8	כח אב Av 28		כט אב Av 29	10	ל אב Av 30	11	א אלול Elul 1	12	ב אלול Elul 2	13	ג אלול Elul 3	14	ד אלול Elul 4 שופטים SHOFTIM
		Yakov ben Ye	<i>Yahrtzeit of</i> shaya & Rose Shalom ייל		New moon: 6:52am ראש חדש אלול Rosh Chodesh Elul		ראש חדש אלול Rosh Chodesh Elul			Light c	andles at 7:40	S	habbat ends at 8:41
15	ה אלול Elul 5	16	ו אלול Elul 6	17	ז אלול 12 Elul 7	18	ח אלול Elul 8	19	ט אלול Elul 9	20	י אלול י Elul 10	21	<b>יא אלול</b> 11 Elul כי תצא כי תצא KI TEITZEI
										Light c	andles at 7:30	S	habbat ends at 8:30
22	יב אלול Elul 12	23	יג אלול 13 Elul	24	יד אלול Elul 14	25	טו אלול Elul 15	26	טז אלול Elul 16	27	יז אלול Elul 17	28	יח אלול 18 Elul כי תבוא 18 TAVO
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The month of Tishrei is the richest month in the Jewish calendar. It includes the most awesome days – Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur as well as the happiest days – Sukkot and Simchat Torah.

#### **ROSH HASHANAH**

Rosh Hashanah, the beginning of the Jewish year, is also considered the world's birthday. This is the day G-d completed His creation by creating Adam and Eve, the first humans.

On Rosh Hashanah we eat many symbolic foods, including a sweet apple dipped in honey, beseeching G-d to "renew for us a good and sweet year."

An important Rosh Hashanah observance is the sounding of the Shofar (the ram's horn). The Shofar has many meanings. It symbolizes our coronation of G-d as King, it reminds us to 'wake up' and return to G-d, and it foreshadows the coming of Moshiach, which will be heralded by the sounding of the Shofar.

### **YOM KIPPUR**

Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, is the holiest day in the Jewish calendar. On this day G-d promises to forgive all our sins, as long as we regret our past and resolve to do better in the future.

#### **SUKKOT**

After a period of seriousness and reflection during the Days of Awe, we are ready for the joyous holiday of Sukkot. During Sukkot, 'the season of happiness', we rejoice in the knowledge that G-d has inscribed us for a good and healthy new year. The name Sukkot is derived from the word *Sukkah*, or hut. In commemoration of the protective 'clouds of glory' with which G-d surrounded the Jewish people on their way out of Egypt, we live in makeshift huts during the seven days of this holiday.

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## SEPTEMBER 2010

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	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY			
DAYLI FO	ES SHOWN ARE GHT SAVING TIME DR NEW YORK D NEW JERSEY	Donate your car,  Truck or RV to  Friends of Refugees of Eastern Europe  And receive a full tax br  from Uncle Sam!  Call to arrange a free pick  718-467-0860	MEMORIAL PLAQUE  AK DISPLAYED IN A SYNAGOGUE  AS AN EVER LASTING	1	כב אלול Elul 22	2	כג אלול Elul 23	3 בר אלול Elul 24	לה אלול Elul 25 בצבים-וילך מצבים-וילך NITZAVIM-VAYELECH Shabbat Selichot			
5	בו אלול Elul 26 Yahrtzeit of יים Boruch Baranoff מייז	אלול Elul		0	כט אלול Elul 29 Birthday of the Tzemach Tzedek ערב ראש השנה Eve of Rosh Hashanah עירוב תבשילין	9	א תשרי Tishrei 1	ב תשרי Tishrei 2	ג תשרי Tishrei 3 האזינו HAAZINU Shabbat Shuva			
NOCHUM BI	IN DURUCH BARANOFF IF 9	Labor Day			Eruv Tavshilin New moon: 7:36pm 1/18 Light candles at 7:00	) IIII Li	יום א' דראש השנה First day of ROSH HASHANAH ght candles after 7:58	יום ב' דראש השנה Second day of ROSH HASHANAH Light candles at 6:57	Yahrtzeit of Matty Weingarten ייל הייד Shabbat ends at 7:54			
12	ד תשרי Tishrei 4	13 Tishro			ז תשרי Tishrei 7	16	ח תשרי Tishrei 8	ט תשרי Tishrei 9	י תשרי , Tishrei 10			
Grandpar	צום גדליי Fast of Gedaliah Fast ends at 7:39 ents Day		Yahrtzeit of Rebbetzin Chana Schneerson					ערב יום כיפור Eve of Yom Kippur Light candles at 6:45 Fast begins at 7:03	יום כיפור YOM KIPPUR Yizkor Yom Kippur ends at 7:42			
19	יא תשרי Tishrei 11	תשרי Tishrei			יד תשרי Tishrei 14 ערב חג הסוכות Eve of Sukkot	23	טו תשרי Tishrei 15	24 יטז תשרי Tishrei 16	יז תשרי Tishrei 17			
			Yahrtzeit of the Rebbe Maharash		עירוב תבשילין Eruv Tavshilin Light candles at 6:36	1414(9)		יום ב' דחג הסוכות Second day of SUKKOT Light candles at 6:33	אי דחול המועד טוכות 1st Intermediate Day of Sukkot Shabbat ends at 7:30			
26	יח תשרי Tishrei 18		19 <u>28</u> Tishrei 20		<b>כא תשרי</b> Tishrei 21 הושענא רבה Hoshana Rabba עירוב תבשילין Eruv Tavshilin Light candles at 6:24		כב תשרי Tishrei 22 שמיני עצרת SHEMINI ATZERET Yizkor	Do you need someone to say  KADDISH?  OBSERVE YAHRTZEITS?  CONTACT F.R.E.E.  AT 718-467-0860  OR VISIT US AT  www.kaddishservices.com	Every Jewish Home should have a Pushka call to receive your own 718-467-0860			
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## SHABBAT AND FESTIVAL CANDLES





A married woman customarily lights two candles and may add an additional one for each of her children. An unmarried girl should light one candle in deference to her mother.

As soon as a young girl can understand the idea of the Shabbat and can say the blessing (approximately 3 years old) her parents should provide her with a candlestick and teach her to kindle the Shabbat candles. The young girl should light before her mother in case she needs assistance from her.

It is customary to put a few coins into a Tzedakah Pushka (charity box) before lighting the candles. The correct time to

light the Shabbat candles is 18 minutes before sunset every Friday. Young girls should light just prior to this time.

## THE FESTIVAL CANDLES

Just as candles are lit in honor of the Shabbat so are they lit in honor of the festivals. Various blessings are recited on different festivals. See the chart Blessings for Festival Candle Lighting.

## Procedure for Lighting the Shabbat Candles

The woman (or young girl) lights the candles, then spreads her hands out around the candles, drawing her hands inwards in a circular motion three times to indicate her acceptance of the sanctity of the Shabbat.

She then covers her eyes and says the blessing:

Bo-ruch A-toh Ado-noi Elo-hei-nu Me-lech Ho-olom A-sher Ki-de-sho-nu Be-mitz-vo-sov Ve-tzi-vo-nu Le-had-lik Ner Shel Shabbos Ko-desh.

\*Translation: Blessed are You, L-rd, our G-d, King of the universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments, and has commanded us to kindle the light of the holy Shabbat. She then uncovers her eyes to behold the Shabbat lights.

The time of lighting is considered especially propitious to pray to G-d for health and happiness. The prayer is readily accepted because it is said during the performance of this great Mitzvah of lighting the Shabbat candles.

CAUTION: The candles must be lit before sunset. It is prohibited and is a desecration of the Shabbat to light the candles after sunset.

When lighting after the onset of a festival, a pre-existing flame must be used to light the candles since it is prohibited to create a new flame by striking a match or lighter, etc. However, it is permissible to use (or transfer fire from) a flame burning continuously since the onset of the festival, such as a pilot light, gas or candle flame.

## **HOLIDAY CALENDAR 5770 (2009 - 2010)**

Notes	Dates	Festival	Blessing(s)			
*	18 Sept.	First Eve of Rosh Hashanah & Shabbat	1 & 7			
**	19 Sept.	Second Eve of Rosh Hashanah	2 & 7			
*	27 Sept.	Eve of Yom Kippur	3 & 7			
*	2 Oct.	First Eve of Sukkot & Shabbat	4 & 7			
**	3 Oct.	Second Eve of Sukkot	5 & 7			
*	9 Oct.	Eve of Shemini Atzeret & Shabbat	4 & 7			
**	10 Oct.	Eve of Simchat Torah	5 & 7			
***	29 March	First Seder Night	5 & 7			
**	30 March	Second Seder Night	5 & 7			
*	2 April	Intermediate Shabbat of Pesach	6			
***	4 April	Seventh Eve of Pesach	5			
**	5 April	Eighth Eve of Pesach	5			
***	18 May	First Eve of Shavuot	5 & 7			
**	19 May	Second Eve of Shavuot	5 & 7			

#### NOTES:

- \* Do not light after sunset.
- \*\* Do not light before the time indicated. Light only from a pre-existing flame.
- \*\*\* If lighting after sunset, light only from a pre-existing flame.

A pre-existing flame is a flame burning continuously since the onset of a festival such as a pilot light, gas or candle flame.

## **BLESSINGS FOR FESTIVAL CANDLE LIGHTING:**

Bo-ruch A-toh Ado-noi Elo-hei-nu Me-lech Ho-olom A-sher Ki-de-sho-nu Be-mitz-vo-sov Ve-tzi-vo-nu Le-had-lik Ner Shel Shabbos V'shel Yom Ha-zi-ko-ron. Translation: Blessed are You, L-rd our G-d, King of the universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments, and has commanded us to kindle the light of Shabbat and the Day of Remembrance. Bo-ruch A-toh Ado-noi Elo-hei-nu Me-lech Ho-olom A-sher Ki-de-sho-nu Be-mitz-vo-sov Ve-tzi-vo-nu Le-had-lik Ner Shel Yom Ha-zi-ko-ron. Translation: Blessed are You, L-rd our G-d, King of the universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments, and has commanded us to kindle the light of the Day of Remembrance. Bo-ruch A-toh Ado-noi Elo-hei-nu Me-lech Ho-olom A-sher Ki-de-sho-nu Be-mitz-vo-sov Ve-tzi-vo-nu Le-had-lik Ner Shel Yom Ha-ki-purim. 3 Translation: Blessed are You, L-rd our G-d, King of the universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments, and has commanded us to kindle the Yom Kippur light.. Bo-ruch A-toh Ado-noi Elo-hei-nu Me-lech Ho-olom A-sher Ki-de-sho-nu Be-mitz-vo-sov Ve-tzi-vo-nu Le-had-lik Ner Shel Shabbos V'shel Yom Tov. Translation: Blessed are You, L-rd our G-d, King of the universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments, and has commanded us to kindle the Shabbat and Yom Tov light.

Bo-ruch A-toh Ado-noi Elo-hei-nu Me-lech Ho-olom A-sher Ki-de-sho-nu Be-mitz-vo-sov Ve-tzi-vo-nu Le-had-lik Ner Shel Yom Tov.

Translation: Blessed are You, L-rd our G-d, King of the universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments, and has commanded us to kindle the Yom Tov light.

Bo-ruch A-toh Ado-noi Elo-hei-nu Me-lech Ho-olom A-sher Ki-de-sho-nu Be-mitz-vo-sov Ve-tzi-vo-nu Le-had-lik Ner Shel Shabbos Ko-desh.

Translation: Blessed are You, L-rd our G-d, King of the universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments, and has commanded us to kindle the light of the holy Shabbat.

Bo-ruch A-toh Ado-noi Elo-hei-nu Me-lech Ho-olom She-he-che-yo-nu Ve-ki-yemo-nu Ve-hi-gi-o-nu Liz-man Ha-zeh.

Translation: Blessed are You, L-rd our G-d, King of the universe, who has granted us life, and sustained us and enabled us to reach this occasion.

## **CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES 2009-2010**

TIMES SHOWN ARE STANDARD TIME

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## Do a Mitzvah - Bring Moshiach!

A single good deed can tip the balance and make all the difference. The following is the Ten Point Mitzvah Campaign initiated by the Rebbe twenty years ago. The campaign focuses on specific Mitzvot, through the fulfillment of which the individual and the family will come to a greater appreciation of their Jewish heritage.

## AHAVAT YISRAEL

To make an effort that our thought, speech and action be permeated with real concern for our fellow man.

## JEWISH EDUCATION

To involve any and every Jewish child in an educational program that will teach him/her what it means to be a Jew.

## TORAH STUDY

To set fixed times for Torah study every day so that our spiritual growth and development be systematic and directed.

## **TEFILLIN**

Tefillin are a sign; a public statement of Jewish involvement. Donning Tefillin daily is an expression of strong Jewish identity.

## **MEZUZAH**

A proper, kosher, handwritten Mezuzah designates a home as Jewish and protects it and its occupants.

## **TZEDAKAH**

To increase our giving charity and to be reminded to do so by displaying a Tzedakah box conspicuously in our homes and businesses.

## HOLY JEWISH BOOKS

By having at least a Chumash, Tehillim and Siddur in your home you transform it into a more sacred environment in our homes and businesses.

## SHABBAT CANDLES

Women and girls (from age 3) should light Shabbat candles 18 minutes before sunset on Fridays, to usher in the holiness and tranquility of Shabbat.

## **KASHRUT**

Being Jewish entails more than prayer and study. Eating only kosher food enables us to identify with our Judaism on a very real and fundamental level.

## FAMILY PURITY

By observing the laws of Mikvah and Family Purity we add a holy dimension to marriage and family that enhances love and communication.



Friends of Refugees of Eastern Europe is an international non-profit organization founded in 1969 by the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson.

FREE's mandate is to restore the Jewish identity and Jewish education diminished by over 70 years of Communist oppression, by assisting Jewish immigrants from the Former Soviet Union in all moral, spiritual, religious, educational and financial / material areas of their new lives in the F.R.E.E. world.

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