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Candlelighting: 7:11 pm

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## Friday, September 19

7:11pm Candlelighting  
7:15pm Mincha

## Shabbos, September 20

8:45am Shacharis  
*Kiddush is available for sponsorship*  
6:05pm Pirke Avos  
7:05pm Mincha / Shalosh Seudos  
*Shalosh Seudos is available for sponsorship*  
8:18pm Maariv

## Sunday, September 21

7:30am Selichos / Shacharis  
9:15am *Parsha Class*  
(R. Nisenbaum)  
10:00am "The 613 Mitzvos"  
(R. Stoll)

## Monday, September 22 Erev Rosh Hoshana

6:15am Selichos / Shacharis  
7:05pm Candle  
7:05pm Mincha  
8:05pm Maariv

## September 23 - 24 Rosh Hoshana

7:45am Shacharis  
~11:00am Shofar  
6:45pm Mincha  
8:03pm Maariv (8:10 on Sept 23)

## Sept 25 – Oct 2

SEE HIGH HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

### Torah Podcast

Listen to Rabbi Nisenbaum's "Torah Podcast" at Spotify, Apple Podcasts, iHeartRadio, and more, or download at [www.maverickpodcasting.com](http://www.maverickpodcasting.com)

### Weekday Minyanim

7:00am Shacharis (M-F)  
8:00am Shacharis (Sun)  
10:00pm Maariv (Sun-Th)

### Class Connection

**R. Nisenbaum:**  
425-436-6200 #352171  
"The Torah Podcast" weekly at all podcast locations

**R. Stoll:**  
Zoom: 876-619-3551  
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## Parsha: Nitzavim

On the last day of Moshe's life, he gathered the entire nation together to renew their covenant and commitment to G-d. The most important Jew was gathered with the simplest, lest anyone claim that had he been there he would have voiced opposition.

The Talmud says that the purpose of this recommitment was for the people to accept

responsibility, not only for themselves, but for each other too. A Jew is obligated to ensure that every other Jew keeps the mitzvahs too. When a single Jew sins, there is a collective responsibility upon the

whole community. Had they perhaps chastised the sinner, or even better, had they acted in a more appropriate manner themselves thereby exerting a positive influence, the sinner may have never transgressed in the first place. This is what is meant by the popular phrase, "All Jews are responsible for each other."

Moshe informed the people about the terrible consequences that would await them if they would transgress the Torah and mitzvahs. He

also warned them to take his words seriously and not think that they are immune to G-d's punishment. Moshe also foretold that eventually, after much sinning and punishment, the people would be aroused to return to G-d. G-d will accept their repentance and this will lead to a Messianic era, when the nation will be gathered from throughout the exile and return to

Israel with great blessing.

Moshe further encouraged the people to observe the Torah, saying that it was not too difficult for them to do so. The Torah is not in the heavens or across the seas making it too difficult

### High Holiday Seats

Make your seat reservations now!

### "But I Thought"

R. Nisenbaum's updated and expanded book is now available for purchase.

to achieve. Rather, it is within the capacity of every Jew to be able to accomplish, if they just put forth the effort.

In closing, Moshe reminded the people that the choice of loving G-d and following His laws is nothing less than choosing between good and life, or bad and death. If the Jewish people keep the mitzvahs properly, they will merit eternal life, and if they do not, the result will be death, not merely for the present but also for the future.

## Insights: Rosh Hashanah

### They should try to find a leader for the services who is upright in Torah and deeds... (Shulchan Aruch 581:1)

A man came to Rav Moshe Feinstein and told him that he had been asked to lead the services on Rosh Hashana. The man was hesitant, however, because the Shulchan Aruch requires the chazzan to be an upright person who does teshuva. He was not sure if he could live up to that expectation. Rav Moshe smiled in response.

"What is so funny?" the man asked.

Rav Moshe said, "What should I tell you –that you should not lead and therefore you need not do teshuva? We must all do teshuva! There is no choice, you must do teshuva and then you can lead the services."

## Did You Know?

One should not bring pots and pans inside the succah during Succos, as it is considered disrespectful to the succah. Dirty dishes should also not be left in the succah after eating. Similarly, one should not store things in the succah that he would not keep in his dining room, such as bicycles, brooms, and such. It is traditional to decorate the succah to beautify the mitzvah. The decorations may not be used for other purposes, such as eating hanging fruit during Succos, as they are designated to be used for the mitzvah of succah. The decorations may be thrown away after Succos, but they should first be wrapped in a bag.

**Thought for the Week:** *It is not accounts that should concern us but accountings!*  
(A Candle By Day)