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Shabbos Schedule

Date	Candle Lighting	Shabbos Ends	Parsha
September 15, 2012	7:07 PM	7:59 PM	Nitzavim
September 22, 2012	6:59 PM	7:51 PM	Va-Yelech
September 29, 2012	6:51 PM	7:43 PM	Ha'Azinu
October 13, 2012	6:37 PM	7:29 PM	Bereshit
October 20, 2012	6:30 PM	7:23 PM	Noach
October 27, 2012	6:24 PM	7:18 PM	Lech Lecha

Rosh HaShana 5773 September 17-18

Tzom Gedalia September 19 Fast begins at 5:59 AM, Fast ends at 7:54 PM

Yom Kippur September 26 Candlelighting 6:55 PM, Fast ends 7:46 PM

Sukkot October 1-9

Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan October 16-17



Tower 41 Newsletter

If you have anything special you would like to share with the residents of the Tower 41 Condominium, please let the manager know by the last day of each month so we can include it in the following month's newsletter.





The Cry of the Shofar: Two Parables

A parable from Rabbi Israel Baal Shem Tov:

A King had an only son, the apple of his eye. The King wanted his son to master different fields of knowledge and to experience various cultures, so he sent him to a far-off country, supplied with a generous quantity of silver and gold. Far away from home, the son squandered all the money until he was left completely destitute. In his distress he resolved to return to his father's house and after much difficulty, he managed to arrive at the gate of the courtyard to his father's palace.

In the passage of time, he had actually forgotten the language of his native country, and he was unable to identify himself to the guards. In utter despair he began to cry out in a loud voice, and the King, who recognized the voice of his son, went out to him and brought him into the house, kissing him and hugging him.

The meaning of the parable: The King is G-d. The prince is the Jewish people, who are called "Children of G-d" (Deuteronomy 14:1). The King sends a soul down to this world in order to fulfill the Torah and mitzvot. However, the soul becomes very distant and forgets everything to which it was accustomed to above, and in the long exile it forgets even its own "language." So it utters a simple cry to its Father in Heaven. This is the blowing of the *shofar*, a cry from deep within, expressing regret for the past and determination for the future. This cry elicits G-d's mercies, and He demonstrates His abiding affection for His child and forgives him.

A parable from Rabbi Levi Yitzchak of Berditchev:

A king was once traveling in the forest and lost his way, until he met a man who recognized that he was the king and escorted his master out of the forest and back to his palace. The king later rewarded him with many presents, and elevated him to a powerful minister's post.

After a while, however, the man committed an act which was considered rebellious against the king, and he was sentenced to death. Before he was taken out to be executed, the king granted him one last request.

The man said: "I request to wear the clothes I wore when I escorted His Majesty when he was lost in the forest, and that His Majesty should also wear the clothes he wore then."

The king complied, and when they were both dressed in the garments they wore at the time of their meeting, he said, "By your life, you have saved yourself," and called off the execution.

The meaning of the parable is that when G-d gave the Torah to Israel, he offered it first to all the nations of the world. They all refused, except the people of Israel, who willingly accepted the yoke of Heaven and fulfilled the commandments of the Creator.

But now we have transgressed and rebelled, like the man in the parable, and with the arrival of the Day of Judgment we are fearful indeed. So we blow the *shofar* to recall the *shofar* blowing that accompanied our original acceptance of the Torah and coronation of G-d. This merit stands by us, and G-d forgives us all our sins and inscribes us immediately for a year of goodness and life.

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1. Why do we blow the shofar during the month of Elul?

After the sin of the golden calf, Moshe went up to Mount Sinai to receive the second set of Tablets on Rosh Chodesh Elul. On that day, the Jewish People sounded the shofar to remind themselves to stray no more after idol worship. Also, the sound of the shofar strikes awe into our hearts and inspires us to return to the ways of Torah. (*Mishna Berura and Aruch Hashulchan Orach Chaim 581*)

2. Where in the written Torah text does it tell us explicitly that the first day of Tisrei is Rosh Hashanah?

Nowhere. The Torah calls it “a day of shofar blowing.” (This is one of many examples showing how our observance depends on the continuous oral tradition dating back to Mount Sinai). (*Bamidbar 29:1*)

3. We eat apples dipped in honey to symbolize a sweet year. Why do we choose apples above other sweet fruits?

Isaac blessed Jacob with the words: “The fragrance of my son is like the fragrance of a field which Hashem has blessed...” (*Bereishis 27:27*). The Talmud identifies this “field” as an apple orchard. (*Ta’anis 29b, Biyur Hagra*)

4. What two blessings do we say before sounding the shofar?

“Blessed are You... who has commanded us to hear the sound of the shofar,” and the shehechyanu blessing. (*Orach Chaim 581:2*)

5. Which Book of Tanach does the beginning of the Tashlich prayer come from?

The Book of Micha (7:18-20).

6. What 3 barren women were “remembered” by Hashem on Rosh Hashanah? Sara, Rachel and Chana. On Rosh Hashanah it was decreed that these barren women would bear children. (*Tractate Rosh Hashanah 10b*)

7. A person’s yearly allowance is fixed on Rosh Hashanah, except for three types of expenses. What are they?

Expenses for Shabbos, Yom Tov, and the cost of one’s children’s Torah education. (*Ba’er Hetaiv Orach Chaim 242:1*)

8. We refer to the binding of Isaac in our prayers when we say: “Answer us as You answered Abraham our father on Mount Moriah...” What was Abraham’s prayer on Mount Moriah?

He prayed that Mount Moriah should remain a place of prayer for all future generations (*Onkelos 22:14*). Also, he prayed that his sacrifice of the ram should be considered as though he had actually sacrificed Isaac. (*Rashi 22:13*)

9. Why, even in Israel, are there 2 days of Rosh Hashanah, whereas other festivals in Israel are celebrated for only 1 day?

Before our current exile, we did not have a fixed calendar as we do today. Rather, the Supreme Torah court in Jerusalem determined our calendar on a month to month

basis. They did this on the 1st day of every month, based on witnesses testifying that they had seen the new moon. Therefore, the people outside Israel had insufficient time to find out the exact date in time for the festivals. The “2-day festival” arose to correct this situation. In Israel, however, the people lived close enough to Jerusalem to find out the exact date of all festivals except Rosh Hashanah. Since Rosh Hashanah occurs on the 1st day of the month, even those living in Jerusalem sometimes needed to observe it for 2 days, if the witnesses failed to arrive.

10. What halacha applies to the shehechyanu blessing on the second night of Rosh Hashanah which does not apply on the second night of any other holiday?

On the second night of Rosh Hashanah it is customary to wear a new garment or to have a new fruit on the table when saying the shehechyanu blessing. Thus, the shehechyanu blessing applies not only to the holiday, but to the new garment or new fruit as well. (This is done in order to accommodate the minority of halachic authorities who rule that no shehechyanu blessing be said on the second night of Rosh Hashanah.) (*Taz 600:2*)

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Honey Sponge Cake

- 6 eggs, separated
- 1 cup sugar
- 3 Tbsps. honey
- 3 Tbsps. strong black coffee
- 2 Tbsps. oil
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 3 cloves, crushed (optional)
- 1 Tbsp brandy
- 1 1/4 cups flour
- 1 1/2 tsps. baking powder

Preheat oven to 350. In a small mixing bowl beat egg whites with 1/2 cup sugar until stiff but not dry and set aside.

In a separate bowl, cream egg yolks and 1/2 cup sugar. Add honey, coffee, oil, cinnamon, cloves and brandy. Beat until thick and light in color.

With a spatula, fold in flour and baking powder until well blended. Then fold in egg whites gently and carefully until

well blended.

Pour into ungreased 10" tube pan. Bake for 1 hour. When done immediately invert on soda bottle. Cool at least 3 hours before removing so that cake will not fall.

When cool, loosen edges and remove cake from pan.



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