



## Tishrei: The Shabbat of the Months

By Rabbi Melvin Granatstein



The month of Tishri is referred to in Tanakh as **חדש האיתנים** - Chodesh HaEitanim and the Talmud gives us two interpretations for this name. One view has it that this name means “the month of the Titans” because on this month, the fathers of Am Yisrael, “the Titans of the world” were born. The second view avers that Tishri is indeed “titanic”. It is “titanic” in the force of the multiple Mitzvot we are commanded to observe during this month. This second view is what interests me here.

In all sources in the Torah itself, Nisan – the month of Pesach – is the first month of the year. In fact, the first Mitzvah specifically given to Am Yisrael is the Mitzvah to designate Nisan as the first month. Tishri, the month that explodes with holy days and a titanic flurry of Mitzvot to be observed in quick succession, is the seventh month. Just as there is a Shabbat every seventh day, a Shabbat on the 50th day after seven weeks of Sefirat HaOmer – the festival of Shavuot, a Shabbat of years – each seventh year is consecrated as the Sh'mita year and is called **שבת הארץ** – the Shabbat of the Land in the Torah, so too there is a Shabbat of the months. Tishri is the Shabbat of the months. Like the Shabbat of the week, this Shabbat month celebrates Creation.

Now the celebration of Creation is the most explicit aspect of what we recite in the Davening of Rosh HaShana. Rosh HaShana sets the mood for introspection – what we call **חשבון נפש** – Cheshbon Nefesh. Introspection leads to the **תשובה** – T'shuva – or the repentance of Yom Kippur. The great 17th century Halachist and Kabbalist – Rav Yishaya Ish Horowitz – in his monumental work ; Sh'nei Luchot HaBerit, suggests that the Ten Days of Repentance reflect the ten day difference between the solar calendar which is the calendar of the natural order, and the lunar calendar which is the calendar of the Torah. This ten day period calls upon Am Yisrael to root the natural order of general human experience in nature's point of origin – in God who both created the universe and gave us his Torah of the life well lived. Cleansed in the purifying power of Yom Kippur, we can then celebrate the life well lived with the multiple Mitzvot of Succot and Sh'mini Atzeret. Taken together, Succot and Sh'mini Atzeret are called **זמן שמחתינו** - the time of our joy. Joy is what we can experience when we celebrate the splendor of the world in the context of the splendor of the Torah.

### תודה רבה - Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who helped with our booth at the Gross Schechter Day School Totally Kosher Rib Burn Off on Monday. We had some great ribs that actually sold out almost an hour and a half early! Among our volunteers were Benny Schloss, Jack & Minda Jaffe, Ari, Marlyn, Sarah & Leora Jaffe, Tilly Polster, Jane Konopka, Arnold Kaufman, Renee Edelman, and David Seltzer. Thank you to those who stopped by to say hello. It was a great event for our entire community, and we are proud to have been part of it.

Thank you to our Boy Scouts, who helped plant the new shrubs in the back and along the driveways, and helped spread new soil and mulch to clean up the Shul before the holidays. The scouts are trying to raise money to help cover some upcoming camping costs, so if you need help with special projects, our Boy Scouts may be just the help you are looking for. Please contact Channa Appel at 216-691-0859.

Thank you to Helen Shear for her help with reminders for Yahrzeits each week, and for keeping our Yahrzeit Boards in order.



## THE HIGH HOLY DAYS

The High Holy Days, or better The Days of Awe—Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur—constitute the most solemn moments or the Jewish Calendar. In reality, as the Tosofot commentary on the Talmud, Nedarim, points out, they constitute a single time frame commemorating the new year. On these days we acclaim G-d as the omnipotent king of the universe and at the same time the loving father who awaits the repentance and return of his wayward children. The laws and customs of these holy days serve to awaken within us the desire to examine our ways, confess our faults, and resolve to be reborn as complete Jews.

May the Almighty grant that we succeed in this task or reexamination. I would like to personally express my wishes to everyone for a year of peace, good health and personal fulfillment.

### ROSH HASHANA



In the Torah, Rosh Hashana is known as the day of the sounding of the Shofar - Yom Zichron Teruah. What is clear, however, is that the Yom Tov has always celebrated the new year season. For Jewish tradition this means celebrating Creation and acclaiming God as king and judge.

### SHABBAT SHUVA

The intermediate Shabbat of Aseret Yemai T'shuva is marked by the recitation of a special Haftarah (Hosea 14) which calls on Israel to repent.

### ASERET Y'MAI T'SHUVAH

The days of intermediate between Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur are marked by recitation of Selichot and punctilious observance of the details of Jewish Law. It is appropriate to observe the customs even beyond the letter of the law that one does not normally observe during the year to intensify one's sense of closeness to G-d. We must also ask forgiveness of anyone we may have offended during the past year. One should be forgiving of offensive actions done by others against oneself. We should especially be punctilious about the Mitzvah of Ts'dakah (charity) at this time, for as King Solomon tells us, "Ts'dakah redeems from death."

### YOM KIPPUR

The day of Atonement is marked by strict fasting from sunset on Yom Kippur eve to the appearance of the stars on the following night. If by chance a person is under medical instruction not to fast, the Rabbi should be consulted and will advise as to appropriate procedures.

**Please note:** Women who plan to arrive for Kol Nidrei

by car can still light candles at home in advance by making a mental note not to accept Yom Kippur upon themselves until they arrive at the Synagogue.

### DRESS AND DEMEANOR

One must not wear leather shoes on Yom Kippur and; thus, it is a mark of an Orthodox synagogue that the worshippers wear slippers or sneakers. It is also a beautiful custom to wear a Kittel throughout the day as a symbol of our quest for purification.

### SUCCOT

The festival of Succot recalls the providential guidance of G-d during the wanderings of Israel in the wilderness after the Exodus from Egypt. The festival, lasting seven days, is celebrated by the following Mitzvot:

- Succah-Dwelling in a temporary home.
- Arbah Minim — The praise of G-d with four species: the Lulav (palm branch, Etrog (citron), Hadassim (myrtles), Aravot (willows).



The walls of the Succah may be built of any material, but the roof must be made of material that grows naturally from the earth and is not edible. This Schach must not be fashioned into any kind of an implement, nor can it be nailed down. The Schach symbolizes the transient character of material benefit and the

beneficence of G-d's bounty. Each person should possess his own Arba Minim. On the Sabbath we do not take up the Lulav and Etrog.

### CHIBBUT ARAVOT

On the seventh day of Succot, Hoshana Raba, we make seven circuits around the synagogue with the Arba Minim and conclude by beating willows as a symbolic quest for atonement. This Mitzvah was instituted by the prophets of Israel.



### SH'MINI ATZERET - SIMCHAT TORAH

Sh'mini Atzeret, a festival unto itself, brings Succot to a joyous consummation, achieved only when we can celebrate in the permanent dwelling of our homes; however, outside Israel we still eat our meals on the first day of Sh'mini Atzeret in the Succah, since this day constitutes a *Sefeka D'yoma* — possibly Hoshana Rabba or Sh'mini Atzeret.

The second day, Simchat Torah, marks the conclusion of the annual cycle of the reading of the Torah and the beginning of the new cycle.





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**\$50 Family Maximum**

**Members & Family Guests ONLY!**



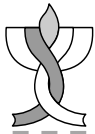
Reservations **MUST BE RECEIVED** at the office by Thursday, October 16th.  
 For Questions or Reservations, please contact Jane in the office at 216-381-4757.

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## Welcome To Our New Members

- ◆ Jeffrey & Shoshana Berenholz & family
- ◆ Leonard & Karen Ehrenreich
- ◆ Matthew & Alyson Fieldman & family
- ◆ Dr. Julian & Ilka Gordon
- ◆ Jack & Shirley Goldberg
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- ◆ David & Mila Schwam & family
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- ◆ Rabbi Guy & Neta Tzaidi & family
- ◆ Elie Weiss & Sara Hurand & family
- ◆ Rabbi Yossi & Ayelet Zano & family

## IN SYMPATHY

המקום ינחם אתכם בתוך שאר אבלי ציון וירושלים.

THE CONGREGATION WOULD LIKE TO  
EXTEND ITS HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES

TO JACK & MINDA JAFFE ON THE PASSING OF  
THEIR SISTER-IN-LAW RIVKA JAFFE OF  
JERUSALEM, ISRAEL.

## DONATIONS

*We would like to thank the following for their generous  
contributions to our Synagogue.*

### IN MEMORY OF:

**Cal Kirchick:** Shanie & Boaz Shevach; Morry & Judy Weiss; Muriel Cohen

### IN HONOR OF:

**A Speedy Recovery to Henry Lovinger:** Shanie & Boaz Shevach

**Jordan & Jane Lefko's Twin Grandchildren:** Morry & Judy Weiss

**Dan & Wendy Messeloff's Twins:** Zev & Rachel Weiss

**Eileen Guttman's Continued Good Health:** Zev & Rachel Weiss

### SIDDUR:

**In Memory of David W. Boord:** The Shamir Family

### KIDDUSH:

**August 30:** By Shimon Fuchs in memory of his father, Itzik (Yitzchak)  
Fuchs, on the occasion of his Yahrzeit

**September 13:** By Rubin and Eileen Guttman as a Seudat Hodaya, to thank Hashem for Eileen's ongoing recovery and to thank their friends, the Shul and the community for all the support and friendship everyone has shown their family during the last year.

### SEUDAH SHLISHIT:

**September 6:** By Asher & Malchi Weiss in honor of the marriage of their granddaughter Jamie Weiss to Andrew Feldman of Chicago .

**September 20:** By Marla Shafran & Barbara Baskin in memory of their mother, Rose Strick Minsk, on the occasion of her Yahrzeit.

## MAZEL TOV

To Dan & Wendy Messeloff on the birth of twins,  
Dahlia (Tziporah Dahlia) and Andrew (Chaim  
Aryeh), and to grandparents Jordan & Jane  
Lefko.

To Michael & Rachel Levinson on the birth of a boy,  
Max Elliot (Matan Eliezer) and to grandparents  
Sigmund & Nadene Norr.

To Elie Weiss & Sara Hurand on the birth of a son,  
Yona Tzvi, and to grandparents Morry & Judy  
Weiss.

To Judy Kirchick on the birth of a grandson born to  
her children Chaim & Lisa Rose of New York.

To Mazal Tov to David Tzvi Spero on his recent Bar  
Mitzvah in Israel and to parents Mitchell & Judy  
Spero.

To Al & Cynthia Uvlin on the Bar Mitzvah of their  
grandson Joshua Davis, son of Risa & Jeffrey  
Davis in New York.

To Josh & Ilana Mandel on their recent marriage,  
and to parents, Marla & Joe Shafran.

To Asher & Malchi Weiss on the marriage of their  
granddaughter Jamie Weiss to Andrew Feldman  
of Chicago.

### Babysitting Service

We have a sitter available for children  
between the age of 3 and 9 on Rosh  
Hashana and Yom Kippur. On Rosh  
Hashana the hours will be 10:00 am  
to 2:00 pm and on Yom Kippur the  
service will operate on Kol Nidrei  
night to the conclusion of the service  
and during the day from 10:00 am to  
3:00 pm and 6:00 pm to the  
conclusion of the services.

### Games Needed...

We are looking for new or like-  
new board games for the high  
Holiday Babysitting for ages 4-10  
children. If you would like to  
donate a game, please bring it by  
the Shul during the week. Please do not  
bring anything electronic or missing  
pieces.





# MONTHLY CALENDAR

## Rosh Hashana

Monday, September 29 - Erev Rosh Hashana  
 Morning Services..... 5:30 a.m.  
 Candle Lighting..... 6:56 p.m.  
 Evening Services..... 7:05 p.m.

Tuesday, September 30  
 Morning Services..... 8:00 a.m.  
 Evening Services..... 7:05 p.m.  
 Candle Lighting (not earlier than)..... 7:52 p.m.

Wednesday, October 1  
 Morning Services..... 8:00 a.m.  
 Evening Services..... 7:05 p.m.  
 Motsaei Yom Tov..... 7:51 p.m.

## Aseret Y'mei T'shuva

Thursday, October 2 — Fast of Gedalia  
 Fast Begins..... 6:12 a.m.  
 Morning Services..... 6:10 a.m.  
 Evening Services..... 6:40 p.m.  
 Fast Ends..... 7:48 p.m.

Friday, October 3  
 Morning Services..... 6:10 a.m.  
 Candle Lighting..... 6:48 p.m.  
 Kabbalat Shabbat..... 6:50 p.m.

Saturday, October 4  
**Parshat Vayelech - Shabbat Shuva**  
 Morning Services..... 9:00 a.m.  
 Rabbi's Shabbat Shuva D'rasha..... 5:30 p.m.  
 Mincha..... 6:50 p.m.  
 Motsaei Shabbat..... 7:46 p.m.

Sunday, October 5  
 Sunday Morning Services..... 8:00 a.m.  
 Evening Services..... 6:50 p.m.

Monday-Tuesday October 6-7  
 Morning Services..... 6:10 a.m.  
 Evening Services..... 6:50 p.m.

## Erev Yom Kippur

Wednesday, October 8  
 Morning Services..... 6:30 a.m.  
 Mincha..... 3:00 p.m.  
 Candle Lighting..... 6:39 p.m.  
 Kol Nidre..... 6:40 p.m.

## Yom Kippur

Thursday, October 9  
 Morning Services (MAIN SHUL)..... 9:00 a.m.  
 Morning Services (PERL HALL)..... 8:00 a.m.  
 Yizkor (Main Shul)..... 12:30 p.m.  
 Yizkor (Perl Hall)..... 11:30 a.m.  
 Mincha..... 4:45 p.m.  
 Neila..... 6:15 p.m.  
 Motsaei Yom HaKippurim..... 7:37 p.m.

## Y'mei Ratson (from Yom Kippur to Succot)

Friday, October 10  
 Morning Services..... 6:40 a.m.  
 Candle Lighting..... 6:36 p.m.  
 Kabbalat Shabbat..... 6:40 p.m.

Saturday, October 11  
**Parshat Ha'azinu**  
 Morning Service..... 9:00 a.m.  
 Rabbi's Talmud Class..... 5:20 p.m.  
 Mincha..... 6:20 p.m.  
 Motsaei Shabbat..... 7:35 p.m.

Sunday, October 12  
 Morning Services..... 8:00 a.m.  
 Evening Services..... 6:30 p.m.

Erev Succot - Monday, October 13  
 Morning Services..... 6:40 a.m.  
 Candle Lighting..... 6:31 p.m.  
 Evening Services..... 6:35 p.m.

**Succot**  
 Tuesday, October 14  
 Morning Service..... 9:00 a.m.  
 Mincha..... 6:40 p.m.  
 Candle Lighting (not earlier than)..... 7:29 p.m.

Wednesday, October 15  
 Morning Service..... 9:00 a.m.  
 Mincha..... 6:40 p.m.  
 Motsaei Yom Tov..... 7:28 p.m.

**Chol Hamoed**  
 Thursday, October 16  
 Morning Services..... 6:30 a.m.  
 Evening Services..... 6:35 a.m.

Friday, October 17  
 Morning Services..... 6:30 a.m.  
 Candle Lighting..... 6:25 p.m.  
 Kabbalat Shabbat..... 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 18  
**Shabbat Chol Hamoed**  
 Morning Service..... 9:00 a.m.  
 Rabbi's Talmud Class..... 5:15 p.m.  
 Mincha..... 6:15 p.m.  
 Motsaei Shabbat..... 7:23 p.m.

Sunday, October 19  
 Morning Services..... 8:00 a.m.  
 Evening Services..... 6:30 p.m.

**Hoshana Rabba - Monday, October 20**  
 Morning Services..... 6:30 a.m.  
 Candle Lighting..... 6:20 p.m.  
 Evening Services..... 6:30 p.m.

**Shemini Atzeret - Tuesday, October 21**  
 Morning Services..... 9:00 a.m.  
 Yizkor..... 11:00 a.m.  
 Mincha..... 6:25 p.m.  
 Ma'ariv & Hakafot..... 7:10 p.m.  
 Candle Lighting (not earlier than)..... 7:20 p.m.

**Simchat Torah - Wednesday, October 22**  
 Morning Services..... 9:00 a.m.  
 Evening Services..... 6:25 p.m.  
 Motsaei Yom Tov..... 7:17 p.m.

Thursday, October 23  
 Morning Services..... 6:40 a.m.  
 Evening Services..... 6:25 p.m.

Friday, October 24  
 Morning Services..... 6:40 a.m.  
 Candle Lighting..... 6:14 p.m.  
 Kabbalat Shabbat..... 6:15 p.m.

Saturday, October 25  
**Parshat B'reishit**  
 Morning Service..... 9:00 a.m.  
 Rabbi's Talmud Class..... 5:05 p.m.  
 Mincha..... 6:05 p.m.  
 Motsaei Shabbat..... 7:13 p.m.  
 Sunday Morning Services..... 8:00 a.m.  
 Weekday Morning Services..... 6:40 a.m.  
 Weekday Evening Services..... 6:15 p.m.

**Sunday, October 26 - Annual Membership Meeting**  
**Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan**  
 Wednesday, October 29 - Thursday, October 30  
 Morning Services..... 6:30 a.m.