



Shabbat, August 23, 2025 ~ 29 Av, 5785

תשפ"ה

Candle Lighting in NYC: 7:25 PM

Torah Reading: RE'EH:

Deuteronomy 11:26 - 16:17

Shabbat Re'eh Machar Chodesh:

Isaiah 54:11 - 55:5; Samuel I 20:18; Samuel I 20:42

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Halachic Times (Zmanim)

Times for Bronx, NY 10463

Dawn (Alot Hashachar):	4:40 AM
Earliest Tallit (Misheyakir):	5:21 AM
Sunrise (Hanetz Hachamah):	6:14 AM
Latest Shema:	9:33 AM
Latest Shacharit:	10:41 AM
Midday (Chatzot Hayom):	12:57 PM
Earliest Mincha (Mincha Gedolah):	1:32 PM
Mincha Ketanah ("Small Mincha"):	4:56 PM
Plag Hamincha ("Half of Mincha"):	6:21 PM
Sunset (Shkiah):	7:42 PM
Shabbat Ends:	8:25 PM
Midnight (Chatzot HaLailah):	12:58 AM
Shaah Zmanit (proportional hour):	68:00 min.

Laws and Customs

Bless New Month

This Shabbat is Shabbat Mevarchim ("the Shabbat that blesses" the new month): a special prayer is recited blessing the Rosh Chodesh ("Head of the Month") of the upcoming month of Elul, which falls on Sunday and Monday of next week.

As noted [here](#), this day is especially significant since this is the final (and culminating) such blessing of the year.

Prior to the blessing, we announce the precise time of the molad, the "birth" of the new moon which is:

Shabbat August 23, 2025 11:26 (6 chalakim) PM

It is a Chabad custom to recite the entire book of Psalms before morning prayers, and to conduct farbrengens (chassidic gatherings) in the course of the Shabbat.

Omit Tzidkatecha Tzedek in Afternoon Prayers

The mournful paragraph of Tzidkatecha Tzedek is omitted from the afternoon prayers.

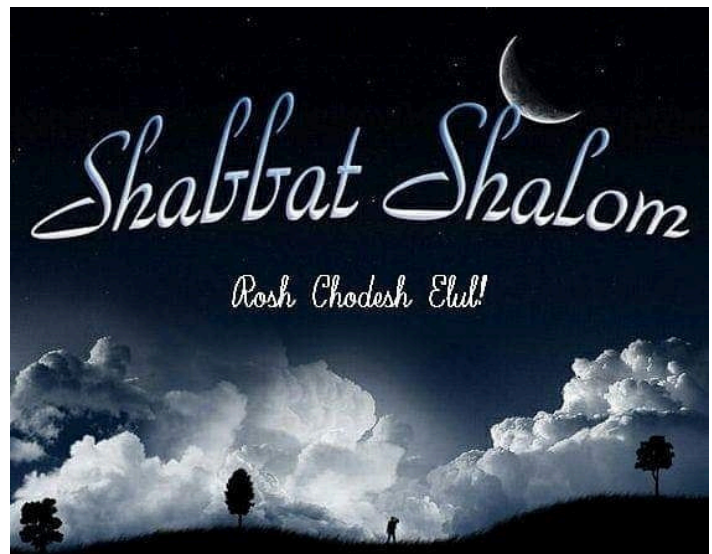
JEWISH HISTORY

Flight from Liadi (1812)

On this date, Rabbi Schneur Zalman of Liadi, who supported and aided the Czar's army during the Napoleonic wars, was forced to flee his hometown from Napoleon's forces which were advancing through White Russia in their push toward Moscow. After five months of wanderings he arrived in the town of Pyena. There he fell ill and, weakened by the tribulations of his flight and the harsh Russian winter, passed away on the 24th of Tevet, 5573 (1812).

Passing of R. Eliezer Zusia Portugal, the Skulener Rebbe (1982)

R. Eliezer Zusia Portugal (1898–1982), the Skulener Rebbe, is best known for his superhuman efforts to rescue Jewish orphans and refugees in Eastern Europe before, during, and after World War II and his continuing support of them. He immigrated to the United States in 1960, after imprisonment in Rumania and international efforts to secure his release. He was renowned for his lengthy prayers and the beautiful tunes he composed.



Seventh Aliyah: The male firstborn of kosher cattle must be consecrated and given to the Kohen to eat. If the animal is blemishless it is first offered as a sacrifice in the Temple. The Torah reading concludes with a discussion regarding the three festivals: Passover, Shavuot, and Sukkot. In addition to some laws regarding each of these festivals individually, we are commanded to rejoice during the festivals and all males must be in attendance in the Holy Temple during these holidays.



RE'EH HAFTORAH IN A NUTSHELL

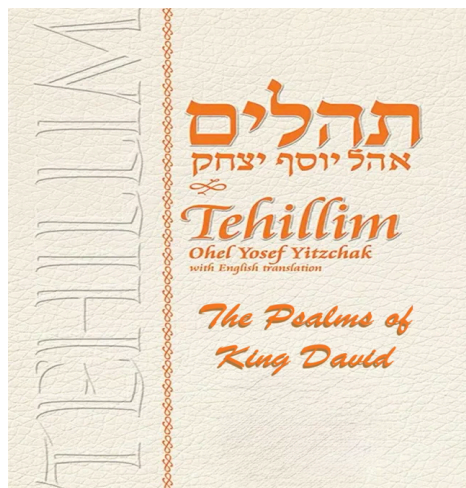
Isaiah 54:11-55:5

This week's haftorah is the third of a series of seven "*Haftarot of Consolation*". These seven haftarot commence on the Shabbat following *Tisha b'Av* and continue until *Rosh Hashanah*.

G@d addresses the "afflicted and storm-tossed" *Jerusalem* "who has not been comforted," assuring her that she, and her people, will be restored to full glory. The foundation, walls and ground of *Jerusalem* will be laid with precious stones. Her children will be "disciples of the L@rd," and will enjoy abundant peace. Any weapon engineered against her will fail.

The prophet then invites the thirsty to acquire "water," namely those who are thirsty for spirituality should study the quenching words of Torah. He promises the nation an everlasting covenant similar to that made with King David. This is also an allusion to Moshiach, the Messiah, David's descendant, who will be revered by all of the nations of the world.

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DAILY TEHILLIM - PSALMS 140-144

Psalms 140-144 express themes of divine protection, reliance on G@d, and ultimately, praise for His goodness. These chapters detail David's pleas for deliverance from wicked men, his trust in G@d's righteousness, and his anticipation of G@d's ultimate judgment and salvation. They also contain expressions of gratitude for G@d's blessings and a declaration of faith in His eternal reign.

Psalm 140:

David asks G@d to protect him from the wicked and their schemes, emphasizing their deceit and violence. He expresses his faith that G@d will judge the wicked and reward the righteous.

Psalm 141:

David prays for protection from evil men and their temptations, asking for guidance in his speech and actions. He trusts in G@d's righteousness and justice.

Psalm 142:

David laments his isolation and persecution, expressing his trust in G@d as his refuge and portion. He anticipates G@d's gracious deliverance.

Psalm 143:

David acknowledges his unworthiness and seeks G@d's forgiveness and guidance. He prays for G@d's faithfulness and righteousness to be revealed.

Psalm 144:

David praises God for His strength and kindness, acknowledging G@d as his deliverer and protector. He expresses gratitude for G@d's blessings upon his people and anticipates a future of peace and prosperity under G@d's reign.

THE REBBE'S KAPITEL (CHAPTER)

Just as it is customary for each individual to recite daily the Tehillim corresponding to their age, Chassidim customarily recite the Kapitel (chapter) corresponding to the Rebbe's years. This year is Kapitel 124

קבר.

א שִׁיר הַמַּעֲלוֹת לְדָוִד לִיל יְהוָה שְׁתִּייה לָנוּ יְאֹמַר-
נָא יִשְׂרָאֵל: ב לִיל יְהוָה שְׁתִּייה לָנוּ בְּקוֹם עֲלֵינוּ
אָדָם: ג אֲזִי חַיִּים בְּלָעוּנוּ בַּחֲרוֹת אַפָּם בָּנוּ: ד אֲזִי
חַמִּים שְׂטָפוּנוּ נִחַלָה עֲבַר עַל־נַפְשֵׁנוּ: ה אֲזִי עֲבַר
עַל־נַפְשֵׁנוּ חַמִּים הוֹדוּנוּ: ו בְּרוּךְ יְהוָה שְׁלֹא נִתְּנָנוּ

THE REBBETZIN'S KAPITEL

To increase the reading of Tehillim - which clears the path for our prayers-many also have the custom to recite the Kapitel (chapter) corresponding to the Rebbetzin's years, in tribute to the Rebbetzin and in her memory. This year is Kapitel 125.

- Courtesy Chayenu.org.

קבה.

א שִׁיר הַמַּעֲלוֹת תְּבַטְחִים בִּיהוָה בְּחַר־צִיּוֹן לֹא-
אֶמוּט לְעוֹלָם יֵשֵׁב: ב יְרוּשָׁלַם חֲרִיף סָבִיב לָהּ וַיהוָה
סָבִיב לְעַמּוֹ מִנִּיעָתָה וְעַד־עוֹלָם: ג כִּי לֹא יָנוּחַ שֹׁכֵן
חֲרִישָׁע עַל גּוֹרֵל הַצַּדִּיקִים לְמַעַן לֹא־יִשְׁלַחוּ הַצַּדִּיקִים
בְּעוֹלָתָהּ יְדֵיהֶם: ד הִטִּיבָה יְהוָה לְטוֹבִים וְלִישָׁרִים
בְּלִבּוֹתָם: ה וְחַמְטִים עֲקֻלְקוֹלָתָם וְזִלְכָם יְהוָה אֶת־
פְּעָלֵי הָאָדָם שְׁלוֹם עַל־יִשְׂרָאֵל:

TANYA

29 Av, Iggeres HaKodesh, Beginning of Epistle 9

We are reminded that all of our worldly affairs and business dealings should not be for the sake of our own material gain, but in order to provide sustenance and assistance to our fellows and to "supply what they lack, out of gratuitous kindness."

When we give freely and without thought of reward, we make ourselves like G-d, Whose free-flowing Chesed sustains the entire universe.

See that I am giving to you today a blessing and a curse.
(Deut. 11:26)

Why “see?” Blessings and curses are not seen. They are heard or understood. Rather, it means to see with a vision that is not swayed by the illusions of physical sensation. It means to see beyond this moment now. Beyond the hard, prickly shell of your pain and sorrows. Beyond your restrictive concept of self. Beyond ego or expectation. See with the spark of G-d within you and you will discover the spark of divine light within each of your troubles. Look yet deeper, and you will see within every challenge unimaginable blessings. Even those things you take to be a curse—step back, close your eyes, and see deep within them G-d's outstretched arm drawing you towards Him in embrace.

PIRKEI AVOT

ETHICS OF THE FATHERS: CHAPTER 5

During the summer months, from the Shabbat after Passover until the Shabbat before Rosh Hashahah, we study a weekly chapter of the Talmud's Ethics of the Fathers ("Avot") each Shabbat afternoon; this week we study Chapter Four.

SEFER HAMITZVOS SHIUR #176

Positive Mitzvah #49

• *This mitzvah includes all of the details of the Yom Kippur Avodah as written in Parshas Acharei.*

Today we learn the same mitzvah again. This is a mitzvah with a lot of details we need to do the WHOLE Avoda of Yom Kippur exactly like it says in the Torah!

The details of this mitzvah are explained in Mishnayos & Gemara Mesechta Yoma

Positive Mitzvah #118

• *We learn this mitzvah from Parshas Vayikra*

If someone had any benefit from a korban or if he ate terumah, he needs to return the amount that he used, plus an extra fifth.

The details of this mitzvah are explained in Mishnayos & Gemara: Mesechta Me'ilah and Mesechta Terumos

Monday Menachem Av 29 5703

Torah lessons: Chumash: Shoftim, Sheini with Rashi.
Tehillim: 140-144.
Tanya: Therefore, my beloved, (p. 437)...to Zion... (p. 439).

There must be avoda by one's own efforts. Superior heights are attained when one is taken by the hand and led; it is more precious though, when it is by one's own strength.

MATTERS OF MOSHIACH

29 Av UNCONDITIONAL LOVE

A voice is heard on high, lamentation, bitterly crying . [It is] Rachel weeping for her children. She refuses to be comforted for her children, for they are gone. So says Hashem, “Refrain your voice from weeping and your eyes from tears. There is reward for your deeds,” says Hashem.... “There is hope for your future,” says Hashem; “your children shall return to their border.” (Yirmiya 31:14-16)

The Midrash relates that at the time of the Temple 's destruction, Avraham, Yitzchak, Yaakov, and Moshe came before G-d to plead for their people. Each of them gave examples of their self-sacrifice for G-d and His Torah.

But G-d was not appeased. Rachel stepped forward and requested that her children be forgiven in the merit of allowing her sister to marry Yaakov to save her from embarrassment. Immediately, G-d agreed, and the promise of Redemption was secured.

The key to the Redemption lies in self-sacrifice, to help another person not only spiritually but also in the simplest, material sense.

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