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Reminders for the Family – *Elul* 5780

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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* in *Shacharis* and *Mincha* every day.
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".
 - B. From the **second** day of *Rosh Chodesh*, we blow *Shofar* every day (besides for *Shabbos* and *Erev Rosh Hashono*) after *Shacharis*. If 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*, but remind them that this does **not** replace the hearing of the *Shofar* on *Rosh Hashono*!
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, they 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 shiur/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. **23rd of *Elul*:** *Yahrzeit* of Reb Meir Shlomo Yanovsky – Rebbetzin Chana's father. The *Rebbe* would say *Kadish*.
16. **25th of *Elul*:** The *Rebbe* would say *Kadish*.
17. ***Shabbos Parshas Nitzovim/Vayelech*:** We say *Tehillim* like all *Shabbos Mevorchim*. We say *Ov Horachamim* (right before *Musaf*). After midnight we go to *Slichos* and continue to do so every morning until *Erev Rosh Hashono*.
18. **29th of *Elul*:** Birthday of the *Tzemach Tzedek*. In the years 5732-47 the *Rebbe* use to *Farbreng* and say a *Maamor* and *Sichos*.

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

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