

Rosh Hashanah

Change vs. Continuity

Leviticus 23:24

בַּחֹדֶשׁ הַשְּׁבִיעִי בְּאֶחָד לַחֹדֶשׁ יִהְיֶה לָכֶם שַׁבָּתוֹן

In the seventh month, on the first of the month, it shall be a Sabbath for you

Leviticus 23:25

כָּל מְלָאכָת עֲבֹדָה לֹא תַעֲשׂוּ

You shall not perform any work of labor

Maimonides: Positive Commandment #163

The 163rd *mitzvah* is that we are commanded to refrain from doing *melachah* on the first day of the month of Tishrei [i.e. *Rosh HaShanah*].

The source of this commandment is G-d's statement, "The first day of the seventh month shall be for you *Shabbason*" [a day of rest.] (Leviticus 23:24)

We have already explained the statement of our Sages, "The term *Shabbason* indicates a positive commandment."

Maimonides: Negative Commandment #326

The 326th prohibition is that we are forbidden to perform *melachah* on *Rosh HaShanah*.

The source of this commandment is G-d's statement, "No servile *melachah* may be done [on that day]."