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Dear Friends,

The High Holy Days are upon us. Rosh Hashanah begins tomorrow (Wednesday) evening September 20 at sundown.

For a complete list of all the laws, customs and background information on the High Holidays including guides, stories and even recipes please visit www.JewishNewYear.org

Jewish Women and girls should light candles on the eve of September 20 and 21 in honor of the holiday. Jewish men that are not married have the responsibility to light the holiday candles as well.

On September 20: Ideally the candles should be lit – just as on every Friday afternoon – eighteen minutes before sunset. However, the candles can be lit anytime before the holiday meal. If the candles are lit after sunset, they should be lit from a pre-existing flame.

On September 21: The candles should be lit, from a pre-existing flame, after nightfall. Additionally, all preparations for the candle lighting, such as arranging the candlesticks and candles, may not start before nightfall.

Blessings for candle lighting for the holiday of Rosh Hashanah

Bo-ruch A-toh Ado-noi E-lo-hei-nu Me-lech Ho-olom A-sher Ki-de-sha-nu Be-mitz-vo-sov Ve-tzi-vo-nu Le-had-lik Ner Shel Yom Ha-zi-karon.

Blessed are You, L-rd our G-d, King of the universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments and has commanded us to light the candle of the Day of Remembrance.

The Shehechiyonu blessing

Bo-ruch A-toh Ado-noi E-lo-hei-nu Me-lech Ho-olom *she-heche-ya-nu ve-ki-yi-ma-nu ve-higi-a-nu liz-man ha-zeh.*

Blessed are you, L-rd our G-d, King of the universe, who has kept us alive and sustained us and let us reach this time.

For more information about Jewish Holiday and Sabbath Candle Lighting visit www.fridaylight.org.

All Jewish men, women and children should attend services on both days of Rosh Hashanah, September 21 and 22 in order to hear the blowing of the Shofar. You can hear the blowing of the Shofar or blow the shofar yourself (if you know how many blasts and which blasts to blow) anytime during the day, between sunrise and sunset.

If you need help finding a synagogue near you where you can attend High Holiday services (anywhere in the world) free of charge, Please visit www.chabad.org/centers . If you are having trouble finding a synagogue near you where you will be welcomed free of charge, please email me at [REDACTED] or text me at [REDACTED] and I will find you a synagogue to attend.

May you be inscribed and sealed for a Good, Happy and Sweet New Year.

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