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



**YERUSHALAYIM**

in/out times for

**NITZAVIM**

Sept. 19-20, '25

כ"ז אלול ה'תשפ"ה



**6:04PM**

PLAG **5:24PM**



**7:15PM**

R' Tam **7:50PM**



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This Shabbat we finish the fourth round of Pirkei Avot with ch. 5 & 6

ROSH HASHANA 5786 will be on Tuesday & Wednesday, September 22-24

כתיבה וחתימה טובה ♦ שנה טובה ומתוקה



## S'LICHOT

Ashkenazim will cover all the pre-Rosh HaShana slichot this year, with days 1 through 6 this week, with day 7 on Sunday, and the long Erev Rosh HaShana slichot on Monday.

Most Ashkenazim will resume slichot on Tzom Gedaliya (next Thursday) and continue until the shortened slichot of Erev Yom Kippur.

## The Last Shabbat of 5785

Parshat Nitzavim is ALWAYS read on the last Shabbat of the year - the Shabbat right before Rosh HaShana.

Sometimes, Nitzavim is read then on its own; sometimes it is combined with Vayeilech.

Nitzavim & Vayeilech are combined 60.46% of years - when RH begins on Thursday or Shabbat.

Nitzavim and Vayeilech are read separately 39.54% of years - when RH begins on Monday or Tuesday (as it does, this new year - 5786).

## Where's Shabbat M'vorchim?

What happened to Rosh Chodesh Benching? Not for Tishrei. Its Rosh Chodesh is eclipsed by Rosh HaShana. In davening, there are a couple of references to Rosh

HaShana's being also Rosh Chodesh, but it is not a focus of the day.

From the pasuk (T'hilim 81:4) - TIKU BACHODESH SHOFAR BA-KESEH L'YOM CHAGEINU - Blow the Shofar on the new moon (Rosh Chodesh Tishrei), on the moon's covering, for our festival day (Rosh HaShana). Reference to KESEH - KISUI, covering, also explains our not announcing it in advance.

Nonetheless, the molad (new moon) of Tishrei is most important for fixing our calendar today, temporarily without a Sanhedrin (which used the knowledge of the molad to know how to question witnesses to the first visibility of the lunar crescent).

The molad of Tishrei 5786 is on Monday (September 22nd, our Erev Rosh HaShana), 10 minutes and 7 parts (a bit more than 23 seconds) after 12 noon.

The rule for our fixed calendar is that Rosh HaShana is on the day of the molad, unless the molad is after noon. The molad is then called a MOLAD ZAKEIN (an old molad) and RH is fixed on the following day. Hence, Rosh HaShana 5786 is Tuesday and Wednesday. (There are other situations that will bump RH to the day following Tishrei's molad - not for now.)

Ironically, that we announce all the other moladot of the year (which do tell us

things, like the time schedule for Kiddush L'vana), but not the most important one for the calendar. We might not announce it, but we calculate it and use it well.

## Focus on Nitzavim Stats

At the beginning of the Sedra Summary each week, you can find PhiloTorah states for the sedra. Nitzavim can use a closer look.

Nitzavim has only 40 p'sukim - the second shortest sedra, pasuk-wise. Only its sometimes partner Vayeilech has fewer (30).

Interestingly though, its p'sukim are the second longest in the Torah in words and letters (Vayeilech's are the longest). This makes it longer than Ha'azinu and V'zot HaB'racha, in addition to Vayeilech.

Ha'azinu, written in a Torah in special form of a SHIR, has a lot of blank spaces, which keeps it longer than Nitzavim in number of lines in a Torah.

Bottom line (pun sort of intended), Nitzavim is one of the four shortest sedras of the Torah's 54.

Let's do some numbers on these last four sedras, the four smallest sedras in the Torah.

Sedra: p'sukim, words per pasuk (rank), letters per pasuk (rank)

Nitzavim: 40, 16.4 (2), 64.4 (2)

Vayeilech: 30, 18.4 (1), 70.8 (1)

Ha'azinu: 51, 11.8 (51), 44.7 (53)

V'zot HaB'racha: 41, 11.5 (52), 48.5 (47)

Whole Torah: 5846, 13.68, 52.14

Sedras with the shortest p'sukim: Mas'ei 11.1, Pinchas 11.2, Bamidbar 11.5

Pinchas & Bamidbar rank 2 & 3 in p'sukim, but they are at 53 & 52 in words per pasuk.

Notice: N & V - the two shortest sedras pasuk-wise, but the sedras with the longest p'sukim.

Nitzavim may be short, put it is packed with important concepts and messages. See Sedra Summary.