

## WHAT THE NEW YEAR MEANS TO THOSE WHO LIVE IN ISRAEL

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Rosh Hashanah is an opportunity for humankind to reflect on the year that has passed. It is a natural point in time where we pause, consider and contemplate what has transpired over the past twelve months, and hope and pray that we are afforded the chance to start fresh with a clean slate.

In Israel, this concept is magnified as we reflect on not only our personal journey -- trials, tribulations, successes and triumphs -- but on those of our nation as a whole. We consider the innocent lives that have been lost, the soldiers who never returned from battle, the hitchhikers who never arrived home, the basketball player who never returned from the game -- the injured, the suffering and those living with pain. We also reflect upon our nation's accomplishments and successes -- the amazing technological and medical breakthroughs, the ongoing assistance to other countries in need, and more.

We pray that this coming year will be the year in which God brings peace to our nation and our land; the year of the final redemption, and the fulfillment of the prophecy of Isaiah (24:8): "He will swallow up death forever; And the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces; And the reproach of His people He will take away from off all the earth; For the Lord has spoken it."

We look forward to a year of joy, comfort, peace and prosperity. A year in which we celebrate the gift of life and humanity. A year in which we recognize our tremendous potential living in the holiest land in the world. A year saturated with acts of *chesed* (kindness) and love.

The single reference in the Torah to the concept of "Rosh Hashanah" -- an official beginning of the year -- is in Deuteronomy 11:12, where the land of Israel is described as: "A land that the Lord your God cares for; the eyes of the Lord your God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year even until the end of the year."

The verse refers to "*reishit hashanah*" -- the beginning of the year, but oddly matches that with "*acharit shanah*" -- the end of a year. Why this inconsistency?



It is said in the name of Rabbi Shneur Zalman of Liadi, the first Lubavitcher Rebbe, that the verse is highlighting an unfortunate reality of human nature. At the start of a new endeavor, we usually have particularly high hopes and a great sense of motivation. "This is going to be the year that I become a better Jew!" "This is going to be the year that I am kinder to my family!" "This is going to be the year that I give more charity!"

However, often, by the end of the year, we discover that the year has turned out to be merely a year -- like any other year. All the ambition and momentum with which we began the year has faded, and our lofty goals have fallen by the wayside.

Unfortunately in Israel, the existential threats to our survival and the fear of terrorism forces us to constantly recommit to our Rosh Hashanah resolutions during the year. If we had forgotten how important unity is to our nation, then certainly the kidnapping of the boys Eyal, Gilad and Naftali reminded us of its importance and ensured that we regained our focus on what is truly important. On the flipside, during times of tremendous national or communal joy, we are also reminded of our commitment to these resolutions. Planes full of new *olim* (immigrants) arriving at Ben Gurion Airport remind us of our own dedication to this land and this nation. However, even during more ordinary circumstances, it is imperative that we constantly strive to stay true to our original commitments and values throughout the year.

Our blessing to all is that the upcoming year be the year in every sense that you hope it to be, and that you succeed in achieving every one of the goals and aspirations that you set for yourselves both personally and communally. May this year be a year of peace, a year of health and a year of blessing for all.

Shanah Tovah!

*Reuven and Nechama (Reich) Weiser live in Efrat, Israel, with their four children. Nechama made aliyah with her family in 1989. Reuven made aliyah in 2005 through Nefesh B'Nefesh and met Nechama, an NBN employee, four short months later. They were married within the year, built their life in Israel and have never looked back since!*

## CONGRATULATIONS AND MAZAL TOV

### ENGAGEMENTS

Dayna Weiner and Michael Fleisch

Mazal Tov to parents, Meira and Tom Fleisch

Chana Leah Gurwitz and Netanel Gluck

Mazal Tov to parents, Sara and Dovid Gurwitz

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Mazal Tov to parents, Batya and Eddie Jacobs

Mazal Tov to grandparents, Vicki and Rabbi Shlomo Riskin

Ariella Polakoff and Raffi Leicht

Mazal Tov to parents, Renee and Allan Leicht



### MARRIAGES

Rachel Leah Victor and Evan Finkel

Mazal Tov to mother, Marina Kaplan

Dahlyt Berezin-Bahr and Moshe Kase

Mazal Tov to parents, Tina and David Berezin-Bahr

Ariela Disenhouse and Omri Levi

Mazal Tov to parents, Irene and David Disenhouse

Ilisa Goodman and Boaz Vilallonga

### BIRTHS

Ariel and Gabriel Amzallag on the birth of a daughter, Maya Yakira

Mazal Tov to grandparents, Kim and Raymond Amzallag

Rebecca and Francois Bazini on the birth of a son, Maxim

Tammy and Tsuriel Biale on the birth of a daughter, Ma'ayan Batya

Mazal Tov to grandparents,

Anne Bossewitch and Martin Hochberg and

Golda and Kenneth Bossewitch

Elisheva and Oren Epstein on the birth of a son, Abraham Tzvi

Mazal Tov to grandparents, Judith Weil and Lloyd Epstein

Vera and Paul Greenberg on the birth of a daughter, Bella

Bella and Zachary Grossman on the birth of a son, Moshe Raphael

Mazal Tov to grandmother, Ohra Hahn

Aviva and Ilan Itzhak on the birth of a daughter, Nili

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Mazal Tov to grandparents, Aidel and Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald

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Mazal Tov to grandparents, Sharona and Steven Spivack

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### BAR/BAT MITZVAH

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Mazal Tov to parents, Donna Mirman Broome and

Bernard Broome

Eitan Dukas

Mazal Tov to parents, Gail and Richard Dukas

Esme Kamlet

Mazal Tov to parents, Nyla and Dr. David Kamlet

### CONDOLENCES

Ellen Schranz, on the loss of her husband, Rabbi Allan Schranz

Josh Schwartz, on the loss of his father, Murray Schwartz

Carol Spanbock, on the loss of her father, Frank Zingale

### SPEEDY RECOVERY/REFUAH SH'LAIMA

Dana Hudes, Chaim Daniel Baruch ben Rivka Breindl

Regina Ullendorff, Rachel bat Feige

### TZEITCHEM L'SHALOM (TO LIVE OR STUDY IN ISRAEL)

Stephen Rogers, Mazal Tov on his Aliyah

### CONGRATULATIONS

Helene and Ari Bousbib upon dedicating a Sefer Torah

Barbara Chazan upon being honored at the Carlebach Shul's

Annual Dinner

Hal Witkin on his 95th birthday

### TODAH RABBAH

Dr. Leonard Davidman for brilliantly conducting the Lincoln Square

Synagogue Beginners Service throughout the entire summer

### HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES

at the Lincoln Square Synagogue

180 Amsterdam Avenue

Beit Midrash (2nd. Floor)

### ROSH HASHANA

Sun., Sept. 13, 6:55 pm

Mon. & Tue., Sept. 14 & 15, 9:00 am

Mon., Sept. 14, 6:55 pm

Tue., Sept. 15, 6:55 pm with LSS

### YOM KIPPUR

Tue., Sept. 22, 6:40 pm

Wed., Sept. 23, 9:00 am

### Tickets

LSS Members \$75, Non-Members \$125

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

**Sun Sept. 13, 2015 - 29th of Elul**  
**EREV ROSH HASHANA**  
 Selichot/Morning Services  
 ..... 6:00 & 7:30 AM  
 Light Candles..... 6:51 PM  
 Mincha..... 6:55 PM

**Mon Sept. 14, 2015 - 1st of Tishrei**  
**ROSH HASHANA**  
 Main Sanctuary..... 7:45 AM  
 Ballroom..... 7:45 AM  
 Beginners Services..... 9:00 AM  
 Tashlich..... 5:55 PM  
 Beginners Mincha..... 6:55 PM  
 Mincha..... 6:55 PM  
 Yom Tov Candles..... after 7:49 PM  
 Maariv..... 7:50 PM

**Tue Sept. 15, 2015 - 2nd of Tishrei**  
**ROSH HASHANA**  
 Main Sanctuary..... 7:45 AM  
 Ballroom..... 7:45 AM  
 Beginners Services..... 9:00 AM  
 Mincha..... 6:55 PM  
 Maariv..... 7:48 PM

**Wed Sept. 16, 2015 - 3rd of Tishrei**  
**TZOM GEDALIAH**  
 Fast begins..... 5:25 AM  
 Selichot/Morning Services..... 6:20 AM  
 Daf Yomi..... 5:45 AM  
 Mincha/Maariv..... 6:35 PM  
 Fast ends..... 7:36 PM

**Thu Sept. 17, 2015 - 4th of Tishrei**  
 Selichot/Morning Services  
 ..... 6:30 & 7:15 AM  
 Daily Mincha & Maariv..... 6:50 PM

**Fri Sept. 18, 2015 - 5th of Tishrei**  
 Selichot/Morning Services  
 ..... 6:30 & 7:15 AM  
 Daf Yomi..... 5:45 AM  
 Selichot/Morning Services  
 ..... 6:30 & 7:15 AM  
 Candlelighting..... 6:43 PM  
 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat..... 6:45 PM

**Sat Sept. 19, 2015 - 6th of Tishrei**  
**Vayeilech SHABBAT SHUVA**  
 Morning Services  
 ..... 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM  
 Beginners Services..... 9:15 AM  
 Beginners Mishnayot..... 4:55 PM  
 Mincha..... 6:10 PM  
 Shabbat Shuva Drasha..... 6:35 PM  
 Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends..... 7:41 PM  
 Daily Mincha & Maariv..... 6:40 PM

**Sun Sept. 20, 2015 - 7th of Tishrei**  
 Selichot/Morning Services ..... 6:30 AM

**Mon Sept. 21, 2015 - 8th of Tishrei**  
 Selichot/Morning Services  
 ..... 6:30 & 7:15 AM

**Tue Sept. 22, 2015 - 9th of Tishrei**  
**EREV YOM KIPPUR**  
 Daf Yomi..... 6:15 AM  
 Selichot/Morning Services  
 ..... 7:00 & 7:40 AM  
 Mincha..... 1:45, 3:00 & 4:15 PM  
 Candlelighting..... 6:36 PM  
 Fast begins..... 6:36 AM  
 Kol Nidre..... 6:40 PM

**Wed Sept. 23, 2015 - 10th of Tishrei**  
**YOM KIPPUR**  
 Main Sanctuary..... 8:30 AM  
 Ballroom..... 8:30 AM  
 Beginners Service..... 9:00 AM  
 Mincha Main Sanctuary..... 4:40 PM  
 Neilah..... 6:10 PM  
 Ma'ariv/Yom Tov ends..... 7:35 PM

**Fri Sept. 25, 2015 - 12th of Cheshvan**  
 Morning Services..... 7:10 & 7:50 AM  
 Candlelighting..... 6:31 PM  
 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat..... 6:35 PM

**Sat Sept. 26, 2015 - 13th of Tishrei**  
**Ha'azinu**  
 Morning Services  
 ..... 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM  
 Beginners Services..... 9:15 AM  
 Beginners Mishnayot..... 4:45 PM  
 Talmud & Bible Classes..... 5:15 PM  
 Mincha..... 6:15 PM  
 Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends..... 7:30 PM

**Sun Sept. 27, 2015 - 14th of Tishrei**  
**EREV SUKKOT**  
 Daf Yomi..... 7:45 AM  
 Morning Services..... 7:10 & 8:30 AM  
 Candlelighting..... 6:27 PM  
 Mincha/Maariv..... 6:35 PM  
 Begin meal in Sukkah..... after 7:17 PM

**Mon Sept. 28, 2015 - 15th of Tishrei**  
**SUKKOT**  
 Morning Services..... 8:00 & 9:00 AM  
 Mincha..... 6:30 PM  
 Yom Tov Candles  
 Light in Sukkah..... after 7:25 PM  
 Ma'ariv and begin meal..... after 7:26 PM

**Tue Sept. 29, 2015 - 16th of Tishrei**  
**SUKKOT**  
 Morning Services..... 8:00 & 9:00 AM  
 Mincha..... 6:30 PM  
 Maariv/Yom Tov Ends..... 7:25 PM

**Wed Sept. 30, 2015 - 17th of Tishrei**  
**CHOL HAMOED SUKKOT**  
 Daf Yomi..... 6:00 AM  
 Morning Services..... 6:45 & 7:30 AM  
 Mincha & Maariv..... 6:35 PM

**Thu Oct. 1, 2015 - 18th of Tishrei**  
**CHOL HAMOED SUKKOT**  
 Daf Yomi..... 6:00 AM  
 Morning Services..... 6:45 & 7:30 AM  
 Mincha & Maariv..... 6:35 PM

**Fri Oct. 2, 2015 - 19th of Tishrei**  
**CHOL HAMOED SUKKOT**  
 Daf Yomi..... 6:00 AM  
 Morning Services..... 6:45 & 7:30 AM  
 Candlelighting..... 6:19 PM  
 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat..... 6:25 PM

**Sat Oct. 3, 2015 - 20th of Tishrei**  
**CHOL HAMOED SUKKOT**  
 Morning Services..... 8:00 & 8:45 AM  
 Mincha..... 6:10 PM  
 Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends..... 7:18 PM

**Sun Oct. 4, 2015 - 21st of Tishrei**  
**HOSHANA RABBAH**  
 Morning Services..... 6:15 & 8:00 AM  
 Candlelighting..... 6:16 PM  
 Mincha & Maariv..... 6:20 PM

**Mon Oct. 5, 2015 - 22nd of Tishrei**  
**SHEMINI ATZERET**  
 Morning Services..... 8:00 & 9:00 AM  
 Mincha..... 6:20 PM  
 Yom Tov Candles..... after 7:14 PM  
 Ma'ariv/Hakafot..... 7:15 PM

**Tue Oct. 6, 2015 - 23rd of Tishrei**  
**SIMCHAT TORAH**  
 Morning Services..... 7:00 & 8:30 AM  
 Mincha..... 6:20 PM  
 Maariv/Yom Tov Ends..... 7:13 PM  
 Daily Mincha & Maariv..... 6:15 PM

**Fri Oct. 9, 2015 - 26th of Tishrei**  
 Morning Services..... 7:10 & 7:50 AM  
 Candlelighting..... 6:08 PM  
 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat..... 6:10 PM

**Sat Oct. 10, 2015 - 27th of Tishrei**  
**Bereshit**  
 Morning Services  
 ..... 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM  
 Beginners Services..... 9:15 AM  
 Beginners Luncheon..... 12:30 PM  
 Beginners Mishnayot..... 4:20 PM  
 Talmud & Bible Classes..... 4:50 PM  
 Mincha..... 5:50 PM  
 Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends..... 7:07 PM  
 Daily Mincha & Maariv..... 6:05 PM

**Tue Oct. 13, 2015 - 30th of Tishrei**  
**ROSH CHODESH**  
 Morning Services..... 7:00 & 7:40 AM  
 Mincha..... 6:10 PM

**Wed Oct. 14, 2015 - 1st of Cheshvan**  
**ROSH CHODESH**  
 Morning Services..... 7:00 & 7:40 AM  
 Mincha/Maariv..... 6:10 PM

**Fri Oct. 16, 2015 - 3rd of Cheshvan**  
 Morning Services..... 7:10 & 7:50 AM  
 Candlelighting..... 5:57 PM  
 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat..... 6:00 PM

**Sat Oct. 17, 2015 - 4th of Cheshvan**  
**Noach**  
 Morning Services  
 ..... 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM  
 Beginners Services..... 9:15 AM  
 Beginners Mishnayot..... 4:10 PM  
 Talmud & Bible Classes..... 4:40 PM  
 Mincha..... 5:40 PM  
 Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends..... 6:56 PM  
 Daily Mincha & Maariv..... 5:55 PM

**Fri Oct. 23, 2015 - 10th of Cheshvan**  
 Morning Services..... 7:10 & 7:50 AM  
 Candlelighting..... 5:47 PM  
 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat..... 5:50 PM

**Sat Oct. 24, 2015 - 11th of Cheshvan**  
**Lech Lecha**  
 Morning Services  
 ..... 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM  
 Beginners Services..... 9:15 AM  
 Beginners Mishnayot..... 4:00 PM  
 Talmud & Bible Classes..... 4:30 PM  
 Mincha..... 5:30 PM  
 Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends..... 6:46 PM  
 Daily Mincha & Maariv..... 5:45 PM

**Fri Oct. 30, 2015 - 17th of Cheshvan**  
 Morning Services..... 7:10 & 7:50 AM  
 Candlelighting..... 5:37 PM  
 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat..... 5:40 PM

**Sat Oct. 31, 2015 - 18th of Cheshvan**  
**Vayera**  
 Morning Services  
 ..... 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM  
 Beginners Services..... 9:15 AM  
 Beginners Mishnayot..... 3:50 PM  
 Talmud & Bible Classes..... 4:20 PM  
 Mincha..... 5:20 PM  
 Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends..... 6:37 PM  
 Move clocks back one hour  
 Daily Mincha & Maariv..... 4:35 PM

**Fri Nov. 6, 2015 - 24th of Cheshvan**  
 Morning Services..... 7:10 & 7:50 AM  
 Candlelighting..... 4:29 PM  
 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat..... 4:35 PM

**Sat Nov. 7, 2015 - 25th of Cheshvan**  
**Chayei Sara**  
 Morning Services  
 ..... 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM  
 Beginners Services..... 9:15 AM  
 Beginners Mishnayot..... 3:00 PM  
 Talmud & Bible Classes..... 3:30 PM  
 Mincha..... 4:15 PM  
 Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends..... 5:28 PM  
 Daily Mincha & Maariv..... 4:30 PM

**Thu Nov. 12, 2015 - 30th of Cheshvan**  
**ROSH CHODESH**  
 Morning Services..... 7:00 & 7:40 AM  
 Mincha..... 4:30 PM

**Fri Nov. 13, 2015 - 1st of Kislev**  
**ROSH CHODESH**  
 Candlelighting..... 4:22 PM  
 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat..... 4:30 PM

**Sat Nov. 14, 2015 - 2nd of Kislev**  
**Toldot**  
 Morning Services  
 ..... 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM  
 Beginners Services..... 9:15 AM  
 Beginners Mishnayot..... 2:50 PM  
 Talmud & Bible Classes..... 3:20 PM  
 Mincha..... 4:05 PM  
 Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends..... 5:22 PM  
 Daily Mincha & Maariv..... 4:25 PM

**Fri Nov. 20, 2015 - 8th of Kislev**  
 Morning Services..... 7:10 & 7:50 AM  
 Candlelighting..... 4:17 PM  
 Mincha..... 4:20 PM

**Sat Nov. 21, 2015 - 9th of Kislev**  
**Vayeitzei**  
 Morning Services  
 ..... 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM  
 Beginners Services..... 9:15 AM  
 Beginners Mishnayot..... 2:45 PM  
 Talmud & Bible Classes..... 3:15 PM  
 Mincha..... 4:00 PM  
 Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends..... 5:17 PM  
 Daily Mincha & Maariv..... 4:20 PM

**Thu Nov. 26 2015 - 14th of Kislev**  
**THANKSGIVING DAY**  
 Morning Services..... 7:00 & 8:30 AM

**Fri Nov. 27, 2015 - 15th of Kislev**  
 Morning Services..... 7:10 & 7:50 AM  
 Candlelighting..... 4:13 PM  
 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat..... 4:15 PM

**Sat Nov. 28, 2015 - 16th of Kislev**  
**Vayishlach**  
 Morning Services  
 ..... 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM  
 Beginners Services..... 9:15 AM  
 Beginners Mishnayot..... 2:45 PM  
 Talmud & Bible Classes..... 3:15 PM  
 Mincha..... 4:00 PM  
 Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends..... 5:13 PM  
 Daily Mincha & Maariv..... 4:15 PM

**Fri Dec. 4, 2015 - 22nd of Kislev**  
 Morning Services..... 7:10 & 7:50 AM  
 Candlelighting..... 4:11 PM  
 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat..... 4:15 PM

**Sat Dec. 5, 2015 - 23rd of Kislev**  
**Vayeishev**  
 Morning Services  
 ..... 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM  
 Beginners Services..... 9:15 AM  
 Beginners Mishnayot..... 2:40 PM  
 Talmud & Bible Classes..... 3:10 PM  
 Mincha..... 3:55 PM  
 Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends..... 5:11 PM  
 Daily Mincha & Maariv..... 4:15 PM

**Sun Dec. 6, 2015 - 24th of Kislev**  
**EREV CHANUKAH**  
 Daf Yomi..... 7:45 AM  
 Morning Services..... 7:10 & 8:30 AM  
 Mincha/Maariv..... 4:15 PM  
 Light Chanukah Candles  
 ..... after 5:00 PM

**SAVE THE DATES**  
**Special Events**

**Sukkot Shopping:** Thu., Sept. 24  
**Sukkot, Simchat Beit Hashoeva:**  
 Thu., Oct. 1, 7:00 PM  
 @ Ramaz Middle School

**Simchat Torah Celebration**  
 Thu., Oct. 5, 7:15 PM

**Intro To Bible Class Begins**  
 Tue., Oct. 13, 6:30 - 8:00 PM

**Beginners Shabbat Luncheon - \$20**  
 Oct. 10, Nov 7 12:30 PM

**Beginners Shmooze - Free**  
 Mon., Nov. 9, 8:15 PM

**Beginners Chanukah Shabbaton**  
 Fri.-Sat., Dec. 4 - 5

**Chanukah Bash:** Wed., Dec. 9