



This Week at Chabad Lubavitch of Maine



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FOR
PORTLAND:

Friday, Aug. 13 7:29 pm

Torah Portion: [Shoftim](#)

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Message from the Rabbi

Dear Friends,

This week we enter the month of Elul, the month leading up to the High Holidays. It is a time to take stock of the past year, with all its ups and downs, and to look towards a brighter future.

The word Elul is an acronym for the phrase from Song of Songs: Ani ledodi vedodi li I am for my beloved and my beloved is for me. This is a reference to the two-way relationship between G-d and the Jewish people. This relationship always exists, but it is on full display during the month of Elul, and we should use this time to take utmost advantage of it.

Shabbat Shalom,

Rabbi Wilansky



The High Holidays

join us for
**THE HIGH
HOLIDAYS**



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September

- New Year Blast Off
- Hebrew School
- Hebrew School
- Sukkot Club

February

- Hebrew School
- Hebrew School
- Hebrew School
- Hebrew School

HEBREW SCHOOL 2 YOU!

Choose a day of the week, pick a time that works for you, and join with family or friends, at your place or theirs!

FEATURES

WEEKLY LESSONS

Embark on an adventure of a lifetime, exploring our history as Am Yisrael Chai! Discover our humble beginnings in Israel with Prophets and Kings and the secret to our eternal strength.

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October

- Hebrew School
- Hebrew School
- Hebrew School
- Hebrew School
- Hebrew School

March

- Hebrew School
- Purim Club
- Hebrew School
- Hebrew School

November

- Hebrew School
- Hebrew School
- Hebrew School
- NO SCHOOL

April

- Hebrew School
- Passover Club
- NO SCHOOL
- Hebrew School

December

- Chanukah Club
- Hebrew School
- Hebrew School
- NO SCHOOL

May

- Hebrew School
- Hebrew School
- Hebrew School
- Hebrew School
- End-Year Celebration

January

- NO SCHOOL
- Hebrew School
- Tu B'Shvat Club
- Hebrew School
- Hebrew School

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www.chabadofmaine.com/chs

MORE INFO
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Events

SAVE THE DATE!
March 11-13 - CKids Shabbaton



Join us this coming school year for the all-new Hebrew School of the Arts! For more information and to register, email hindy@chabadofmaine.com.



The Challah Circle is Back!

BH

the Challah circle

Rosh Hashana Edition

Apple & Spice Challah Bake



Friday,
September 3
10:00 pm

In-person* and zoom



\$15, or \$10 when you sign up for all 7 events of the year
 RSVP: Hindy@chabadofmaine.com - 843.582.2789
 *In-person subject to change and/or with new protocols

Mmm... Apple & Spice Challah, just in time for Rosh Hashana!
 RSVP today: hindy@chabadofmaine.com



Torah Studies



Join Rabbi Levi for an enriching class on the weekly Torah portion.

Tuesday, August 17, at 9:30 am

chabadofmaine.com/zoom



Service Times

Thursday

7:00 am

Friday night

8:00 pm

Shabbat day

10:30 am

Kiddush and refreshments

12:30 pm



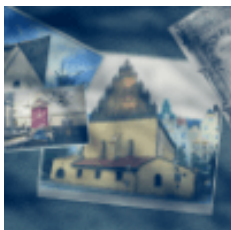
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Blessed Rebuke

Elul is a month of reflection, introspection, and repentance. Some in the rabbinate, in their desire to lead their fellow Jews to improve during this auspicious time, tend to focus on the negative.

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PARSHAH

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Parshah in a Nutshell

Parshat Shoftim

Moses instructs **the people of Israel** to **appoint judges** and law enforcement officers in every city. Justice, justice shall you pursue, he commands them, and you must administer it without corruption or favoritism. Crimes must be meticulously investigated and evidence thoroughly examined a minimum of two credible **witnesses** is required for conviction and punishment.

In every generation, says Moses, there will be those entrusted with the task of interpreting and applying the laws of the **Torah**. According to the law that they will teach you, and the judgment they will instruct you, you shall do; you shall not turn away from the thing that they say to you, to the right nor to the left.

Shoftim also includes the prohibitions against **idolatry** and **sorcery**; laws governing the appointment and behavior of a **king**; and guidelines for the creation of **cities of refuge** for the

inadvertent murderer. Also set forth are many of the rules of **war**: the exemption from battle for one who has just built a **home**, planted a vineyard, **married**, or is afraid and soft-hearted; the requirement to offer terms of peace before attacking a city; and the prohibition against wanton destruction of something of value, exemplified by the law that forbids to cut down a **fruit tree** when laying siege (in this context the Torah makes the famous statement, **For man is a tree of the field**).

The **Parshah** concludes with the law of the *eglah arufah* the special procedure to be followed when a person is killed by an unknown murderer and his body is found in a field which underscores the responsibility of the community and its leaders not only for what they do, but also for what they might have prevented from being done.



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