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אלול

ELUL

ד'ך היומי	בתולה	אלול תשס"ט – AUG.-SEP. '09	
קיה קט	21 Fri. 22 Sat.	א ב ב' דר"ח אלול, שופר פ' שופטים הפטרה אנכי אנכי, פרק ר'	
ב ג ד ה ו ז ח	23 Sun. 24 Mon. 25 Tue. 26 Wed. 27 Thu. 28 Fri. 29 Sat.	ג ד ה ו ז ח ט פ' כי תצא הפטרה רני עקרה, פרק א"ב'	
ט י יא יב יג יד טו	30 Sun. 31 Mon. 1 Tue. 2 Wed. 3 Thu. 4 Fri. 5 Sat.	SEPTEMBER	י יא יב יג יד טו טז זונטאג מאנטאג דינסטאג מיטוואך דאנערש. פרייטאג שבת
טז יז יח יט כ כא כב	6 Sun. 7 Mon. 8 Tue. 9 Wed. 10 Thu. 11 Fri. 12 Sat.	פ' כי תבא הפטרה קומי אורי, פרק ג"ד'	
כג כד כה כו כז כח	13 Sun. 14 Mon. 15 Tue. 16 Wed. 17 Thu. 18 Fri.	ז ח ט כ כא כב כג פ' נצבים-וילך הפטרה שוש אשיש, פרק ה"ו'	
		א' דסליחות זונטאג מאנטאג דינסטאג מיטוואך דאנערש. פרייטאג	
		כד כה כו כז כח כט ער"ה תש"ע, זכור בריח	

כבא בתרא

מולד אלול: דאנערשטאג ביינאכט, 3 מינוט מיט 6 חלקים נאך 10

א' דראש חודש
FIRST DAY ROSH CHODESH
THURSDAY, AUG. 20, 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
THURSDAY NIGHT, AUG. 20, 1 ELUL

מעריב / MAARIV

We begin to recite אורי ד' after *Maariv* (*Nusach Sefard*: after *Mincha*) and *Shachris* through *Shemini Atzeres*.

FRIDAY MORNING,
AUG. 21, 1 ELUL

שחרית / SHACHRIS

For *Rosh Chodesh*: יעלה ויבא; Half-Hallel; *Kaddish Tiskabel*; Torah Reading; *Mussaf*; etc. Psalm of the Day; ברכי נפשי; לדוד ד' אורי.

We observe the same procedure as for the First Day of *Rosh Chodesh*. We begin to blow תשר"ת every day at the conclusion of the morning service through the day before *Erev Rosh HaShanah*.

(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* 138]."

שבת פרשת שופטים

SHABBOS PARSHAS SHOFTIM

AUG. 22, 2 ELUL

The *Haftorah* is read from Isaiah

51:12-52:12 (אנכי אנכי). Chapter 6 of *Pirkei Avos*.

שבת פרשת כי תצא
SHABBOS PARSHAS KI
SEITZEI

AUG. 29, 9 ELUL

The *Haftorah* is read from Isaiah 54:1-10 ("רני עקרה"). Chapters 1 and 2 of *Pirkei Avos*.

The final time for the sanctification of the New Moon of *Elul*, is the entire night following Thursday Sept. 3 (15 *Elul*).

שבת פרשת כי תבא
SHABBOS PARSHAS KI SAVO

SEPT. 5, 16 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. 12, 23 ELUL

The *Haftorah* is read from Isaiah 61:10-63:9 (שוש אשיש). (We do not bless the month of *Tishrei*.) 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; Half-Kaddish; we say ויהי נועם ואתה קדוש; *Kaddish Tiskabel*; ויתן לך; *Havdalah*; עלינו; לדוד אורי; 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

FRIDAY, SEPT. 18, 29 ELUL
(Some are accustomed to fast until

midday.) 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; 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 נדרים .

One takes a haircut, and bathes in honor of the approaching holiday. Immersion in a *Mikvah*, preferably after midday, is appropriate so that we may enter the Day of Judgement in a state of holiness and purity.

We make all preparations for *Shabbos* and *Yom Tov*. Hot cooked foods that are to be kept warm must be put in their proper place before candle-lighting. We hasten to light candles (20 minutes before sunset). We make the *Brachos* "להדליק נר" של שבת ושל 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 5770 AND
ITS BLESSINGS COMMENCE!**