

**Nitzavim- Vayelech**

Elul 22-23 5766  
September 15-16, 2006

Candle Lighting Time: 6:47 PM  
Shabbat Ends: 7:45 PM



# Welcome Back!



Israel Day at Chabad Summer Camp

Shternie Weingarten of Grand Rapids, Michigan as Youth Directors for the new and expanded children's activities. They will be responsible for leading the Alumni Kids Club, Junior Minyan and Kids Shul as well as many other programs. Miriam and Shternie will be at Chabad of the West Side every weekend and holiday as well as two afternoons a week.

During the course of the summer, we gave both Chabad facilities a total makeover. Every classroom,

hallway, office and exterior surface was freshly painted, every carpet was replaced with new carpeting and countless repairs were made. Most importantly, every single classroom received thousands of dollars of new furnishings, equipment and educational materials. Our children will begin the new-year in facilities that are virtually brand new.

We would like to make special mention of Mr. Larry Malitzky, who coordinated all the facility improvements. Larry devoted boundless time, resources and energy to insure that the children and parents of Chabad should have the finest learning environment. The overall improved look of Chabad is thanks to Larry's focused attention to make the physical appearance of Chabad match the beauty of our spirit. We are most grateful for his vision and tireless efforts.

All of these wonderful projects and improvements were made possible by the tremendous outpouring of support that we received at the annual dinner this past spring. By realizing our financial goal, we were able to expand our educational programming, upgrade our facilities and better serve our community.

The Rabbi, Administration and Staff of Chabad welcome you back for an exciting new year.

We are pleased to present you with the first issue of the Chabad Bulletin, a weekly publication that will keep you up-to-date with the plethora of activities going on in the school, Shul and community. In this issue, we will introduce you to some of the amazing new and renewed programs which we will be launching this year.

The first priority of Chabad of the West Side is children. This year we will be initiating the Chabad Kids Club for Chabad alumni and friends ages 3 through 8. "We can make the world a better place" is the theme for all Kids Club activities, which will take place on a monthly basis.

We have recreated the Shabbat and Holiday Kids Shul and Junior Minyan. Each and every Shabbat and Yom Tov, children will have the opportunity to experience a structured, meaningful and fun-filled Shabbat program.

We are very pleased to welcome Miriam Wrightman of Toronto, Ontario and

Chabad of the West Side & Chabad Early Learning Center

# Weekly Bulletin

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Chabad ELC

# Message from the PA

The Parents Association welcomes everyone to what promises to be a wonderful year! We look forward to working together with all of you. Each week, check this column for announcements about upcoming PA events and information about PA activities at the school. To start things off, we hope to see all of you at the Meet and Greet this Sunday, an informal opportunity for Chabad ELC families to meet one another and socialize.

Shabbat Shalom,

Sarah Zitter Milstein *President*  
Deborah Shapira *Vice President*  
Debbie Rudt *Co-Treasurer*  
Alyson Spindell *Co-Treasurer*

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## Meet & Greet!

Join us for brunch and get to know the families in your child's class.



**RAIN OR SHINE**  
**Sunday, September 17**  
**101 West 92nd Street**

**Toddler 1 and Toddler 2 - 10:30 - 11:00 am**

**Toddler 97 and Pre-Nursery - 11:00 - 11:30 am**

**Nursery 1 and Nursery 2 - 11:30 am - 12:00 pm**

**Pre-K - 12:00 - 12:30 pm**

## Next Week at CELC



Sunday, September 17	Meet & Greet
Monday, September 18	Music 92
Tuesday, September 19	Music 97
Wednesday, September 20	Pre-K Apple Picking Trip
Friday, September 22	NO SCHOOL Rosh Hashana Eve

*The Kinderdance program will begin next week - September 27-28*

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celc@chabadwestside.org

# After School Classes

Beginning Monday, September 26



Ballet  
Tae Kwon Do  
Yoga

Drama  
Soccer

Registration forms will be sent home shortly.

Questions? Feel free to contact Iris or Debbie.  
Iris Bikel (212) 787-6029 / ibikel@nyc.rr.com  
Debbie Rudt (212) 501-8834 / debrudt@rcn.com

## Reminder

If you have not done so yet, please remember to bring in your PA Dues and Morah Gifts. PA drop-off boxes are available at both locations. *Thank you!*

# On the Web



Check us out! Dynamic and informative, the Chabad ELC website is the place to access updated calendars, lunch menus, class lists, school notifications and class newsletters. Our active photo galleries are the most popular section - so be sure to stop by soon!

[www.chabadwestside.org/celc](http://www.chabadwestside.org/celc)

Parent Login: celc

Parent Password: parent

## Parent Ed

Learn about the developmental milestones of each age group and what you can do to maximize your child's preschool experience.

Q&A Session with **Anna Friedman**, Occupational Therapist and **Marlene Noveck**, Speech Therapist.

Tuesday, October 17 at 8:00 pm

Hosted by Sandra and Jeffrey Smith  
201 West 89th Street

## Pearl's Schedule



Pearl will be at alternate locations for arrival and dismissal each day. If you would like to speak to Pearl during the school day, please call the school office at 212-864-5010. After school hours, messages may be left for Pearl at 212-864-5010 x12 or emailed to [pearl@chabadwestside.org](mailto:pearl@chabadwestside.org).

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9:00 am - 12:00 pm	92nd Street	97th Street	97th Street	92nd Street	92nd Street
12:15 pm - 3:00 pm	97th Street	92nd Street	92nd Street	97th Street	97th Street

## Save these Dates

**Jewish Day School Night - Wednesday, September 27**

Hosted by Rebecca and Bennett Lindenbaum  
7:30 pm - 14 West 83rd Street

**Supper in the Sukkah - Tuesday, October 10**

5:00 pm - 101 West 92nd Street

**Helping Your Child Maximize the Preschool Experience - Tuesday, October 17**

Hosted by Sandra and Jeffrey Smith  
8:00 pm - 201 West 89th Street

**Fall Shabbat Dinner - Friday, November 10**

Manhattan Day School  
310 West 75th Street





## GOOD NEWS FOR GRADUATES OF CHABAD ELC! WE WANT YOU BACK!

Come back to our most exciting program yet...the CHABAD KIDS CLUB for alumni and friends - the city's newest Jewish kids club.

Remember how your child's eyes sparkled during our Shabbat celebrations? Remember how sad the whole family felt when the school year came to an end? Now you can rekindle that spark all year long by enrolling your child in the Chabad Kids Club.

Every month during the coming school year, your children and their friends can join us for a Jewish enrichment program supervised by our renowned teachers and staff.

"We can make the world a better place" is the theme for all Kids Club activities and is geared for ages 3 through 8. Check out our calendar of programs, field trips and pint-sized community service activities and enroll your child today.

Register online at [www.Chabadwestside.org/ckc](http://www.Chabadwestside.org/ckc)

For more information, please contact Rachel Bregman, our parent coordinator at 212-864-5010

### Become a Member!

YEARLY MEMBERSHIP  
\$150 per child / \$300 for 2 +

HALF YEAR MEMBERSHIP  
Session 1: Oct-Jan Session 2: Feb-May  
\$90 per child / \$180 for 2 +

MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES:  
Kids Club T-Shirt, membership kit, admission to all club events.

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS:  
\$25 per child / \$50 for 2 +

**Sign Up Today!**

## Calendar of Events

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 9**  
SUKKAH FESTIVAL -  
Sing, Dance and Decorate the Sukkah  
4:30-6:30 pm

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8**  
PREPARE SHABBAT PACKAGES - and  
Bake a Jumbo Challah  
5:00-6:30 pm

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19**  
GIANT MENORAH LIGHTING - and  
Chanukah Give-and-Get  
5:00-6:30 pm

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 28**  
MITZVAH DAY - learn to be a Torah  
Scribe!  
11:00 am - 1:00 pm

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11**  
SPECIAL KIDS CLUB TRIP TO THE  
JEWISH CHILDREN'S MUSEUM!  
(parent participation required)

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28**  
PURIMPALOOZA - at the Hebrew  
Home for the Aged  
5:00-6:30 pm

**SUNDAY, MARCH 25**  
The Great Chometz Hunt,  
Pack Seder Kits for Jewish  
Soldiers  
10:00 am - 12:00 pm

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18**  
Celebrate Israel through food,  
music and crafts  
5:00-6:30 pm

**SUNDAY, MAY 6**  
GRAND FINALE  
End-of-year celebration and  
Family Picnic in the Park  
12:00 pm

Lunch or Dinner will be served at  
each event.

For boys and girls ages 3-5, 6-8

**All events to be held at:**  
Chabad of the West Side, 101 West  
92nd st. unless otherwise noted.

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## Prayer: Its Origin, Its Power

Rabbi Yisroel Fried, Program Director, Chabad of the West Side

## Produce a Beautiful Sukkot Decor

*Using the Traditional Jewish Folk Art of Papercutting*

Gayle Adler, Papercut Artist, 'Judaicuts by Gayle'

Hosted by Rachel Bregman

300 W. 108th St. #13A • Between Broadway & Riverside Dr.

Tuesday, September 19, 2006

8:15pm - 9:45pm • \$5.00 couvert

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*Esther Miriam Fried • Rivka Kugel • Sarah Ossey*

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE GREAT EVENTS!

Wednesday, November 1

*Hostess: Beverly Nerenberg*

**Achieving Personal Growth:**

**Bringng out the Best in Ourselves**

*Nechama Heber, Lecturer, Teacher, MS in Special Education*

**Craft a Charming Furnishng for your Home**

*Lara Prince, Lara Prince Interior Design*

Tuesday, December 5

*Hostess: Rebecca Lindenbaum*

**Touching the Dvine:**

**Connecting Sprit, Matter and Me**

*Shimonah Tzukernik, Writer, Artist and Acclaimed Lecturer*

**Incredible, Edible Fruit Art**

*Faya Lipskier, Co-Director, Chabad of the West Sixties*

Tuesday, January 16

*Hostess: Lara Sager*

**Achieving Balance in our Lives:**

**Maimonides' Viewpoint**

*Rabbi Meir Ossey, Associate Director, Chabad of the West Side*

**Fashon an Attractive, Trendy Handbag**

*Aviva Sitruk, West Side Artisan*

Tuesday, February 20

*Hostess: Chana Chanowitz*

**The Jewish View on Birthdays**

*Chana Sharfstein, Lecturer, Author, Teacher*

**Decorate your own Mni Cake**

*Chana Lowenthal, Professional Cake Designer*

Tuesday, March 20

*Hostess: Chava Aharon*

**Pesach: Faith vs. Reason**

*Rabbi Shlomo Kugel, Director, Chabad of the West Side*

**Enoy and Learn a Lively New Smcha Dance**

*Iris Bikel, Local Expert Dancer*

Tuesday, April 24

*Hostess: Beth Kern*

**Shabbat: Sanctifyng Time, Space and Self**

*Bronya Shaffer, Lecturer, AskMoses.com Scholar*

**Quilt a Richly Patterned Throw Pillow**

*Sharry Pollock*

Wednesday, May 30

*Hostess: Sharon Silberfarb*

**A Fascinatng Journey through the Song,**

**Aishet Chayil - A Woman of Valor**

*Goldie Gansburg, Teacher, Co-Director, Chabad of Harlem*

**Arrange a Floral Bouquet in a Citrus-Filled Vase**

*Debbie Rudt, Floral Designer*

All events will be held from 8:15-9:45 pm,  
with a couvert of \$5.00 per event.

RSVP: 2 1 2-864-5010 x 10, or  
[cwc@chabadwestside.org](mailto:cwc@chabadwestside.org).

Check us out at [www.chabadwestside.org](http://www.chabadwestside.org)  
Click on Women's Circle.

Dear Friends,

With the approach of Rosh Hashanah, we are beginning our preparations here at Chabad for our High Holiday services. We are looking forward to ushering in the new year together as a community and we hope that you will be joining us for services.

I am most pleased to share with you that this year, Chabad will be having our renowned Kids Shul (for children ages 2 - 4) and Junior Congregation (for children ages 5 - 8) on both days of Rosh Hashanah as well as on Yom Kippur.

Since seating is limited, it is imperative that you reserve as soon as possible if you intend to be davening with us on the High Holidays. You may make your reservations online at [www.chabadwestside.org](http://www.chabadwestside.org).

Also at this time, we are asking our current members to renew their membership for the new year. Likewise, we are reaching out to our many friends and neighbors, who are not currently members, to consider joining the Shul. Please complete the membership commitment form online or call the office at 212-864-5010. Even if you are a member of another neighborhood Synagogue, please consider demonstrating your support by becoming an associate member at the Chabad Shul.

Of course, at Chabad there are no prerequisites to participation. Everyone is welcome to attend our Shul, classes and programs. However, membership is a means of becoming a partner in all the wonderful things that take place at Chabad. Likewise, please note that reservations are in order to guarantee an assigned seat. However, everyone is welcome to join us for services, whether they reserve or not.

May the Almighty grant you and your family a good and sweet year.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Shlomo Kugel

P.S. If you would like to join our High Holiday services in the West Sixties, please contact Rabbi Yehuda and Faya Lipskier at 212-706-7708 or online at [www.chabadw60s.com](http://www.chabadw60s.com).

Join us for  
Rosh  
Hashana &  
Yom Kippur!

### **HIGH HOLIDAY SEATS RESERVATIONS 5767 - 2006**

Assigned seats are by reservation only. Seat assignments will be posted in Shul. No tickets will be issued. Services will be held at the Chabad Shul at 101 West 92nd Street. Please note that for member seats, 50% of the membership fee must be paid in advance of the High Holidays in order to receive your seats.

#### **MEMBERS OF THE CHABAD SHUL**

Please enter all names of those who will be attending services and requiring a seat. Children under the age of Bar/Bat Mitzvah should not be included unless you will be needing a seat for them as well. Remember - any additional seats requested besides the two adult seats are \$25 each for unmarried children, \$50 for married children or extended family members, and \$180 each for friends or non-family members.

#### **NON-MEMBERS OF THE CHABAD SHUL**

Seats are \$180 each, regardless of age. Please enter all names of those who will be attending services and requiring a seat.

**Halachic Times**  
(week of September 16 - 23)

Earliest Tefillin (latest of the week) .....5:49 AM  
 Latest Shma (earliest of the week) .....9:43 AM

**Parshat Nitzavim - VaYeLech**  
**September 15 - 16**

**Torah Reading**

Nitzavim-VaYeLech (Deuteronomy 29:9 - 31:30)  
 Haftorah Isaiah 61:10 - 63:9

**Candle Lighting Time .....6:47 PM**  
 Pirkei Avot .....chapter 5 & 6  
 Shabbat ends .....7:45 PM

**SHUL SCHEDULE**

**FRIDAY EVENING**

Minchah .....6:55 PM  
 Kabbalat Shabbat .....7:25 PM

**SHABBAT DAY**

Tehillim for Shabbat Mevarchim .....8:15 AM  
 Shacharit .....9:45 AM  
 Kiddush .....approx. 12:30 PM  
 Rambam Shabbat afternoon .....5:45 PM  
 Minchah Shabbat afternoon .....6:45 PM  
 Shabbat Ends / Ma'ariv & Havdallah .....7:45 PM  
 Weekly video of the Rebbe

**SPECIAL THIS MOTZAEI SHABBAT:**

**Farbrengen (chassidic get-together) and Selichot**

Farbrengen .....11:00 PM  
 Selichot .....1:00 AM

**SPECIAL SCHEDULE FOR OUR DAILY MINYAN**  
**FOR THE WEEK PRECEDING ROSH HASHANA:**

Sunday (Shacharit): 9 AM  
 Monday, Thursday & Friday (Selichot & Shacharit): .....6:45 AM  
 Tuesday & Wednesday (Selichot & Shacharit): .....7:00 AM

**Let Them Eat Cholent**

This year, the first day of Rosh HaShannah falls out on Shabbat. The Halachah says that in such a situation, the Shofar is not blown on the first day of Rosh HaShannah - only on the second. Chassidic thought offers a peculiar teaching with regard to the unusual circumstance in which the most primary Mitzvah of the year, the Shofar, is skipped. How do we "make up" for the absence of the Mitzvah of Shofar on the first day of Rosh HaShannah? Chassidic thought answers: eat cholent!

One explanation of this enigmatic statement is the following. A basic concept in Judaism is the acceptance of the Oral Tradition, as recorded in the Talmud, as the authoritative interpretation of the Torah. Though the Torah might seem to give a directive one way, if the Talmud teaches us otherwise, we follow the guidance and interpretation of the Talmud, the Oral Law. An example of this would be that the Torah tells us not to have fire in our house on Shabbat. The Talmud tells us that this means we may not light a fire on Shabbat itself, but a fire which was lit prior to Shabbat may remain burning in our homes. There were those who rejected the teachings of our Oral tradition and felt that one must spend the entire Shabbat in darkness, shivering in the cold and eating cold food. To show our belief and dedication to the Oral Law, it became a universal custom to eat warm food (which was prepared on Friday) each Shabbat. This food is known as cholent. Thus, cholent is not only a tasty food - it is a way of showing our Jewish pride and making a strong bond with our tradition. In our case, though the Torah tells us that the Shofar should be blown on the first day of Rosh HaShannah without differentiating between Shabbat and any other day of the week, we faithfully follow the guidance of the rabbis of the Talmud who tell us to omit the blowing of the Shofar when Rosh HaShannah falls on Shabbat. So to show our acceptance and belief with regard to this part of our rabbinic tradition - we have another bowl of cholent!

**Calendar Highlights**

**Blessing the New Month**

Every month, on the Shabbat preceding the New Moon (Rosh Chodesh), a special prayer is said in Shul announcing the coming month. Such a Shabbat is known as Shabbat Mevarchim (the Shabbat where we bless the coming month). On the Shabbat preceding Rosh HaShana (which also precedes a New Moon) we make no such declaration or prayer. The Ba'al Shem Tov teaches that we don't bless the New Moon of Tishrei, because *G-d Himself* blesses Tishrei - and with the power G-d invests in the month of Tishrei, we have the ability to bless the other 11 months of the year. For this reason, the Chabad custom, which is to say the entire Book of Tehillim, Psalms, on the morning of Shabbat Mevarchim throughout the year, applies this month as well.

**Selichot - Pre-Rosh Hashana prayers for forgiveness and mercy**

It is an age-old custom to say Selichot, special prayers for pardon, before the onset of the High Holidays. Traditionally, the Selichot are always begun on Saturday night and are said for at least four days before Rosh HaShana. (Sefardim say Selichot for the entire month of Elul). Selichot this year will be said beginning this Saturday night, September 16 and will be recited each morning this week. (See the Shul schedule for details). To put us in the proper spiritual mood for Selichot, Chabad will be hosting a Farbrengen, a chassidic get-together replete with stories, words of Torah, niggunim and l'chaims beginning at 11 PM.

## ***Some Rosh HaShanah Times, Laws and Customs***

**Shana Tova** On the first night of Rosh Hashana (9/22), we bless one another to be inscribed and sealed for a good year. Click here for the text. The text of this blessing is printed in the Machzor.

**Friday Night** On the first night of Rosh Hashana (9/22), we sing Shalom Aleichem and Eishet Chayil as is done on every Friday night. Unlike other Fridays nights, however, the songs are sung quietly or said in an undertone.

**First Meal** At the Yom Tov meal on the first night of Rosh Hashana (9/22), we begin the meal by dipping the challah in honey. Immediately thereafter we dip an apple in honey, say the appropriate blessing of Borei Pri HaEtz and recite a short prayer. Then we eat a number of symbolic foods, which according to various customs, can include any or all of the following: a fish or ram's head, pomegranates, figs, dates, carrots and leeks. All of these foods are eaten exclusively on the first night of Rosh Hashana, with the exception of dipping the challah in honey, which is done at all holiday and Shabbat meals until after Hoshana Raba.

**Shofar** Since the first day of Rosh Hashana is Shabbat (9/23), the shofar is not blown.

**Second Day Preparations** Preparations for the second day of Rosh Hashana should not be done until after nightfall at 7:33 pm, on Saturday evening, September 23. Preparations include: lighting Yom Tov candles from a pre-existing flame, cooking and setting the table.

**Kiddush** Second Night Since the second night of Rosh Hashana (9/23) leads from Shabbat into Yom Tov, Havdala is recited together with Kiddush. This special Kiddush is referred to by the acronym of YaKNeHaZ. We begin by saying the blessing on wine and Kiddush, then say the blessing of "Meorei HaEsh" on the Yom Tov candles, continue with the recital of a special Havdala and conclude with the Shehecheyanu blessing.

### **Note:**

Due to various Halachic issues, we do not bring the flames of the candles together as would normally be done for Havdala.

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## Next week at a glance

### **Rosh Hashana, September 22-24**

Friday, September 22

Candle Lighting

6:35 PM

Saturday, September 23

Candle lighting (from a pre-existing flame) after 7:33 PM

### ***Kiddush sponsorship opportunities:***

Sponsoring a Kiddush is a great way to share you Simchah or special family event with the community!

Kiddushim can be sponsored to celebrate a birthday, graduation or to commemorate the Yahrzeit of a loved one. Kiddush sponsors are encouraged to share some words of Torah with the Shul during their Kiddush. Kiddushim cost \$300, \$400 or \$500.

To sponsor a kiddush, please email Rabbi Fried at ryf@chabadwestside.org, or call at 212-864-5010 x 14.

### ***Kiddush Schedule:***

Shabbat Parshat Nitzavim - Vayelech, September 16 .....available

Shabbat Rosh Hashana, 1st day, September 23 .....available

Rosh Hashana, 2nd day, September 24 .....available

Shabbat Shuvah, Parshat Haazinu, Sept 30

*Kiddush is sponsored by Edward and Sharon Silberfarb*

*in honor of the 50th yahrzeit of his mother, Leah Bat Eliezer HaKohen*

Shabbat Sukkot, 1st day, October 7, .....available

Sukkot, 2nd day, October 8, .....available

Shemini Atzeret, October 14, .....available

# TORAH FAX

Nitzavim - VaYelech

## Stairway To Heaven?

This week's parsha describes the accessibility of Torah and its commandments. "This commandment that I am commanding you today is not elusive or remote from you. It is not in heaven that you should say, 'Who shall go up to heaven and bring it to us?'"

Rashi comments: "Even if it was in heaven, you would have been compelled to arise there and learn it."

What exactly does Rashi mean? How are we to travel to the heavens to receive the Torah?

One way of understanding this matter is to realize that the Torah has two dimensions. There are the actual commandments that address the world the way we know it. This part of Torah relates to the physical existence that is part of our experience as humans.

But there is another dimension. Torah can also be understood on a spiritual level as well. Besides their literal meaning, the commandments can be understood as metaphors that relate to spiritual concepts.

Indeed, the Talmud relates that when Moses went up to Mount Sinai to retrieve the Tablets containing the Ten Commandments, the angels protested to G-d that He should keep the Torah in the heavens. Moses argued that the Torah was tailor made for human beings. The Torah was given to people who are born to a physical father and mother; to people who might harbor a desire to murder, steal or commit adultery. The Torah, Moses argued, had no relevance to angels.

But since the Torah so obviously addresses issues of the physical, what then did the angels have in mind when they asked for the Torah?

The answer is the angels wanted a Torah the way it can be understood in a totally spiritual fashion. They wanted a Torah that did not need a physical body, but that could nurture the soul. They wanted a Torah that a spiritual entity devoid of a body could relate to.

Had G-d given us the Torah the way the angels would have wanted it, we would have had to become like angels. Our Torah would be a strictly cerebral exercise. It would have been geared to the soul and would not have had anything to do with the body. If the Torah was in heaven, we would have to become ascetics. We would have to fast continually, deny the body and be celibate. We would have to engage in prayer all day and study Torah all night. We would have no social life and no commerce. Physical existence would be kept at a bare minimum.

To be sure, if this is what G-d had wanted of us we would have pursued such an existence. This is what Rashi meant when he said, in essence, "had the Torah been in heaven, we would have had to attempt to climb there to get it."

### Moshiach Matters...

When we reach the month of Elul, we must take stock and ask: Is it possible that eleven months of this year have passed and Moshiach has not come?! The sum total of our stocktaking is "Ad Masei - Until when must we remain in exile."

(The Rebbe, 30 Av 5751 - 1991)

Moshiach - It's a Jewish issue. For more info, visit [www.moshiach.com](http://www.moshiach.com)

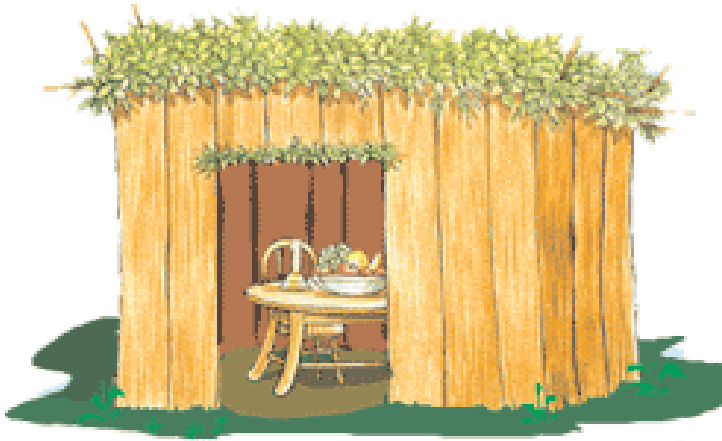
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We also do not hold our fingernails near the candles when the "Meorei HaEsh" blessing is recited. Instead, we only look at the candles. The full text of this Kiddush is printed in the Machzor.

**New Fruit** At the evening meal for the second day of Rosh Hashana (Saturday 9/23), a fruit that has not been eaten in the past year should be placed on the table during Kiddush. Since there is a concern as to whether the Shehecheyanu blessing should be recited at the Kiddush of the second day of Rosh Hashana, the presence of the new fruit will require the Shehecheyanu to be recited without any question. Immediately after Kiddush, before the blessing on bread is recited, an ounce or more of the new fruit should be eaten. The after blessing on the fruit (but not for the wine of Kiddush) is then recited.

**Shofar** Everyone must hear the shofar blown on the second day of Rosh Hashana (Sunday - 9/24). In Shul, the shofar is blown a total of 100 times (according to Chabad custom, 130 times). Those who cannot make it to Shul should arrange to hear the shofar blown for the minimum requirement of 30 sounds.

**Tashlich** Since the first day of Rosh Hashana is Shabbat, we go to a body of water and recite the Tashlich prayers on the afternoon of the second day of Rosh Hashana (9/24).



# Sukkot Meals @ Chabad

**Sukkot is always a most exciting time at Chabad.  
From our joyous holiday services to the giant  
Sukkah filled with non-stop festivities,  
the Simcha of Sukkot is one you don't want to miss!**

Chabad is more than happy to accommodate  
as many people as possible in our Sukkah.  
Once again, we will be catering all the Yom Tov meals.

We must underscore that space in our Sukkah fills up very quickly.

To ensure seating, please be sure to place your reservations early.

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