

## Dvar Torah by Rabbi Geiger: Prayer and Suffering

We will shortly enter into a month filled with hours of prayer. Rosh Hashannah, Yom Kippur, Sukkos, Simchas Torah. It seems that we spend more time in shul than anywhere else during the month of Tishrei. What should we be trying to accomplish during this time? Are we simply trying to get Hashem to give us what we want, a year of life, health and wealth? Is that all this is about?

The parsha begins with a listing of divisions amongst the Jewish people. These divisions represent the entire gamut of the nation, from young to old, powerful to ordinary- in short everyone and every type. Moshe commands every Jew to be nitzavim, standing. R. Shimshon Raphael Hirsch (based on Tanchuma) explains that Nitzavim is used here to indicate standing firm and upright, determined in conviction. "They will pass, history will set on their 'rising suns' and impenetrable fortresses protecting their imperial empires." But why should we need such encouragement; why remind us to stand tall with pride? The Midrash Tanchuma (Netzavim 1) is troubled by this question. There Chazal explain that this parsha helped console us after the kelalos of last week. We, as a people asked, "Why do the nations of the world deserve destruction while we do not?" To that Moshe responds, "Because they do not accept yisurin, suffering, as a revelation of Hashem, while we use it to humble ourselves and pray to Hashem. The medrash tells us that Moshe has equated suffering with tefillah. That seems to be a non sequitur. However, in truth the purpose of both suffering and prayer are the same. Rav Abba Tzvi Naiman explain in Idrey Tzon that in prayer, as in suffering, we humble ourselves ke'ayn, as if we are nothing compared to Hashem. Rav Wolbe points out that in times of tefillah we enter a world of miracles. In this world Hashem can recreate us as a new being, with new strengths and new potential. The vistas before us are endless, the possibilities limitless. This is the month of Tishrei!

## Announcements

**Membership Packets/Rosh HaShana Seats:** Please get your membership packets back to the office ASAP. If you would still like a seat for Rosh HaShana, please contact the office by Sunday at the latest.

**Early Mincha:** Thank you to everyone for the wonderful attendance to the pre-plag Mincha erev Shabbos this past summer! l'y"n next year.

**Slichos:** Start this Motzei Shabbos at 12:50 am. There will be slichos before shachris Mon-Wed this week. There will not be slichos before shachris on Sunday.

**Slichos/Shachris on Erev Rosh Hashana:** Is at 4:45/5:45, NOT like it says on the calendar.

**Eruv Tavshilin:** Do not forget to make an eruv tavshilin on Wednesday.

## Shiurim

### Shabbos:

**8:00 am** In-depth sefer Yehoshua Shiur by MARK MAGID

**11:30 am** Rotating topic shiur by MARK MAGID

### Sundays:

**6:00-6:45 am** Tefila shiur by RABBI PINCHAS RABINOVICZ

**8:35-9:35 am** Gemora Makos shiur by RABBI NACHMAN MORGAN

### Wednesdays:

**11:00 am** Haftorah shiur for women by Mrs. HOLLANDER

## Shabbos Zmanim Erev Shabbos

Candle Lighting: **6:40 pm**

Mincha/Maariv: **6:45 pm**

## Shabbos Day

Shachris, Hashkama: **7:00 am**

Shachris: **8:45 am**

Mussar Shiur: **5:50 pm**

Mincha: **6:35 pm**

Alei Shur Shiur: **7:38 pm**

Maariv/Shabbos Ends: **7:48 pm**

Slichos: **12:50 am**

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## Zmanim for the Week

	Shachris	Mincha/ Maariv
Sun 9/17	6:45/7:30 am	6:35 pm
Mon 9/18	5:20/6:00 am	6:35 pm
Tue 9/19	5:20/6:15 am	6:35 pm
Wed 9/20	4:45/5:45 am	6:35 pm
Thu 9/21	8:00 am	6:35 pm
Fri 9/22	8:00 am	6:35 pm

הדלקת נרות 6:30

עלות השחר	משיכיר	הנץ החמה	סדק"ש גרי"א	סד"ת גרי"א	מנחה גדולה	שקיעה
5:24	5:49	6:38	9:43	10:45	1:19	6:57
5:25	5:50	6:39	9:43	10:45	1:18	6:55
5:25	5:50	6:40	9:43	10:45	1:18	6:54
5:26	5:51	6:40	9:44	10:45	1:17	6:53
5:27	5:52	6:41	9:44	10:45	1:17	6:51
5:28	5:53	6:42	9:44	10:45	1:16	6:50