

THE HIGH HOLY DAYS IN ISRAEL

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As I prepare to observe the High Holy Days in Israel for the fifth time, it's nice to look back and reflect on my previous Rosh Hashanas and Yom Kippurs, and see how life has evolved for me since I moved to the Holy Land.

It's quite surreal for me to write that I've been living in Israel for nearly five years. Sometimes, it feels like the time has gone by in a wondrous flash. At other times, however, I feel like it's dragging on and on, as the days, weeks and months pass here in the Middle East!

The first time I celebrated the High Holy Days as an *olah* (an immigrant to Israel) my husband and I were living in Alon Shvut. Alon Shvut is a small religious community in the Judean hills, south of Jerusalem, and Rosh Hashana there was stormy and cold. The rain came pouring down and the wind howled. I remember everything being so new and different--I had never lived in such a small town! It was possible, easy, in fact, to walk across the entire town. Living in Gush Etzion, the area of Judea that includes Alon Shvut, was an adventure. Everything was at once rugged, yet delicately beautiful.

We had made aliyah in mid-summer, so the High Holy Days were our first major holidays in Israel. How exciting! It's really an amazing feeling--asking forgiveness from Hashem in the holy land of Israel. Standing and praying to Hashem, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, in the place where these great men actually lived and walked, was like living in history!

Our family consisted of just my husband and myself in Alon Shvut. Our son Ariyeh was born soon after we moved to Tsfat, one of the four holy cities of Israel. Tsfat is way up in northern Israel, and the High Holy Days were just incredible there. The Old City of Tsfat is really something else. Just walking around filled me with a feeling of awe, hearing the blast of the shofar emanating from every direction. Ariyeh was just a couple of months old. Here was this little, brand new soul, privileged not only to be born in Israel, but to be surrounded by intense *kedusha* (holiness) on those amazing days.

For two and a half years, I walked up and down the side of the mountain in Tsfat, where we lived, looking out onto the wilderness. The setting sun on the mountain was spectacular. Each evening in the month



of Elul, as the sky slowly grew darker and full of stars, the streets would fill up with people, families and strollers. Everyone around me was preparing for the holiday. Starting at the beginning of the month of Elul, when the process of returning to Hashem begins, the feeling of prayer was thick in the air. It seemed as though there was Torah everywhere in Tsfat, in everyone's mouth, at every turn. I'm so grateful to have lived there for so long.

Modi'in, the beautiful and vibrant city nestled directly between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, is

where we lived for a year and a half after Tsfat. In Modi'in there was a completely different type of feeling around the High Holy Days than in Tsfat, but still one of reverence. On Yom Kippur, it definitely felt like it was the "Shabbat of Shabbats." For a mostly secular city, it truly felt as though the city was completely still and quiet. While living in Modi'in, our son Oren was born. All of these blessings! It was an amazing Yom Kippur. A challenging one as well--my first with more than one child to look after, but I left the holiday with a feeling of being cleansed from the *neshama* (soul) out.

I remember the incredible feeling of knowing that most of the people in the country, all around me, were experiencing Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur together with me. Round challahs and jars of honey were sold in every store, all over the place. It felt like people were especially kind to one another. It was as though we were really all in this together--*because we really are all in this together!*

The coming year of 5770 now finds my family in the Shomron (Samaria), on a small *yishuv* (settlement) called Sha'arie Tikvah. Only Hashem knows how long we'll call this our home, but home it is for now. Thankfully, it's treating us well. Living in Israel is always an adventure. The world seems to have a constant eye on Israel, but Hashem has His protective hand over us.

Whether you are currently *chutz la'aretz*--outside of the Land--or in Israel, I pray that our ultimate redemption comes soon, so we can all finally come home.

Chava Yocheved Burnham lives in Sha'arie Tikvah with her husband and children. She's been in Israel for four and a half years, and loves it there!

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The anonymous young man who became the first child of a Beginner to graduate as a fighter pilot in the Israeli Air Force

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Fri September 11, 2009 – 22nd of Elul
 Morning Services 7:10 & 7:50 AM
 Candle Lighting 6:54 PM
 Mincha 7:00 PM

Sat September 12, 2009 – 23rd of Elul
Nitzavim-Vayelech
 Daf Yomi 7:00 AM
 Bible Class 8:30 AM
 Morning Services ... 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
 Talmud & Bible Classes 6:00 PM
 Mincha 6:45 PM
 Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends 7:54 PM
 Daily Mincha & Maariv 6:50 PM
 Early Selichot 10:00 PM
 Late Selichot..... 12:52 AM

Sun September 13, 2009 – 24th of Elul
 Morning Services 7:10 & 8:30 AM

Mon September 14, 2009 – 25th of Elul
Selichot & Morning Services
 6:40 & 7:30 AM

Tues September 15, 2009 – 26th of Elul
 6:40 & 7:30 AM

Wed September 16, 2009 – 27th of Elul
 6:40 & 7:30 AM

Thu September 17, 2009 – 28th of Elul
 6:40 & 7:30 AM
 Late Ma'ariv/Selichot 9:00 PM

Fri September 18, 2009 – 29th of Elul
EREV ROSH HASHANA
 Selichot & Morning Services 6:00 & 6:45 AM
 Candle Lighting 6:42 PM
 Mincha 6:45 PM

Sat September 19, 2009 – 1st of Tishrei
ROSH HASHANA
 Beit Midrash 7:30 AM
 Main Sanctuary 7:45 AM
 Ballroom 7:45 AM
 Beginners 9:00 AM
 Daf Yomi 5:40 PM
 Mincha 6:25 PM
 Yom Tov Candles After 7:42 PM
 Daf Yomi after Ma'ariv

Sun September 20, 2009 – 2nd of Tishrei
ROSH HASHANA
 Beit Midrash 7:30 AM
 Main Sanctuary 7:45 AM
 Ballroom 7:45 AM
 Beginners 9:00 AM
 Tashlich 5:40 PM
 Mincha 6:40 PM
 Ma'ariv/Yom Tov Ends 7:42 PM
 Daily Mincha & Ma'ariv 6:40 PM

Mon September 21, 2009 – 3rd of Tishrei
TZOM GEDALIAH
 Fast begins 5:30 AM
 Selichot & Morning Services 6:30 & 7:15 AM
 Mincha 6:30 PM
 Fast Ends 7:26 PM

Tue September 22, 2009 – 4th of Tishrei
 Selichot & Morning Services 6:30 & 7:15 AM

Wed September 23, 2009 – 5th of Tishrei
 Selichot & Morning Services 6:30 & 7:15 AM

Thu September 24, 2009 – 6th of Tishrei
 Selichot & Morning Services 6:30 & 7:15 AM

Fri September 25, 2009 – 7th of Tishrei
 Selichot & Morning Services 6:30 & 7:15 AM
 Candle Lighting 6:31 PM
 Mincha 6:35 PM

Sat September 26, 2009 – 8th of Tishrei
Ha'azinu SHABBAT SHUVA
 Daf Yomi 7:00 AM
 Bible Class 8:30 AM
 Morning Services 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
 Talmud & Bible Class 3:20 PM
 Mincha 6:00 PM
 Shabbat Shuva Drasha 6:20 PM
 Maariv/Shabbat Ends 7:31 PM

Sun September 27, 2009 – 9th of Tishrei
EREV YOM KIPPUR
 Morning Services 7:00 & 8:30 AM
 Mincha 1:45, 3:00 and 4:15 PM
 Candle Lighting 6:27 PM
 Kol Nidre 6:30 PM
 Daf Yomi after Ma'ariv

Mon September 28, 2009 – 10th of Tishrei
YOM KIPPUR
 Beit Midrash 7:30 AM
 Main Sanctuary 8:00 AM
 Auditorium 9:00 AM
 Beginners 9:00 AM
 Ma'ariv/Yom Tov ends 7:27 PM
 Daily Mincha & Maariv 6:25 PM

Fri October 2, 2009 – 14th of Tishrei
EREV SUKKOT
 Morning Services 7:10 & 7:50 AM
 Candle Lighting 6:21 PM
 Mincha 6:25 PM
 Begin meal in Sukkah after 7:09 PM

Sat October 3, 2009 – 15th of Tishrei
SUKKOT
 Morning Services 8:00 & 9:00 AM
 Mincha 6:10 PM
 Yom Tov Candles/Ma'ariv/Begin Meal in Sukkah after 7:21 PM

Sun October 4, 2009 – 16th of Tishrei
SUKKOT
 Morning Services 8:00 & 9:00 AM
 Mincha 6:25 PM
 Ma'ariv/Yom Tov ends 7:21 PM
 Daily Mincha & Ma'ariv 6:15 PM

Mon October 5, 2009 – 17th of Tishrei
SUKKOT CHOL HAMOED
 Morning Services 6:45 & 7:30 AM

Tue October 6, 2009 – 18th of Tishrei
SUKKOT CHOL HAMOED
 Morning Services 6:45 & 7:30 AM

Wed October 7, 2009 – 19th of Tishrei
SUKKOT CHOL HAMOED
 Morning Services 6:45 & 7:30 AM

Thu October 8, 2009 – 20th of Tishrei
SUKKOT CHOL HAMOED
 Morning Services 6:45 & 7:30 AM

Fri October 9, 2009 – 21st of Tishrei
SUKKOT HOSHANA RABA
 Morning Services 6:15, 7:00 & 8:00 AM
 Candle Lighting 6:08 PM
 Mincha 6:15 PM

Sat October 10, 2009 – 22nd of Tishrei
SHMINI ATZERET
 Morning Services 8:00 & 8:30 AM
 Kohelet Class 5:00 PM
 Mincha 6:00 PM
 Yom Tov Candles after 7:08 PM
 Ma'ariv/Hakafot 7:08 PM

Sun October 11, 2009 – 23rd of Tishrei
SIMCHAT TORAH
 Morning Services 7:00 & 8:30 AM
 Women's Tefillah Group 9:00 AM
 Kohelet Class 5:15 PM
 Mincha 6:15 PM
 Ma'ariv/Yom Tov ends 7:08 PM
 Daily Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:05 PM

Mon October 12, 2009 – 24th of Tishrei
COLUMBUS DAY
 Morning Services 7:00 & 7:50 AM

Fri October 16, 2009 – 28th of Tishrei
 Morning Services 7:10 & 7:50 AM
 Candle Lighting 5:57 PM
 Mincha 6:00 PM

Sat October 17, 2009 – 29th of Tishrei
Bereshith
 Daf Yomi 7:00 AM
 Bible Class 8:30 AM
 Morning Services... 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
 Talmud & Bible Classes 5:00 PM
 Mincha 5:45 PM
 Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends 6:57 PM
 Daily Mincha & Ma'ariv 5:55 PM

Sun October 18, 2009 – 30th of Tishrei
ROSH CHODESH
 Morning Services 7:00 & 8:30 AM

Mon October 19, 2009 – 1st of Cheshvan
ROSH CHODESH
 Morning Services 7:00 & 7:40 AM

Fri October 23, 2009 – 5th of Cheshvan
 Morning Services 7:10 & 7:50 AM
 Candle Lighting 5:47 PM
 Mincha 5:50 PM

Sat October 24, 2009 – 6th of Cheshvan
Noach
 Daf Yomi 7:00 AM
 Bible Class 8:30 AM
 Morning Services... 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
 Talmud & Bible Classes 4:50 PM
 Mincha 5:35 PM
 Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends 6:47 PM
 Daily Mincha & Ma'ariv 5:45 PM

Fri October 30, 2009 – 12th of Cheshvan
 Morning Services 7:10 & 7:50 AM
 Candle Lighting 5:37 PM
 Mincha 5:40 PM

Sat October 31, 2009 – 13th of Cheshvan
Lech Lecha
 Daf Yomi 7:00 AM
 Bible Class 8:30 AM
 Morning Services... 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
 Talmud & Bible Classes 4:40 PM
 Mincha 5:25 PM
 Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends 6:37 PM
 Turn Clocks Back One Hour
 Daily Mincha & Ma'ariv 4:35 PM

Fri November 6, 2009 - 19th of Cheshvan
 Morning Services 7:10 & 7:50 AM
 Candle lighting 4:29 PM
 Mincha 4:35 PM

Sat November 7, 2009 - 20th of Cheshvan
Vayera
 Daf Yomi 7:00 AM
 Bible Class 8:30 AM
 Morning Services... 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
 Talmud & Bible Classes 3:35 PM
 Mincha 4:20 PM
 Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends 5:29 PM
 Daily Mincha & Ma'ariv 4:30 PM

Mon November 9, 2009 - 22nd of Cheshvan
VETERANS DAY
 Morning Services 7:00 & 7:50 AM

Fri November 13, 2009 - 26th of Cheshvan
 Morning Services 7:10 & 7:50 AM
 Candle lighting 4:22 PM
 Mincha 4:25 PM

Sat November 14, 2009 Chayei Sara
 Daf Yomi 7:00 AM
 Bible Class 8:30 AM
 Morning Services... 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
 Talmud & Bible Classes 3:25 PM
 Mincha 4:10 PM
 Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends 5:22 PM
 Daily Mincha & Ma'ariv 4:25 PM

Tue November 17, 2009 - 30th of Cheshvan
ROSH CHODESH
 Morning Services 7:00 & 7:40 AM

Wed November 18, 2009 - 1st of Kislev
ROSH CHODESH
 Morning Services 7:00 & 7:40 AM

Fri November 20, 2009 - 3rd of Kislev
 Morning Services 7:10 & 7:50 AM
 Candle Lighting 4:17 PM
 Mincha 4:20 PM

Sat November 21, 2009 - 4th of Kislev
Toldot
 Daf Yomi 7:00 AM
 Bible Class 8:30 AM
 Morning Services... 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
 Talmud & Bible Classes 3:20 PM
 Mincha 4:05 PM
 Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends 5:17 PM
 Daily Mincha & Ma'ariv 4:25 PM

Thu November 26, 2009 - 9th of Kislev
THANKSGIVING DAY
 Morning Services 7:00 & 8:30 AM

Fri November 27, 2009 - 10th of Kislev
 Morning Services 7:10 & 7:50 AM
 Candle Lighting 4:13 PM
 Mincha 4:20 PM

Sat November 28, 2009 - 11th of Kislev
Vayetsej
 Daf Yomi 7:00 AM
 Bible Class 8:30 AM
 Morning Services... 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
 Talmud & Bible Classes 3:20 PM
 Mincha 4:05 PM
 Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends 5:13 PM
 Daily Mincha & Ma'ariv 4:20 PM

Fri December 4, 2009 - 17th of Kislev
 Morning Services 7:10 & 7:50 AM
 Candle lighting 4:11 PM
 Mincha 4:15 PM

Sat December 5, 2009 - 18th of Kislev
Vayishlach
 Daf Yomi 7:00 AM
 Bible Class 8:30 AM
 Morning Services... 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
 Talmud & Bible Classes 3:15 PM
 Mincha 4:00 PM
 Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends 5:11 PM
 Daily Mincha & Maariv 4:20 PM

Fri December 11, 2009 - 24th of Kislev
 Morning Services 7:10 & 7:50 AM
 Chanukah & Shabbat Candles ... 4:11 PM
 Mincha 4:15 PM

Sat December 12, 2009 - 25th of Kislev
Vayeshev CHANUKAH
 Daf Yomi 7:00 AM
 Bible Class 8:30 AM
 Morning Services... 7:40, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
 Talmud & Bible Classes 3:15 PM
 Mincha 4:00 PM
 Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends 5:11 PM
 Daily Mincha & Ma'ariv 4:20 PM

HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES
at the New York Historical Society
 West 77th Street and Central Park West

ROSH HASHANA
 Fri., Sept. 18, 6:45 pm
 Sat. & Sun., Sept. 19 & 20, 9:00 am
 Sat., Sept. 19, 6:25 pm

YOM KIPPUR
 Sun., Sept. 27, 6:30 pm
 Mon., Sept. 28, 9:00 am

Tickets
 LSS Members \$75, Non-Members \$125

SAVE THE DATES
Beginners Shabbat Luncheons - \$20
 Saturdays 12:30 PM
 Sept 12, Nov 7

Beginners Shabbaton
 Dec 4-5

Beginners Shmooze - Free
 Mon., Dec 7, 8:15 PM

Beginners Parties
 Sukkot, Simchat Bet Hashoeva:
 Thurs, Oct 8, at Cong. Kehilath Jeshurun
 Chanukah: Mon, Dec 14

Special Events
 Sukkot Shopping: Fri, Oct 2