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Hidden and Revealed

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"Sound the shofar on the new moon, in concealment to the day of our festival" ([Psalms 81:4](#)). In this cryptic verse lies the deeper significance of Sukkot and its sister-festival, Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah.

In the Jewish calendar, the month follows the phases of the moon. The "new moon" -- the point at which the moon emerges from its monthly concealment -- marks the beginning of a new month. The apex of the month is the 15th -- the night of the full moon, when the moon attains the high point of its potential to reflect the sun's light and illuminate the earth.

The month of Tishrei is the most spirituality-rich month in the Jewish year. The festivals and special days-- Rosh Hashanah, the Ten Days of Repentance, Shabbat Shuvah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah, Shabbat Bereishit -- follow in succession, with hardly any "ordinary days" in between. It's a time to fuel up on the spiritual resources -- awe, teshuvah, connection, singularity, joy, unity, wisdom, commitment -- that will drive our lives for the rest of the year.

The first of Tishrei is Rosh Hashanah, which opens the "Days of Awe" that characterize the first part of the month, culminating in Yom Kippur on Tishrei 10th. Then the mood and texture of Tishrei shifts dramatically to the "Season of Our Rejoicing" that begins with the festival of Sukkot on the 15th and continues through Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah. The first half of Tishrei is marked by solemnity, the second by elation; but the Chassidic masters explain that these are simply the "hidden" and "revealed" dimensions of the same elements.

The essence of Rosh Hashanah is our crowning of G-d as our "king." A coronation, explain the Chassidic masters, is effected by two things -- unity and joy: a people joyously unite to select, accept and submit to an exalted figure who embodies their collective identity and innermost strivings (if the coronation lacks either joy or unity, chassidic teaching explains, it results not in a true [king](#), but merely in a "ruler"). But there is also a third element without which the coronation could not happen -- awe. And the nature of awe is that it eclipses and mutes the joy. Sukkot, then, is simply the revelation of Rosh Hashanah. The joy and unity that are the essence of our commitment to G-d, and which were "concealed" by the awe that characterizes the first days of Tishrei, erupt on the 15th of the month in the form of the festival of Sukkot.

In the words of the Psalmist, "Sound the shofar on the new moon, in concealment to the day of our festival." Our crowning G-d king with the sounding of the shofar on the 1st of Tishrei ("the new moon") remains in concealment until "the day of our festival," the full moon of Sukkot, when it manifests itself in a seven-day feast of joy.

And what Sukkot is to Rosh Hashanah, Simchat Torah is to Yom Kippur. The essence of Yom Kippur is that it is the day we received the Second Tablets, completing the Giving of the Torah (which began on Shavuot) and bringing into our lives the Torah's ultimate essence -- teshuvah. There is nothing more liberating and exhilarating than teshuvah -- the power to "return" to the quintessential core of one's being, transcending time, space, habit and "character," transcending all that circumscribes the soul's truest self and truest strivings. But again, the essence of Yom Kippur is submerged and concealed within the solemnity that accompanies the business of teshuvah doing -- fasting, regretting and confessing our wrongdoings, resolving not to repeat them, praying for forgiveness. It is only on Simchat Torah that the joyous essence of teshuvah is manifestly celebrated.

(Source: http://www.chabad.org/holidays/JewishNewYear/template_cdo/aid/169891/jewish/Hidden-and-Revealed.htm)

Yahrzeits

Saturday, 10/15/2016	Tishrei 13, 5777	Minnie Goldscheider (Menucha bas Yaakov Dovid)	Mother	Ethel Fischer
Sunday, 10/16/2016	Tishrei 14, 5777	Shirley Frank Chaya Zelda bas Moshe HaCohen)	Mother	Michael Frank
Monday, 10/17/2016	Tishrei 15, 5777	Ida Mayer	Grandmother	Mitch Mayer
Monday, 10/17/2016	Tishrei 15, 5777	Max Mayer	Grandfather	Mitch Mayer
Tuesday, 10/18/2016	Tishrei 16, 5777	Reuben Yoffee (Reuven ben Yisroel Yitzchok)	Father	Bluma Lewin



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SCHEDULE

Friday	October 14	12 Tishrei			
	Shacharit	7:00 a.m.		Shabbat October 22	20 Tishrei
	Candles & Mincha	6:10 p.m.		Chol Hamoed IV	Shacharit 9:00 a.m.
					Sof Z'man Kriat Shema 10:07
Shabbat	October 15	13 Tishrei			Mincha 5:50 p.m.
	Shacharit	9:00 a.m.			Maariv 7:00 p.m.
	Sof Z'man Kriat Shema	10:04 a.m.		Sunday October 23	21 Tishrei
	Gemora Shiur	5:00 p.m.		Hoshana Rabba	Shacharit 8:00 a.m.
	Mincha & Seuda Shilishit	5:55 p.m.			Mincha/Maariv 6:00 p.m.
	Maariv	7:10 p.m.			Hakafot After Maariv
Sunday	October 16	14 Tishrei			
Erev Succot	Shacharit			Monday October 24	22 Tishrei
	8:00 a.m.			Shmini Atzeret	Shacharit 9:00 a.m.
	Candles				Sof Z'man Kriat Shema 10:02 a.m.
	6:07 p.m.				Yizkor after 10:45 am
	Mincha				Mincha 5:55 p.m.
	6:10 p.m.				Candles after 6:57 p.m.
	Kiddush/Sukkah	7:18 p.m.			Maariv/Kiddush/Hakofot 7:00 p.m.
Monday	October 17	15 Tishrei		Tuesday October 25	23 Tishrei
Succot I	Shacharit	9:00 a.m.		Simchas Torah	Shacharit 9:30 a.m.
	Sof Z'man Kriat Shema	10:05 a.m.			Sof Z'man Kriat Shema 10:09 a.m.
	Mincha	6:10 p.m.			Kiddush/Hakofot 10:15 a.m.
	Maariv & Candles	after 7:07 p.m.			Mincha after Mussaf
Tuesday	October 18	16 Tishrei			Mincha 5:55 p.m.
Succot II	Shacharit	9:00 a.m.			Maariv 6:55 p.m.
	Sof Z'man Kriat Shema	10:05 a.m.		Wednesday October 26	24 Tishrei
	Mincha	6:10 p.m.			Shacharit 7:00 a.m.
	Maariv	7:07 p.m.			Maariv 6:55 p.m.
Wednesday	October 19	17 Tishrei		Thursday October 27	25 Tishrei
Chol Hamoed I	Shacharit				Shacharit 6:50 a.m.
	6:35 a.m.				Mincha/Maariv 6:55 p.m.
	Mincha/Maariv	6:05 p.m.		Friday October 28	26 Tishrei
Thursday	October 20	18 Tishrei			Shacharit 7:00 a.m.
	Shacharit	6:35 a.m.			Mincha 5:50 p.m.
Chol Hamoed II	Mincha/Maariv	6:05 p.m.			Candles 5:52 p.m.
Friday	October 21	19 Tishrei			
Chol Hamoed III	Shacharit	6:35 a.m.			
	Candles & Mincha	6:00 p.m.			

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