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Reminders for the Family – *Elul* and *Siyum HoRambam 5778*

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Wishing everyone a *Ksivo Vachasimo Toivo, Leshono Toivo Umesuko* - May we merit to hear the "*Shofar Godol*", that will be heard at the arrival of *Moshiach* – this year!

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Throughout the month of *Elul*:

- 1. *Ledovid Hashem Ori*:** From the **first** day of *Rosh Chodesh*, we add this chapter of *Tehillim*, every day, in *Shacharis* and *Mincha*.
- 2. *Shofar*:**
 - A.** During the **first** day of *Rosh Chodesh* we blow the *Shofar* to "**practice**". See a *shiur* on our website <http://theonlinerabbi.com/sichosonline/elul/> based on *Likutei Sichos* Volume 34 that explains the concept of this "practice" and what happens this year that the first day of *Rosh Chodesh* occurs on *Shabbos*.....
 - B.** From the **second** day of *Rosh Chodesh*, we blow *Shofar* every day (besides for *Shabbos* and *Erev Rosh Hashono*) after *Shacharis*. If, for whatever reason, it was not done after *Shacharis* – it can be done later. When there was a "Rally" etc. they would (also) blow the shofar after *Mincha*. The Rebbe encouraged that when going on *Mivtzoim*, one should see to it that as many people as possible hear *Tkiyas Shofar*.
- 3. Three Chapters of *Tehillim*:** The *Baal Shem Tov* instituted that every day of *Elul* we say 3 additional chapters of *Tehillim*: On the first day of *Elul* (second day of *Rosh Chodesh*) we say chapters 1-3, on the second day, chapters 4-6, etc. If someone missed it, one should say today's chapters first and then complete what they missed.
- 4. *Pirkei Avos*:** On those *Shabbosim* when two chapters are recited, it is as follows: when chapters 1-2 and 3-4 are recited, the *Mishnayos* of "*Kol Yisroel...*" and "*Rabbi Chananya*" are recited only once. When chapter 5-6 are recited, the *Mishnayos* of "*Kol Yisroel...*" and "*Rabbi Chananya*" are recited before and after each *Perek*.

5. **Checking Tefillin and Mezuzos:** If they weren't checked within the last 12 months, the *Tefillin* and the *Mezuzos* should be checked.
6. **Ksivo Vachasimo Toivo:** We wish everyone (even when finishing a letter or email), men to men, women to women, and children (boys to boys and girls to girls) a *Ksivo V'chasimo Toivo Leshono Toivo Umesuko*.
7. **Tshuva and Cheshbon HaNefesh:** We do *Teshuva* and a *Cheshbon Hanefesh* for the whole year.
8. **Tzedoko:** We add in the giving of *Tzedoko*, especially to give for the needy for *YomTov* (Just like *Maos Chitim* for *Pesach*).
9. **Der Oibershter tells the Yiden – I am giving you 29-30 days:** See the famous *sicha* of the *Rebbe* in *Likutei Sichos, Chelek Bais*, page 626, [you can see a video on this *sicha* at: <http://theonlinerabbi.com/sichosonline/mitzvah-believe-moshiach-part-2/>] and the many *Sichos* that discuss the famous *Moshol* (parable) of "*Melech Basode*" (the King in the field).
10. **11th of Elul:** *Chasuna* of the *Rebbe Rashab*.
11. **13th of Elul:** *Chasuna* of the *Friediker Rebbe*.
12. **15th of Elul:** Establishment of *Yeshivas Tomchei Tmimim*.
13. **18th of Elul – Chai Elul:** Birthday of the *Baal Shem Tov* and the *Alter Rebbe*. On this day the *Rabbeim* would say "*Gut Yom Tov*". *Chassidim* have the custom to *Farbreng*, tell stories of *Tzadikim* and undertake *Hachlotois* in strengthening *Ahavas Yisroel* and setting aside time for learning *Nigle* and *Chassidus*.
14. **12 Days:** Each of the 12 days from *Chai Elul* to *Rosh Hashono* represent one of the previous 12 months. So *Chai Elul* is the day of *Cheshbon Hanefesh* for the previous *Tishrei* etc.
15. **20th of Elul - SIYUM HoRAMBAM:** We finish the 37th cycle of learning *Rambam* and tomorrow we start the 38th cycle.
Why do we learn *Rambam*? <http://theonlinerabbi.com/sichosonline/rambam/>
Let's learn the last two chapters of *Rambam*: <http://theonlinerabbi.com/sichosonline/will-real-moshiach-please-stand/>
16. **Motzoei Shabbos Parshas Ki-Sovo:** After midnight we go to *Slichos* and continue to do so every morning until *Erev Rosh Hashono*.
17. **23rd of Elul:** *Yahrzeit* of Reb Meir Shlomo Yanovsky – *Rebbetzin Chana's* father. The *Rebbe* would say *Kadish*.
18. **25th of Elul:** The *Rebbe* would say *Kadish*.
19. **Shabbos Parshas Nitzovim:** We say *Tehillim* like all *Shabbos Mevorchim*. On *Motzoei Shabbos* we don't recite *Vihi Noam* nor *Veato Kodoish*.
20. **29th of Elul:** Birthday of the *Tzemach Tzedek*.

The "Reminders" for *Rosh Hashono* will be available *Bez"h* mid-*Elul*.

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