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Succot – Ha'azinu – Shemini Atzeret – Simchat Torah

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What Is Shemini Atzeret / Simchat Torah?

What: The holiday of Sukkot is followed by an independent holiday called Shemini Atzeret. In Israel, this is a one-day holiday; in the Diaspora it is a two-day holiday, and the second day is known as Simchat Torah. This holiday is characterized by utterly unbridled joy, which reaches its climax on Simchat Torah, when we celebrate the conclusion—and restart—of the annual Torah-reading cycle.

How: These two days constitute a major holiday (yom tov), when most forms of work are prohibited. On the preceding nights, women and girls light candles, reciting the appropriate blessings, and we enjoy nightly and daily festive meals, accompanied by kiddush. We don't go to work, drive, write, or switch on or off electric devices. We are permitted to cook and to carry outdoors (unless it is also Shabbat).

The first day, Shemini Atzeret, features the prayer for rain, officially commemorating the start of the Mediterranean (i.e., Israeli) rainy season, and the Yizkor prayer (supplicating G-d to remember the souls of the departed).

We no longer take the Four Kinds, and we no longer mention Sukkot in the day's prayers; in the Diaspora, however, we do still eat in the sukkah (but without reciting the blessing on it).

The highlight of the second day, Simchat Torah ("The Joy of the Torah"), is the hakafot, held on both the eve and the morning of Simchat Torah, in which we march and dance with the Torah scrolls around the reading table in the synagogue. (In many synagogues, hakafot are conducted also on the eve of Shemini Atzeret.)

On this joyous day when we conclude the Torah, it is customary for every man to take part in the celebration by receiving an aliyah. The children, too, receive an aliyah!

After the final aliyah of the Torah, we immediately begin a new cycle from the beginning of Genesis (from a second Torah scroll); this is because as soon as we conclude studying the Torah, G-d's infinite wisdom, on one level, we immediately start again, this time to discover new and loftier interpretations.

(from www.chabad.org)

The custom in our shul is for as many individuals as possible to participate in buying Chassan Bereishit for the Rav. Sponsorships are available in multiples of \$36. In the past we have had more than 100 sponsorships in all, given by individuals in multiples of 1 to 10.

We also have \$125 sponsorships available for the Simchat Torah Kiddushim, although any amount is greatly appreciated. The Shul's cost for the Kiddushim is over \$2,500.

To facilitate record keeping and reduce time needed for the auction, the Shul requests that you let us know via email by Shemini Atzeret if you intend to sponsor. If you are not able to send an e-mail, you will have a chance to pledge at the auction on Shemini Atzeret. Emails should be sent to shul.chabad@gmail.com.



Flowers for Succot are being sponsored by **Michael Frank and Family** in memory of Michael's mother, Shirley Frank, Chaya Zelda bas Moshe HaKohen, whose yahrzeit is on the 14th of Tishrei.

Thank you to **Mr. Mitch and Mrs. Liz Mayer** for sponsoring the flowers for Rosh Hashanah in memory of Mitch's parents and Liz's father. Thank you to **the CLEAR TITLE GROUP (Mr. Larry London)** for sponsoring the flowers for Yom Kippur. The Mayers and Londons wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Kiddush this Shabbat is sponsored by
Michael and Terry Frank and Family
in memory of Michael's mother **Chaya Zelda bas Reb Moshe HaCohen**,
whose Yahrzeit is on the 14th of Tishrei, this Sunday.





Each year Kibuddim and Aliyos for Simchat Torah are auctioned off on Shmini Atzeret before Musaf.

Yahrzeits This Week:

Ethel Fischer	13 Tishrei - Friday night/Shabbat	for mother	Menucha bas Yaakov Dovid
Michael Frank	14 Tishrei - Sat night/Sunday	for mother	Chaya Zelda bas Moshe HaCohen
Joseph Hunt	15 Tishrei - Sunday night/Monday	for father	Dovid Hunt
Mitch Mayer	15 Tishrei - Sunday night/Monday	for grandfather	Max Mayer
Mitch Mayer	15 Tishrei - Sunday night/Monday	for grandmother	Ida Mayer
Bluma Lewin	16 Tishrei - Monday night/Tuesday	for father	Reuven ben Yisroel Yitzchok

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Davening and Shiurim Schedule

Friday, 9/21 — 12 Tishrei

Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.
 Candles — 6:46 p.m.
 Minchah / Ma'ariv — 6:45 p.m.

Shabbat, 9/22 — 13 Tishrei

Shacharit — 9:00 a.m.
 Sof Z'man Kriat Shema — 9:54 a.m.
 Berachot Gemora Shiur — 5:35 p.m.
 Minchah & Seudah Shilishit — 6:35 p.m.
 Ma'ariv — 7:59 p.m.

Sunday — Erev Succot, 9/23 — 14 Tishrei

Shacharit — 8:00 a.m.
 Candles — 6:43 p.m.
 Minchah / Ma'ariv — 6:45 p.m.
 Kiddush & Leishev Ba'sukka — after 7:29 p.m.

Monday — Succot, 9/24 — 15 Tishrei

Shacharit — 9:00 a.m.
 Sof Z'man Kriat Shema — 9:55 a.m.
 Minchah — 6:40 p.m.
 Candles — 7:41 p.m.
 Ma'ariv — 7:41 p.m.

Tuesday — Succot, 9/25 — 16 Tishrei

Shacharit — 9:00 a.m.
 Sof Z'man Kriat Shema — 9:55 a.m.
 Minchah — 6:35 p.m.
 Ma'ariv — 7:41 p.m.

Wednesday — Chol Hamoed, 9/26 — 17 Tishrei

Shacharit — 6:25 a.m. and 8:00 a.m.
 Minchah / Ma'ariv — 6:40 p.m.

Thursday — Chol Hamoed, 9/27 — 18 Tishrei

Shacharit — 6:25 a.m. and 8:00 a.m.
 Minchah / Ma'ariv — 6:40 p.m.

Friday, 9/28 — 19 Tishrei

Shacharit — 6:25 a.m. and 8:00 a.m.
 Candles — 6:35 p.m.
 Minchah / Ma'ariv — 6:35 p.m.

Shabbat — Chol Hamoed, 9/29 — 20 Tishrei

Shacharit — 9:00 a.m.
 Sof Z'man Kriat Shema — 9:56 a.m.
 Berachot Gemora Shiur — 5:25 p.m.
 Minchah — 6:25 p.m.
 Ma'ariv — 7:36 p.m.

Sunday — Erev Shemini Atzeret, 9/30 — 21 Tishrei

Shacharit — 8:00 a.m.
 Candles — 6:31 p.m.
 Minchah / Ma'ariv / Hakafot — 6:31 p.m..

Monday — Shemini Atzeret, 10/01 — 22 Tishrei

Shacharit — 9:00 a.m.
 Sof Z'man Kriat Shema — 9:57 a.m.
 Yiskor — after 10:50 a.m.
 Minchah — 6:30 p.m.
 Candles — 7:32 p.m.
 Ma'ariv / Hakafot — 7:32 p.m.

Tuesday — Simchat Torah, 10/02 — 23 Tishrei

Shacharit / Kiddush / Hakafot — 9:30 a.m.
 Sof Z'man Kriat Shema — 9:57 a.m.
 Minchah — After Hakafot and 6:35 p.m.
 Ma'ariv — 7:32 p.m.

Wednesday, 10/03 — 24 Tishrei

Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.
 Minchah / Ma'ariv — 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, 10/04 — 25 Tishrei

Shacharit — 6:50 a.m.
 Minchah / Ma'ariv — 6:30 p.m.

Friday, 10/05 — 26 Tishrei

Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.
 Candles — 6:24 p.m.
 Minchah / Ma'ariv — 6:25 p.m.