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Reminders for the Family – Elul 5781

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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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Some Halochais and Minhogim for 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. in 770 in the presence of the Rebbe, 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*, **however**, 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 three 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:** In the 2-3 *Shabosim* prior to *Rosh Hashono*, when two chapters are learned (after *Mincha*): When learning chapters 1-2 together or 3-4 together, the *Mishna* of *Kol Yisroel* and the *Mishna* of *Rabbi Chananyo ben Akashio* are recited only once, and nothing is recited between the two chapters. We consider them like one long chapter. However, when learning chapters 5-6 together, we consider them like two separate chapters and those *Mishnayos* are said 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 *Kesivo 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/Melech Basode:** 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. **Shabbos Parshas Ki seitze - 13th of Elul:** *Chasuna* of the *Friediker Rebbe*. [regarding *Pirkei Avos* – see above #4].
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 *Farbrenge*, tell stories of *Tzadikim* and undertake *Hachlotois* in strengthening *Avavas Yisroel* and setting aside time for learning *Nigle* and *Chassidus*.
14. **12 Days to Rosh Hashono:** 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* and *Erev Rosh Hashono* is for *Chodesh Elul* etc.
15. **Shabbos Parshas Ki Sovo:**
 1. Regarding *Pirkei Avos* – see above #4.
 2. **Slichos:** After midnight (in 770 – at 1 am) we go to *Slichos* and continue to do so every morning until *Erev Rosh Hashono*.
16. **23 Elul:** *Yahrzeit* of *Reb Meir Shlomo Yanovsky* – *Rebbetzin Chana's* father. The *Rebbe* would say *Kadish*.
17. **25th of Elul – The first day of the creation:**
 1. The *Rebbe* would say *Kadish*.
 2. The *Rebbe* related that the *Friediker Rebbe* said that the *Chassidim* of old would learn on 25 *Elul* from *Bereishis* (in *Parshas Bereishis*) until “*Yom Echad*”; on 26 *Elul* “*Yom Shenii*” etc.
18. **Shabbos Parsha Nitzovim – Shabbos Mevorchim:**
 1. **Tehillim:** we say the whole *Tehillim* in the morning like every *Shabbos Mevorchim*.
 2. However we do **not** “*bentch*” the month before *Musaf* (see in the *Hayom Yom* the explanation in the name of the *Alter Rebbe*, that this month is *Bentched* by *Hashem* etc.)
 3. **Ov Harachmim:** Before *Musaf* we say *Ov Horachamim*.
 4. **Tzidkoscho:** In *Mincha* we say “*Tzidkoscho*”.
 5. **Pirkei Avos:** We say Chapters 5-6. We say the *Mishna* of “*Kol Yisroel*” and “*Rabbi Chananya ben Akashia*” before and after each *perek*.

Motzoei Shabbos:

 - * In *Maariv* we say “*Ato Chonantanu*”.
 - * We do not say “*Vihhi Noam*” nor “*Veato Kodoish*”.
19. **29th of Elul:** Birthday of the *Tzemach Tzedek*. In the years 5732-47 the *Rebbe* use to *Farbrenge* and say a *Maamor* and *Sichos*.
20. **Pruzbul :** As next year, 5782, is a year of *Shmitah*, so before *Shmitah* the custom is to say the *Pruzbul* (and if possible) also to do it in writing. All the details will be explained in the “*Reminders*” for *Erev Rosh Hashono*.
 [The details about *Erev Rosh Hashono* are included in the reminders for *Rosh Hashono*].

The “*Reminders*” for *Rosh Hashono* will be available *Bez”h* next week.
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