

## Elul - אלול

עַל שְׁלוֹשָׁה דְבָרִים הָעוֹלָם עוֹמֵד:  
עַל הַתּוֹרָה, וְעַל הָעֲבוּדָה, וְעַל גְּמִילוּת חַסְדִּים

*Al shloscha d'varim ha-olam o-meid:*

*al haTorah, v'al ha-avodah, v'al g'milut chasadim*

Upon three things the world stands: Torah, service, and acts of kindness

Pirkei Avot 1:2

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אֲנִי לְדוּדִי וְדוּדִי לִי

*Ani l'dodi v'dodi li*

I am for my beloved, and my beloved is for me

Song of Songs 6:3

Prayer/Service – *avodah*, (Ruach)

אִישׁ לְרֵעֵהוּ וּמַתָּנוֹת לְאֲבִיוָנִים

*ish l'rei-eihu u-matanot la-eyyonim*

[Purim: days of joy, sending portions] ... (each) person to a friend, and gifts to the poor

Esther 9:22

Acts of kindness – *g'milut chasadim*, (Nefesh)

אֲנִי לְיָדוֹ וְשַׁמְתִּי לָךְ

*inah l'yado v-samti l'cha*

[if God] ... delivered into his hand; then I shall establish for you ... [a safe place]

Exodus 21:13

Teaching – *Torah*, (Neshamah)

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אֶת לְבַבְךָ וְאֶת לְבַב

*et l'av'cha v'et l'av*

[God will open] ... your heart and the heart ... [of your children to love]

Deuteronomy 30:6

Return / Repentance – *Teshuvah*, (Chaya)

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לֵה' וַיֹּאמְרוּ לְאֵמֶר אֲשִׁירָה

*l'Adonai va-yomru leimor ashira*

[Moses and Israel sang this song] ... to YHVH, and spoke, saying, I will sing ...

Exodus 15:1

Redemption – *G'ulah*, (Yechida)

(reversal: divine sparks will rise after their original descent)

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### אָרוֹן לוחות וּשְׁבִירֵי לוחות

*Aron luchot u'shivrei luchot*

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and also to transform broken tablets  
through *teshuvah*

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