September 13, 2025 5785 Elul Intimacy



Some guy just sold me a box full of tzitzis. He said it was a great deal, no strings attached.

[from Lori Wilson]

"Tzitzis" is the Ashkenazi Jewish pronunciation. We usually say Tzitzit, which is the Sephardic Jewish pronunciation.

Heimish Humor



Doves cooing and snuggling

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The name of the month Elul, like the names of the rest of the Hebrew calendar months, was brought from the Babylonian captivity, and originated from the Akkadian word for "harvest."

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elul

However, the rabbis saw an acronym.]



Jewish sources from the 14th century and on, write that the Hebrew word "Elul" can be understood to be an acronym for the phrase "Ani L'dodi V'dodi Li" – "I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine" [Hebrew alphabet acronym In English looks like ALVL But Hebrew letters work differently.]

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Anee I'dodi, v'dodi li

I am my beloved's and he is mine.

[Like the name Teerosh. Consonants make an acronym, and we put the vowels to make the word.]

Elul אֱלוּל Beloved

Song of Songs 6.3

I belong to the man I love, and he belongs to me.

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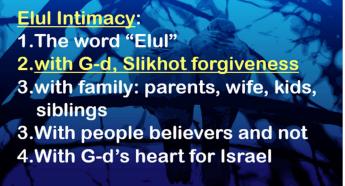
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[TLV: I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine. Passion for G-d and His Glory!]

In Jewish tradition, the month of Elul is a time of loving repentance in preparation for the High Holy Days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Of preparing to approach the Sh'khinah, the Beloved. [Loving repentance.]

Not dreaded repentance? That too. We can love and fear/respect parents, authorities.]





It is customary to blow the shofar every morning. The blasts are meant to awaken one's spirits and inspire him to begin the soul searching which will prepare him for the High Holy Days. As part of this preparation, Elul is the time to begin the sometimes-difficult process of granting and asking for forgiveness. Slikhot prayers. It is also customary to recite Psalm 27 every day from Rosh Hodesh Elul through Hoshanah Rabbah on Sukkot.

רשבון נפש] Kheshbon nefesh ... accounting of the soul

I forgive you for ...

Can't always get full reconciliation, but pray that offender will say:

Will you forgive me for ...

I will show a video in the Torah class about slikhot practice in Jerusalem.]

plural סליחות Slikhot

singular: סליחה, are Jewish penitential poems and prayers, especially those said in the period leading up to the High Holidays, and on fast days. The Thirteen Attributes of Mercy are a central theme throughout these prayers.

The Thirteen Attributes of ADONI

[Sh'mot (*Exodus*) 34: 6-7]

[You can consider these as you examine your life. Basis of G-d's mercy in Messiah.]

ADONI, ADONI is G-d, merciful and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in grace and truth, showing grace to the thousandth generation, forgiving offenses, crimes, and sins, yet not exonerating the guilty.

[Therefore Yeshua came.]

יָנָ יָנָ אֵל רַחוּם וְחַנּוּן

Adoni, Adoni, Ayl ra-khoom v'kha-noon

אֶבֶרְ אַפַּיִם, וְרַב חֱסֶד וְאֶמֶת

Eh-rekh a-pi-yeem, v'rav khe-sed v'eh-met

נֹצֵר חֱסֶד לָאֲלָפִים, נשֵׁא עָוֹן וָבֶּשַׁע וְחַפָּאָה

No-tsayr khe-sed la-ah-la-feem, no-say ah-von v'feh-shah v'kha-ta-ah

וְנַקָּה לֹא יִנַקָּה

V'nah-kay lo y'nah-keh

Pray into Psalm 27. How does it apply to yourself? Pray the scriptures:

T'hillim 27 Just one thing have I asked of Adoni; only this will I seek:

to live in the house of Adoni all the days of my life, to see the beauty of Adoni and visit in his temple. [Do we really want Him? Messiah's fellowship above all?]

Your face, Adoni, I will seek. Do not hide your face from me, don't turn your servant away in anger. You are my help; don't abandon me; don't leave me, God my savior. Even though my father and mother have left me, Adoni will care for me. [Change anything I should change!! Healing from parental wounds, abandonment, toxicity.]

Teach me your way, Adoni; lead me on a level path

because of my enemies — Surely, I trust that I will see the goodness of Adoni in the land of the living. Wait for Adoni. Be strong, let Your heart take courage, and wait for Adoni.

[Trust in Him!!

Wait on Yeshua!!]

I would challenge us to enter into an Elul seeking of the Bridegroom in fasting, suggested by Stewart Winograd, from Rosh HaShannah Tishri 1 until Yom Kippur, Tishri 10.

Sept. 24-Oct. 1

From Stewart:

The focus I have been given from the Lord is this:

- Passionate intercession for an awakening (revival) in the body of Messiah, for all believers in Yeshua, starting with our own hearts.
- A desperate cry for a great outpouring of the Ruakh Ha Kodesh. (Like we saw in the Book of Acts and in various times and places in history.) The purpose and desired result of the above leads us to:
- Urgent, compassion-filled prayer for the lost. For the good news of Yeshua's salvation to go viral through His revived body; for a great harvest of thousands, even tens of thousands, of Jews and Gentiles in the coming year.
- Add: End of the current war!

"Is not this the fast I choose: to release the bonds of wickedness, to untie the cords of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to tear off every yoke?" saiah 58:6

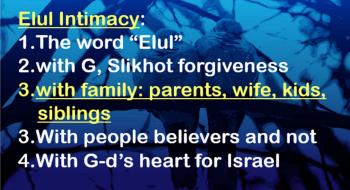
Remember the purpose of fasting is to make yourself less sensitive to the things that satisfy your flesh and more sensitive to the things of God's Spirit and to give more time to focused prayer. We set aside the time we would be preparing meals and eating; to pray, read the Bible, and worship. We are hungry for God and to see His breakthroughs.

Dawn and I have fasted these 10 days for years. The Daniel version.

Levels of Fasting:

- Ester fast: all food and drink. YK
- Fast from solid foods. [liquids OK]
- Fast from solid foods at a specific time each day (i.e. 10 am-7 pm, sunup to sundown, etc.).
- Fast from solid food one meal per day or eat only one meal of solid food per day.
- Daniel Fast, fast from prepared foods and wine (alcohol).... eat fruits, vegetables, nuts, and liquids.
- You can also mix and match these fasts, perhaps doing a different fast each week of the 40 days.
- In addition to the food-based fasts above, consider adding a fast from your favorite TV show, internet browsing, games, social media, and/or some other pleasures.





Brenen and Morgan Beeler on Dobson's Family Talk.

- 1. Spend time together, year-round.
- 2. Pray together daily.
- 3. Play together. Laugh.
- 4. Listen.

[https://www.drjamesdobson.org/marriage-parenting/3-powerful-ways-to-deepen-emotionalconnection-in-marriage/?utm_campaign=19399251-Evergreen%20-

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- Worship on Shabbat and stay for Oneg
- Youth group 13-18
- Lo Kashish לא קשיש [not elderly] ~18 >~30
- •Zeitim זיתים [olives] ~30→~45
- · Ladies' Havurah,
- Men's Havurah
- Grandparents [in formation]

We have a lot of stuff organized, but personal: Shabbat dinners, friendship. We are too much of a destination congregation. Bonding takes time.

Ingathering / Outreach

Mtt. 28.18-20 Yeshua came and talked with them. He said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make people from all nations into talmidim, immersing them into the reality of the Father, the Son and the Ruach HaKodesh, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember! I will be with you always, yes, even until the end of the age."



46th Annual Art Westport, happened September 11-13th, 2026 We did "walk through" Ingathering. Much joy!

Considering ...









Really short notice, but really no prep needed for the walk through. Sat., Sept 20 maybe



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[#4 Greatest common offense in Messianic world. Why big deal about the Jews?]

This is a main passion and raison d'être, reason for existence, of Or HaOlam.

This concept can also be a main source of offense.

["Offense" is the more common spelling in the US, while "offence" is the more common spelling outside of the US.]



Pierre and Laurence Bezencon Dear friends since ~2010



Pierre's book

Collection of scriptures and brief commentary about G-d's Heart for Israel. G-d's heart not just for Messianics, not just for ancient prophets, priests, scribes, warriors. G-d's heart, Yeshua's heart for Israel, Jews. Lox and dill pickle and humus loving Jews. Stock brokers, doctors, scientists, lawyers, dentists those PEOPLE

Yeshayahu 54.5-8 For your husband is your Maker, Adoni-Tzva'ot is his name. The Holy One of Isra'el is your Redeemer. He will be called the God of all the earth. For Adoni has called you back like a wife abandoned and grief-stricken; "A wife married in her youth cannot be rejected" ... [Strongest human language. Why, covenant G-d made.]

Hoshea 2.19-20 I will betroth you to Me forever— yes, I will betroth you to Me with righteousness, justice, covenant loyalty and compassion. I will betroth you to Me with faithfulness, and you will know Adoni.

[Excitement of a fiancé

Said to Hoshea's wife in deep adultery, street woman. Said to Israel in degraded idolatry.

Does it make sense to prioritize one people group?

No in terms of fairness. Yes in terms of showing G-d's unfailing love!]

Yeshayahu/ls 49.14-16 "But Tziyon says, 'Adoni has abandoned me, Adoni has forgotten me.' Can a woman forget her child at the breast, not show pity on the child from her womb? Even if these were to forget, I would not forget you. I have engraved you on the palms of my hands, your walls are always before me."

[Nursing mother. Western wall? Hand? Yeshua's!!]

Shmot/Ex 4.22-23 You are to tell Pharaoh: 'Adoni says, "Isra'el is my firstborn son. I have told you to let my son go in order to worship me, but you have refused to let him go. Well, then, I will kill your firstborn son!"

[Firstborn, yet ornery slave mentality.

Father protects from neighborhood bully.]

Dvarim/ Dt 1.30-33 Adoni your God, who is going ahead of you, will fight on your behalf, just as he accomplished all those things for you in Egypt before your eyes, and likewise in the desert, where you saw how Adoni your God carried you, like a man carries his child, along the entire way you traveled until you arrived at this place. Yet in this matter you don't trust Adoni your God, even though he went ahead of you, seeking out places for you to pitch your tents and showing you which way to go, by fire at night and by a cloud during the day.'

Yeshayahu 54.5-8 Thus says your God. "Briefly I abandoned you, but with great compassion I am taking you back. I was angry for a moment and hid my face from you; but with everlasting grace I will have compassion on you," says Adoni your Redeemer.

Dvarim / Dt 32.9-12 But Adoni's portion is His people — Yaakov/ Jacob is the share of His inheritance. He found him in the wilderness land, in the void of a howling waste. He surrounded him, cared for him, guarded him as the pupil of His eye.

[Israel is G-d's portion? G-d has EVERYTHING]

As an eagle stirs up its nest, hovers over its young, He spreads His wings, catches him, lifts him up on His wings. Adoni alone guided him— there was no foreign god with him. [De-nesting procedure of eagles.]

Beresheet / Gen 17.7 "I am establishing my covenant between me and you, along with your descendants after you, generation after generation, as an everlasting covenant, to be God for you and for your descendants after you.

[Covenant key to this congregation.]

Beresheet / Gen 17.19 God answered, "No, but Sarah your wife will bear you a son, and you are to call him Yitz'khak [laughter]. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his descendants after him.

Shmot/ Ex 3.13-15 But Moshe said to God, "Suppose I go to Bnei-Yisrael and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is His Name?' What should I say to them?"God answered Moshe, "I AM WHO I AM." Then He said, "You are to say to Bnei-Yisrael, 'I AM' has sent me to you." God also said to Moshe: "You are to say to Bnei-Yisrael, Adoni, the God of your fathers, the God of Avraham, Yitskhak, Yaakov, has sent me to you. This is My Name forever, and the Name by which I should be remembered from generation to generation.

[G-d in heaven and eternity deigns to name Himself by this family.]

Yer/Jer 33.14-17 "Here, the days are coming," says Adoni, "when I will fulfill this good promise which I have proclaimed for the house of Isra'el and the house of Y'hudah. When those days come, at that time, I will cause to spring up for David a Branch of Righteousness. He will do what is just and right in the land. When those days come, Y'hudah will be saved, Yerushalayim will live in safety, and the name given to her will be Adoni Tzidkenu [Adoni our Righteousness]." For this is what Adoni says: "There will **never** be cut off from David a man to occupy the throne of the house of Isra'el.

Yer/Jer 33.31-34 "Here, the days are coming," says Adoni, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Isra'el and with the house of Y'hudah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers on the day I took them by their hand and brought them out of the land of Egypt; because they, for their part, violated my covenant, even though I, for my part, was a husband to them," says Adoni. "For this is the covenant I will make with the house of Isra'el after those days," says Adoni: "I will put my Torah within them and write it on their hearts; I will be their God, and they will be my people. No longer will any of them teach his fellow community member or his brother, 'Know Adoni'; for all will know me, from the least of them to the greatest; because I will forgive their wickednesses and remember their sins no more.

Ro 11.26-29 All Israel will be saved, as it is written, "The Deliverer shall come out of Zion. He shall turn away ungodliness from Yaakov Jacob. And this is My covenant with them, when I take away their sins." Concerning the Good News,

[Do we have a part in this??]

Ro 11.26-29 they are hostile for your sake; but concerning chosenness, they are loved on account of the fathers, for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

T'hillim / Ps 132.11-14 Adoni swore an oath to David, an oath he will not break: "One of the sons from your own body I will set on your throne. If your sons keep my covenant and my instruction, which I will teach them, then their descendants too, <u>forever</u>, will sit on your throne." For Adoni has chosen Tziyon, he has wanted it as his home. "This is my resting-place forever, I will live here because I so much want to.

[G-d's resting place? When you go there, there is a sense of rest, shalom, joy, AND warfare.]

Yeshayahu/Is 62.6-7 I have posted watchmen on your walls, Yerushalayim; they will never fall silent, neither by day nor by night. You who call on Adoni, give yourselves no rest; and give him no rest till he restores Yerushalayim and makes it a praise on earth.

[G-d posted angelic watchmen? We enter into that in Teerosh. Watchman.]

Yeshayahu/ls 60.1-3 "Arise, shine [Yerushalayim], for your light has come, the <u>glory of Adoni has risen over</u> <u>you</u>. For although darkness covers the earth and thick darkness the peoples; on you Adoni will rise; over you will be seen his glory. Nations will go toward your light and kings toward your shining splendor.

Mt. 23 37-39 "Yerushalayim! Yerushalayim! You kill the prophets! You stone those who are sent to you! How often I wanted to gather your children, just as a hen gathers her chickens under her wings, but you refused! Look! God is abandoning your house to you, leaving it desolate. For I tell you, from now on, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of Adoni." Barukh ha-ba b'shem Adoni

ברוך הבא בשם יי.



Paul Wilbur Jerusalem concert December 12, 2010

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FtPTI0dnWTk&list=RDFtPTI0dnWTk&start_radio=1 I believe this is in the Jerusalem Coliseum, Binyanei HaUma בניני האומה Seemed like Yeshua would return in the singing of this.

- 1. Do you KNOW Yeshua and the assurance of sins forgiven?
- 2. Are you hearing daily from His Word?
- 3. How are you applying what you heard?
- 4. Are you asking this of another?