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**The Number 9 in Jewish tradition bursts with esoteric connotations.** On Rosh Hashanah, 9 blasts of the *shofar* howl our annual psychic wake-up call. The 9th of Av marks the worst tragedies in Jewish history. At Chanukah, only the 9th candle can ignite the miraculous eight. 9 is indestructible, irrefutable: The sum of the digits of multiples of 9 always add to 9. Einsteinium is the 99th element in the Periodic Table. 9 planets whirl through our solar system. 9 Supreme Court Justices hold ultimate legal authority. In Kabbalah, the 9th *Sefirah* corresponds to the human procreative organs. 9 months of pregnancy incubate from conception to culmination. Adam

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Sandler was born on 9/9. Danielle Steele has 9 children and writes a book every 9 months. In Talmudic times, girls could be engaged at age 3, boys at 9. Born Chaim Witz in Israel, Gene Simmons of KISS moved to Brooklyn at 9. Robert Downey Jr.'s father gave him a joint at 9. Jack Roy struggled 9 years in comedy before later changing his name to Rodney Dangerfield. At 99, Abraham circumcised himself after entering the holy covenant. Was it prophetic when George Burns quipped, "Sex is one of the 9 reasons for reincarnation. The other eight are unimportant." To the Progenitors! To the Progeny! To all of Pro-creativity!  
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A batting lineup in baseball consists of 9 players. On 1/22, 1857, the 9 inning game was introduced • 9 ball is the standard pro billiards variant played in the US • A game of squash is won by scoring 9 points • A 9 iron in golf has the greatest loft • *On cloud 9* came into use in the 1950s from a term used by the US Weather Bureau for a cumulo-nimbus cloud • Apollo 9 was the first manned flight of the Apollo Lunar Module, the first test of the Apollo space suits, and the first manned flight of a spacecraft capable of returning to earth • Only about 1/9 of the mass of an iceberg is visible above the water • With 9 letters *Redivider* is the longest palindrome in the English language • Begun 9/26/96 in Toronto, Canada, STIME declared itself the official universal clock and calendar in which all units of time are divided into 9 equal segments so the equivalent of seconds, minutes, hours, days, weeks, months, years, decades, centuries, millennia are exact factors or multiples of each other. This new system of keeping time is universal, symmetrical and continual • 9 to 5, what a way to make a living

Enoch was one of 9 righteous men who did not suffer the pain of death and entered paradise alive • *Seinfeld* ran for 9 seasons • Noah Wyle's salary for ER was 9,000,000 a year. He was the only series regular to stick through all 9 seasons • Ben Stiller dropped out of UCLA after a mere 9 months • Richard Dreyfuss began his acting career at age 9 at the Westside JCC in LA • At age 9, Cary Grant came home from school and was told his mother had gone off to a seaside resort, while she was actually removed to a mental institution • Billy Crystal wanted to be a pro baseball player since age 9 • Boris Becker competed in his first tennis tournaments at age 9 • A 9-year old Paul Simon first heard Art Garfunkel sing *They Tried To Tell Us We're Too Young* at school • Paul Simon released a 9-disc box set of all his albums • Philip Roth narrates his novel, *The Plot Against America*, from the perspective of his 9-year old self • Stan Lee, chairman of Marvel Comics and creator of *Spiderman*, is one of only 9 men in the U.S. Army to be given the military classification "playwright" • Larry Ellison almost died of pneumonia at 9 months old, and his unmarried 19-year old mother gave him to his great aunt and uncle to raise • Marcel Proust nearly died of his first asthma attack at age 9, and became so obsessed with this condition that he often used more than 20 towels after bathing to avoid having a damp towel touch his body • Both Beethoven and Anton Bruckner wrote 9 symphonies. After Beethoven died leaving his 10th Symphony unfinished, composers were superstitious about writing Ninth Symphonies for the rest of the 19th century

The longest prayer of the year is the musaf prayer on Rosh Hashanah which has 9 blessings because of the 9 times that Hannah mentioned God's name in her prayers for a son • 9% of the members of Israel's first Knesset in 1949 were women • Ruth Bader Ginsburg was one of only 9 women in her Harvard Law School class of 1969 • Judge Judy's book *Beauty, Fades, Dumb is Forever* was a NY Times bestseller for 9 weeks • A stitch in time saves 9 • Dressed to the 9s • Donna Karan took a summer job with Anne Klein and was fired after 9 months, before later returning to become head designer • 9 Greek Nuses, the daughters of Zeus, serve as patron goddesses of the arts • As a child, Frida Kahlo contracted polio and spent 9 months confined to her bed • Judy Chicago's epic multimedia art installation, *The Dinner Party*, includes the names of 999 women of achievement • Joan Collins made her acting debut in a male role at age 9 in a production of *The Doll's House* and has published 9 books • Debra Messing dated her husband for 9 years before they got married • Natalie Portman was born on 6/9, 1981, in Jerusalem • Barbra Streisand has Grammy nominations in more categories than any other artist: 9