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May HaShem protect our soldiers and the hostages; may He send Refu'ah Sh'leima to the many injured; may He console the bereaved families and all of Israel, may He end this war with success and peace for Medinat Yisrael and Klal Yisrael wherever they are.



YERUSHALAYIM in/out times **NITZAVIM-VAYEILECH**

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The Rosh Chodesh we don't announce

This Shabbat would have been Shabbat M'vorchim, except for the fact that we don't bench Rosh Chodesh Tishrei. Firstly, its being Rosh HaShana, the Rosh Chodesh aspect of the day is eclipsed, or fades into the background - or something like that. There is reference to the day being Rosh Chodesh in the Maftir we read and in the Musaf reference to the korbanot of the day. Another factor that inputs into not announcing R"Ch Tishrei in advance is the pasuk (T'hilim 81:4) - TIK-U BACHODESH SHOFAR BAKESEH L'YOM CHAGEINU. Blow the Shofar on the new moon, on the moon's covering, for our festival day. The word BAKESEH is related to L'CHASOT, to cover. Rosh HaShana is the only Torah Yom Tov on Rosh Chodesh when the Moon is covered (so to speak).

And another input is to avoid alerting the satan to our specific judgment day.

Bottom line: We don't announce Rosh Chodesh Tishrei on the Shabbat before it, as we do for all other months.

Ironically, the one molad that is not announced publicly - that of Tishrei - is the molad of greatest significance to our Calendar.

Rosh HaShana is set based on the molad of Tishrei.

The molad of Tishrei 5785 will be on Thursday (October 3rd), 3 hours, 21 minutes, 13 chalakim.

Rambam in Hilchot Kidush HaChodesh states that Rosh haShana (in our current Calendar) is fixed on the day of the molad of Tishrei.

There are four different situations when Rosh HaShana will be pushed to the day following the molad, but none of them apply this time. Rosh HaShana 5785 is on Thursday, the day of the molad of Tishrei. Simple and neat.

And...

5785 is a Shana P'shuta, a 12-month year - a one Adar year, because it is the 9th year of the current 19-year Lunar Cycle. (The 3rd, 6th, 8th, 11th, 14th, 17th, and 19th years of each cycle have the extra Adar.)

And third factor: Since RH 5786 will be on Tuesday (and Wednesday), 5785 needs an extra day (30 Marcheshvan) to end right before next Rosh HaShana.

5785 is a PEI-HEI-SHIN year-type. PEI for P'shuta. HEI for beginning on a Thursday. SHIN for being SHALEIM, with both Marcheshvan and Kislev having 30 days. SHANA TOVA UMTUKA!