

# SEPTEMBER

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## LABOR DAY

Our unofficial end of summer, this day celebrates the American worker, upon whose labor this great nation is built.

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## NATIVITY OF MARY

It is nine months since the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. In France, this day is known as “Our Lady of the Grape Harvest.”

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## GRANDPARENTS DAY

We celebrate and remember our grandparents.

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## ROSH HASHANAH BEGINS AT SUNDOWN

*And you will cast their sins into the depth of the sea. And you will eat apples dipped in honey:*

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## ST. MATTHEW'S DAY

*Matthew's day, bright and clear,  
Brings good wine in the next year.*

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## JOHNNY APPLESEED'S BIRTHDAY

How fitting that John Chapman, the early American traveling pioneer who planted apple trees everywhere he went, was born at the height of apple season! Today is a fine day to enjoy the fruits of his labor.



*“A basket of apples. By the back door: Beneath the sweater pegs.”*

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## SAN GENARRO'S DAY

St. Januarius or San Genarro, patron saint of Naples, Italy, is celebrated today. His day is marked by great feasts in the streets of both Napoli and New York's Little Italy.

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## AUTUMNAL EQUINOX 4:02 PM IN LAKE WORTH

The equinox briefly brings balance; then darkness overtakes light in the Northern Hemisphere as we enter the darker half of the year.

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## MICHAELMAS

Celebrates Michael the Archangel. But angels abound in cultures throughout the world. . . it's a good day to celebrate them all.

## IT'S ALSO YOM KIPPUR (BEGINS AT SUNDOWN)

High holy days in the Jewish calendar: days of repentance and atonement.



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Thompson's Orchards in New Gloucester, Maine, just opened for apple harvest season. Seth was there and picked these apples, just in time for September's arrival. When he got back home to Lake Worth, we put them in an ash basket made about 20 years ago by Herb Thompson, who used to own the orchard. Now his sons run the orchard. They were pretty thrilled when Seth told them about the basket. Our treasures are pretty simple. (Photo caption: lyrics from "One More Colour" by Jane Siberry.)

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