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## Feasts of the Lord in Prophecy Newsletter eNews!

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### Message from Pastor Mark

Shalom one and all!!

What exciting times we live in! We have begun the month of Elul, the King is in the field and we are working in His Harvest!

This weekend we have Paul Wilbur in concert on Shabbat, on Sunday our picnic at Clarkes Creek, then on Monday evening, Labor Day, We have Rabbi Moshe and Leah Goldsmith from Itamar, Israel!

Then the following Friday, Sept 9th, the Fair starts and goes through the 25th. The fair here is the world's fifth largest fair with well over one million people going through in the 2 week time period. This has been our greatest outreach in community awareness of the Jewishness of Jesus/Yeshua. El Shaddai has booth #702 in the Showplex facility. We so thank all the volunteers who work our booth.

The next Monday night, Sept 12th we will have Bill Cloud as our guest speaker. On Sunday Sept 18th there will be a fund raiser BBQ for the Israel Support Fund at the home of Bill and Rocio Voiss. Then right after the fair ends on Wed night, Sept 28th we will have our Rosh Hashana service joining thousands of others across the world in every time zone blowing shofars as we proclaim God as King! Be sure and sign up your church or home fellowship on [our website](#)! Bring your shofars!!

Of course in September there are all the world events going on, with the U.N. wanting to unilaterally declare a Palestinian State and all the regional conflicts going on in the Middle East among the Arab countries. We've got natural disasters going on around us, not to mention Comet Elenin going by through the Feast days. Signs are all around us that we need to continually be prepared both spiritually and physically.

This brings us to October and on Monday, Oct 3rd we have none other than Marty Goetz ministering in concert here at El Shaddai as we prepare our hearts for Yom Kippur. The following week on Wed night Oct 12th we will have our joint Feast of Sukkot service.


This brings us to the end of October and you will not believe who we have coming Monday night, Oct 24th to speak! None other than a current member of the Israeli Government serving in the Knesset. It will be Limor Livnat. Here is a link to her bio:  
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Be sure and invite everyone you know to come and show our unwavering support for Israel. Her nephew was murdered this last Passover while leaving Joseph's tomb after spending time in prayer. The car he was leaving in with his friends was sprayed with bullets by uniformed Palestinian policemen.

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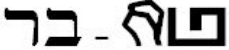
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As you can see we have a full plate here! Keep us in your prayers as we continually try to keep the apple of God's eye in the forefront and accomplish His Will!!

Now for some quick teaching highlights! Let's take a look at a word in Aramaic/Hebrew. Everyone is familiar with "Bar" which means "Son". In Hebrew which is right to left it looks like this: . In the ancient Hebrew it looked like

this: . The letter "B" in Hebrew called the Beit was the picture of a house as it means house. The "R" in Hebrew is called the Reysh and was the picture of a man's head. It means head as in Rosh Hashana or the "Head" of the year. Together these form the picture words for the word "Son" who is the "man of the house".

We all know the "Word" of God and believe Yeshua is the living "Word" of God. Then to make the Hebrew word for "Word" you simply take the word for "son" – bar – and add the letter D at the beginning to form the word Dvar.

. The "D" or in Hebrew the Dalet was the picture of a door! So we see the "Word" of God is the "door" to the Son!

Be Blessed!

Pastor Mark

## ELUL: THE KING IS IN THE FIELD

By Tom O'Haver

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This year August 31st-September 28th is the Jewish month of Elul. The word Elul - - is said to be an acronym of Ani l'dodi v'dodi li - "I am my Beloved's and my Beloved is mine" from Song of Songs 6:3. The "Beloved" is said to be the Holy One and the "I" is the people of Israel. In the Aramaic language, which was spoken by the Jewish people at the time that the names of the months were set, the word Elul means "search." This is certainly an appropriate name for this period of time when we are encouraged to search our souls.

Elul is also a significant period of Teshuvah (repentance) because this is the same period Moses spent on Mount Sinai pleading for forgiveness for the people of Israel. After the Israelites demonstrated their lack of faith in God by creating and worshipping the Golden Calf, which led to Moses smashing the first set of tablets, Moses ascended again to the top of the mountain on the first of Elul. He remained there for 40 days, beseeching the Holy One to spare the Israelites. God responded positively by instructing Moses to create a new set of tablets of the Ten Commandments. Moses returned to the people on Yom Kippur. Not only was it the same time Moses ascended for 40 days but it was also the day John the Baptist was preaching in the wilderness and Yeshua being baptized went into the wilderness for forty days coming back on Yom Kippur.

Jewish tradition teaches that the Holy One is more accessible during the 40-day period beginning with the start of Elul and culminating in the first ten days of the month of Tishrei, ending with Yom Kippur. The Mystical Sages referred to this period as when "The King is in the Field." This is based in the notion that, when a king is enthroned in his palace, he is not easily accessible; audience is granted only to those who have merited his attention. But when the king is out in public, anyone may approach him. When the "King is in the Field," out to inspect the produce of his land, he is concerned about the well-being of the inhabitants of his kingdom. Not only is this is the time when the king may be approached by the farmer, but the farmer should approach him, to show respect, and to take full advantage of this rare opportunity to express his needs and thoughts to the king.

So it is with the month of Elul. This is the time when the sages say the Eternal King leaves the heavenly throne and descends to inspect this world. This is the period when some believe we are closest to God, and God is most receptive to our prayers. We look to the words of the prophet Isaiah, who said, "Seek God when He is at hand; Call upon Him when He is near" (55:6). And so we can make special efforts during this period to renew our commitment to God, when the Holy One is traditionally "nearest" to us.

Customs

Beginning on the second day of Rosh Chodesh Elul and continuing until (but not including) the day before Rosh HaShanah, it is customary to blow the Shofar every weekday morning. When Moses went up the second time to receive the tablets of

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the Ten Commandments, the Israelites blew the Shofar in the Camp. This was done to remind themselves of their sin of the Golden Calf, and to assure that they would not again succumb to the sin of idol worship.

To this day the Shofar is blown throughout Elul to remember that, just as the children of Israel sinned and were forgiven, we too have sinned and need to use this period to sincerely repent, so that we too can be forgiven. The sound of the Shofar during Elul symbolically declares, "Awake all you who are asleep; search your ways and mend them in repentance."

During Elul, many Jews will recite Chapter 27 of Tehilim (Psalms) as part of the morning and afternoon prayers. It is also common at this time to visit the grave sites of loved ones. As the month of Elul draws to an end, our efforts towards repentance become more intense. Beginning on the Sunday before Rosh HaShanah until Yom Kippur, special penitential prayers called Selichot are added to the daily cycle of worship. Selichot prayers are usually recited in the early morning, before the normal daily morning service. However, Selichot usually begins on Motzei Shabbat (after nightfall on Saturday) of the week before Rosh HaShanah. The first Selichot service of the season is usually held around midnight, the earliest possible time, to demonstrate our eagerness to seek forgiveness. The late night service is usually preceded by study on themes related to the High Holy Days.

What Can I Do?

Elul is a period of preparation, both spiritual and practical. Some things you can do to make the most of Elul are:

- Allocate time during the month for personal reflection, meditation and prayer. Try and conduct a full Cheshbon HaNefesh - "accounting of the soul."
- Approach others whom you may have hurt during the past year and seek their forgiveness. Tradition teaches us that for sins between the individual and God, forgiveness is guaranteed, but for forgiveness between one individual and another, we must actively seek their forgiveness.
- Hear the sounding of the Shofar every weekday morning.
- Say Psalm 27 every morning.
- Study the scriptures that will inspire you to repentance.
- Visit the burial place of loved ones.
- Purchase new clothes to wear for the new year; stock up on honey for a sweet new year...
- Get Ready!



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## INTERNET COMMENTS

From Co. Dublin City, Ireland

Shalom and thank you for the newsletter very informative and now I know I can do something...

From Washington State USA

I love the newsletter, please keep it coming. Thanks and Shalom

From Idaho, USA

*Thank you for your news letter. Last month, after I watch "the Feasts of the Lord" I started to watch the online videos from the Sabbath. I am looking for to get up to date a sap...*

I have been taking ancient Hebrew and then modern Hebrew with a teacher that she was in learning process as well. Now my friend and I have Hebrew studies over the phone and I can read from the Torah in Hebrew language. I think that the Hebrew language is imminent to our bible studies. Only after I started to learn the hebrew language and read some books ...the Bible reviled the secrets to me. Most of all Pastor Mark your dvds on "Feasts of the Lord" are my favorite. Keep up the good work everyone. May the Lord bless you and keep you all in his loving-care always. Shalom and bless you

From a US Navy Sailer

Pastor, Your ministry in Christ, in its unfolding of the simple Truth, adds to my peace and understanding. I delight when I see

an email from you! God Bless you and many thanks! I have been to your church and enjoyed the service and message and you introduced yourself, most pleasant and aware. I have almost all of your DVD's and especially appreciate "Feasts (Moed) of the Lord" and the CD on Song of Solomon. Roman's 10:14-15 comes to mind here for me. You are important in my discipleship from afar and I have passed these teachings on to many others. Faith Works! Thanks-> 1Thess 5:11

From Georgia, USA

I look forward to your newsletter always hoping you can make sense of the world around us these days. I also enjoy the Hebrew lessons as well. God Bless you.

From Missouri, USA

Fantastic newsletter! I love the variety, and I LOVE the prophetic news! Keep 'em coming!!!

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## RECIPES

By Tina Fallstead

Taken from aish.com

Every Jewish holiday has its special foods and Rosh Hashana is no exception. The first thing that comes to mind when baking for the Yom Tov season is round challah that we consume during the High Holiday season all through Simchat Torah. The round challahs are sometimes sweeter than the rest of the year with added raisins and they're dipped in honey for their symbolism.

Round symbolizes completeness. We want our year to be wholesome, round and sweet. Additionally the concept of a circle reminds us of God's infinity and omnipresence, as it has no beginning or end.

Round challahs also resemble a crown, symbolizing that we are crowning God as our king, which is the essence of the High Holiday season.

Braiding challah into a round shape can be an art. Inasmuch as there are many ways to achieve the round look, the following pictorial instructions can help simplify the task.

Round Sweet Challah for Rosh Hashana –Taken from aish.com

Ingredients:

- 5 cups water
- 5 lbs. high gluten flour or regular flour
- 2 oz. yeast or 3 ½ Tbs. dry yeast.
- 3 Tbs. honey
- 2 eggs (optional)
- 1 cup oil
- 4 Tbs Kosher salt
- ½ cup raisins (optional)
- 1 egg for glazing
- Sesame seeds or poppy seeds for the topping (optional).

Directions:

Put all ingredients slowly into the mixer in the order given. Allow to mix for at least 12 minutes, until you get elastic and perfect dough. Should the dough be too dry add some water. Should it be too wet add more flour. Use your discretion to obtain the right consistency. Sprinkle with some flour so it does not stick to the bowl. Cover with a plastic bag (for faster rising) and then a dishtowel.

Allow dough to rise for 1 hour then punch it down, allow to rise another hour and punch it down again.

Cut the dough into desired amount of challos you want to obtain.

This is the simplest way of achieving a crown looking challah. Cut your dough in the preferred size and twirl it around into this shape, tucking in the end under the challah. Feel

free to use illustrations below to braid the white challah.

## Whole Wheat Round Challa

### Ingredients:

- 5 cups water
- 3 lbs. whole wheat bread flour
- 2 lbs whole wheat pastry flour
- (You can also use 5 lbs. Shibolim whole wheat flour if available in your area, for excellent results)
- 2 oz. yeast or 3 ½ Tbs. dry yeast.
- 3 Tbs. honey
- 1 cup oil
- 4 Tbs Kosher salt
- ½ cup raisins (optional)
- 1 egg for glazing
- Sesame seeds or poppy seeds for sprinkling on the challah.

### Directions:

Put all ingredients slowly into the mixer in the order given. Allow to mix for at least 12 minutes, until you get elastic and perfect dough. Should the dough be too dry add some water. Should it be too wet add more flour. Use your discretion to obtain the right consistency. Sprinkle with some flour so it does not stick to the bowl. Cover with a plastic bag (for faster rising) and then a dishtowel.

Allow dough to rise for 1 hour then punch it down, allow to rise another hour and punch it down again.

Cut the dough into desired amount of challahs you want to obtain.



Making the six-stranded braid

For a fancier and braided look cut each piece of dough into six pieces and roll them out into six strands. Shape the strands into tic tack toe shape then you will have three strands on each side. Braid each side and then tuck them under the challah. Allow to rise another 20 minutes.

For a beautifully glaze use only the egg yolk to "paint" your challah. Sprinkle with sesame seeds or poppy seeds, or leave as is.

This is what your challah will look like.



Whole wheat round challah

## Date Bread

1 cup chopped pitted dates



Twirl and tuck: produces a crown shape

1 teaspoon baking soda  
1 cup strong coffee  
2 tablespoons margarine, softened  
1 cup sugar  
1 egg  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
1-1/2 cups flour  
1 cup small pecan pieces

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a loaf pan. Combine dates and baking soda. Pour boiling coffee over and let sit. Cream together the margarine, sugar and egg. Mix in the vanilla and flour. Stir in the nuts and the date mixture. Pour into the prepared pan. Bake for 1 hour. Let stand for 5 -10 minutes before removing from pan. Cool on wire rack.

#### New Year's Coleslaw

1-1/2 packages cole slaw mix  
¼ cup candied pecan pieces  
1 can mandarin oranges, drained  
1/3 cup pomegranate seeds

#### Dressing:

1 cup canola oil  
2/3 cup rice wine vinegar  
¼ cup sugar  
1 teaspoon pepper

Combine and shake to mix well.

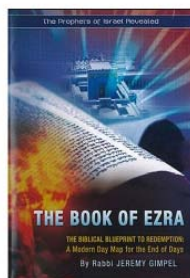
Combine all salad ingredients including mandarin oranges if desired. Toss with about ½ cup of the dressing and serve.



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## RECOMMENDED READING

Submitted by Tina Fallstead



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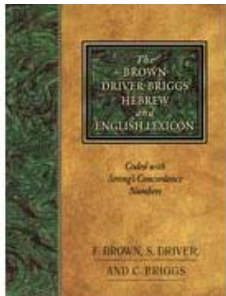
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By: [Francis Brown](#), [C. Briggs](#), [S.R. Driver](#)

Hendrickson Publishers / 1996 / Hardcover

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