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"וְהָיָה בְּיָמֵי זֶדְדִּי בְּזֶדְדִּי וּבְיָמֵי שָׁבַת בְּשָׁבַתוֹ"

And it shall come to pass that from one New Moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another
(ישעיהו פרק סו פסוק כג)

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June 22, 2020 – July 21, 2020

The New Moon: Monday night (21.6.2020) at 00:26 a.m. (26 minutes past midnight) and 14 *chalamim*

Kiddush Levana (Sanctification of the Moon):

from Wednesday night, the eve of 3 *Tammuz* (24.6.2020) to Saturday night, the eve of 13 *Tammuz* (4.7.2020) the entire night

Kiddush Levana (according to Oriental communities): from Sunday night, 7 *Tammuz* (26.6.2020)

Tekufat Tammuz: Tuesday night, 15 *Tammuz* (7.7.2020) at 7:30 p.m.

Monday, 30 Sivan (22.6.2020) - First day of *Rosh Chodesh Tammuz*. *Rosh Chodesh* Prayers.

Tuesday, 1 *Tammuz* (23.6.2020) – Second day of *Rosh Chodesh Tammuz*: *Rosh Chodesh* prayer service.

Candle Lighting Times for Shabbat - Friday, 4 Tammuz, June 26, 2020

Shabbat begins		Shabbat ends		Shabbat begins		Shabbat begins			
Jerusalem	19:13	Jerusalem	20:30	New York	20:11	Melbourne	16:40	Madrid	21:19
Tel Aviv	19:30	Tel Aviv	20:33	Los Angeles	19:39	Johannesburg	17:01	Marbella	21:24
Beer Sheba	19:29	Beer Sheba	20:30	Paris	21:29	Buenos Aires	17:23	Toronto	20:36
Haifa	19:25	Haifa	20:35	London	20:53	Moscow	20:52	Warsaw	20:30
Eilat	19:14	Eilat	20:25	Amsterdam	21:36	Rome	20:19		

Shabbat Parashat Chukat, 5 Tammuz (27.6.2020) [abroad: *Parashat Korach*]

The *Haftara* is read from Judges (*Shofetim*) 11:1: *v'yiftach ha'giladi to Bnai Yisrael* (33).

Mincha: Three men are called up to read from *Parashat Balak*. *Avot*, chapter 5.

Candle Lighting Times for Shabbat - Friday, 11 Tammuz, July 3, 2020

Shabbat begins		Shabbat ends		Shabbat begins		Shabbat begins			
Jerusalem	19:13	Jerusalem	20:30	New York	20:10	Melbourne	16:43	Madrid	21:18
Tel Aviv	19:30	Tel Aviv	20:33	Los Angeles	19:39	Johannesburg	17:04	Marbella	21:23
Beer Sheba	19:29	Beer Sheba	20:30	Paris	21:28	Buenos Aires	17:25	Toronto	20:35
Haifa	19:25	Haifa	20:34	London	20:51	Moscow	20:49	Warsaw	20:28
Eilat	19:14	Eilat	20:24	Amsterdam	21:34	Rome	20:18		

Shabbat Parashat Balak, 12 Tammuz (4.7.2020) [abroad: *Parashat Chukat-Balak*]

The *Haftara* is read from *Micha* 5:6: *v'haya she'erit ya'akov* to 6:8: *v'hatzna lechet*.

Mincha: Three men are called up to read from *Parashat Pinchas*. *Avot*, Chapter 6.

Thursday, 17 Tammuz (9.7.2020) – Fast Day

First dawn: 3:51 a.m. (in Israel). We recite *selichot*, *avinu malkeinu*, *vaychal*.

Mincha: *vaychal*, *haftara*, *'aneinu*, *avinu malkeinu*; *birkat kohanim* in accordance with custom. The fast ends 18 minutes after sunset – at 8:10 p.m. (in Israel).

The Three Weeks of *Bein Ha-Metsarim* (July 7, 2020 – July 30, 2020)

From the 17th (*yod-zayin*) of *Tammuz* (9.7.2020) until after the 9th of *Av* (*Tish'a b'Av*) – 30.7.2020 – weddings are not celebrated, new clothes are not worn and new crockery (dishes, etc.) are not used, nor do we buy them in order to use them after *Tish'a b'Av*. We do not take haircuts, we do not recite *birkat shehecheyanu* when eating a new fruit – though on *Shabbat* some say that this *beracha* can be recited. It is permitted to recite *shehecheyanu* over any pleasure that cannot be postponed. A *se'uda* of *shidduchim* is permitted until *Rosh Chodesh Av*, and a *se'udat mitzva* – such as that of a *b'rit mila*, *pidyon ha-ben* and *siyyum masechet* (seudah celebration upon the completion of a Talmudic tractate) – is permitted even with meat, wine and even after *Rosh Chodesh*, so long as no dancing takes place. Happy music is forbidden. Going on excursions and bathing, even pleasurable bathing, are permitted until *Rosh Chodesh Av*. *Shidduchim* – without a *se'uda* – are permitted, even on *Tish'a b'Av* itself. It is permitted to cut one's fingernails in respect for *Shabbat* even after *Rosh Chodesh*. The pious (*Chassidim ve-anshei ma'ase*) recite *tikkun chatzot* every afternoon, from the 17th of *Tammuz* to the eve of *Tish'a b'Av*, except for *'erev Shabbat* and *Rosh Chodesh*.

Candle Lighting Times For Shabbat - Friday, 18 Tammuz, July 10, 2020

Shabbat begins		Shabbat ends		Shabbat begins		Shabbat begins			
Jerusalem	19:12	Jerusalem	20:28	New York	20:08	Melbourne	16:47	Madrid	21:16
Tel Aviv	19:29	Tel Aviv	20:31	Los Angeles	19:38	Johannesburg	17:07	Marbella	21:22
Beer Sheba	19:28	Beer Sheba	20:28	Paris	21:24	Buenos Aires	17:29	Toronto	20:32
Haifa	19:23	Haifa	20:32	London	20:47	Moscow	20:43	Warsaw	20:32
Eilat	19:13	Eilat	20:23	Amsterdam	21:29	Rome	20:16		

Shabbat Parashat Pinchas, 19 Tammuz (11.7.2020)

The first Shabbat of *Tlata D'epuranuta* (Three of punishment – Between the 17 of Tammuz and the 9th of Av we read 3 *Haftarot* of destruction). The *haftara* is read from Jeremiah 1:1 (*divrei yirmiyahu*) to 2:3 (*ne'um HaShem*).

Mincha: Three men are called up to read from *Parashat Matot*. *Avot* chapter 1.

Candle Lighting Times For Shabbat - Friday, 25 Tammuz, July 17, 2020

Shabbat begins		Shabbat ends		Shabbat begins		Shabbat begins			
Jerusalem	19:09	Jerusalem	20:25	New York	20:04	Melbourne	16:52	Madrid	21:12
Tel Aviv	19:26	Tel Aviv	20:27	Los Angeles	19:35	Johannesburg	17:10	Marbella	21:18
Beer Sheba	19:26	Beer Sheba	20:25	Paris	21:18	Buenos Aires	17:33	Toronto	20:27
Haifa	19:21	Haifa	20:29	London	20:40	Moscow	20:34	Warsa	20:16
Eilat	19:10	Eilat	20:20	Amsterdam	21:22	Rome	20:11		

Shabbat Parashat Matot-Mas'ei, 26 Tammuz (18.7.2020) – Shabbat Mevarchin

“Chazak”. The Torah reader must not stop before completing the 42 *massa'ot*. The *Haftara* is read from *Yirmiyahu* (Jeremiah) 2:4: *Shim'u devar HaShem* to (verse 28) *hayu e-lokecha yehuda* and we add 3:4, from *halo me'atta* to *alluf ne'urai atta*.

We announce Rosh Chodesh Av which will fall on **Wednesday** (22.7.2020). *Av HaRachamim* is not recited (according to the *Gr"e*, *Av HaRachamim* is recited).

The Molad: Monday (20.7.2020), at 1:10 p.m. and 15 chalakim

Mincha: Three men are called up to read from *Parashat Devarim*. *Avot*, Chapter 2.

Tuesday, 29 Tammuz (21.7.2020): *Erev Rosh Chodesh Av*. *Yom Kippur Kattan* prayers. We do not recite *Tachanun*.

Virtual Tour with a Guide – The Western Wall Tunnels 360 LIVE

With the Western Wall Tunnels currently closed to the public, we are offering a guided virtual tour of the entire length of the Western Wall Tunnels.

In light of the situation, the Western Wall Tunnels site was filmed using state-of-the-art advanced technology that allows you to have the full experience of the site without leaving home.

The entire tour is led by an accompanying guide who will take you into the hidden depths under the Western Wall. You can ask questions during the tour and get live, personal answers.

The tour includes film clips and unique audio-visual aids alongside a high-quality, three-dimensional tour.

The tour is particularly appropriate for communities and organized groups in preparation for the 17th of Tamuz and the “Three Weeks” prior to Tisha B'Av.

For more information about the tour, visit the English Western Wall website:

https://english.thekotel.org/western_wall_sites/360/

The Western Wall Tunnels 360 LIVE tour – short film in English:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=1&v=MccQtsHDWvY&feature=emb_title

To arrange a tour, please contact the Western Wall Heritage Foundation's Customer Service hotline at 972-2-6271333 or at contact@thekotel.org.

With best wishes for a Good Month!

David Ben-Naeh
Chairman

To Unite in the Reinforcement of the Sanctity of the Synagogue - and to live a good life

Thank G-d we have merited the return to G-d's "courtyard", following a long sojourn "exiled from our land" leaving the synagogues desolate and barren. We thank G-d that we have returned to our blessed daily routine, gradually and with precaution. However, soon we will assemble in crowd mode, as in previous years.

Despite this positive development, our hearts are in anguish over the loss of those near and dear to us, who were victims of this awful pandemic. Amongst those that perished, were Torah scholars and community activists. Each and every Jew is a world unto himself.

What is incumbent upon us, in order to leave this period of turmoil, strengthened, more united and better people?

Great Jewish leaders of our era spoke about our forced departure from the Synagogue as a clarion call to sustain the sanctity of the synagogue upon our return.

Allow me to suggest a small but very powerful step, that is awesome in its magnitude. The idea is a Mitzva of the multitudes, that can enhance community identity and impact on greater Israel, as a whole.

Rabbi **Gershon Yomtov Lipman HaLevi Heller** [5339-5414], composed a prayer commencing with: "He Who Blessed our fathers...", subsequent to the violent pogroms of 5408-5409 in Europe. It is a concise prayer, which includes, within it, all existing blessings, "all the blessings found in Torah, Prophets and Writings." In this way he attempted to strengthen the commitment to the spiritual ambience of the synagogue, and thus enhance the sanctity of the synagogue and ensure its safety from every possible tragedy and disease.

If we combine our efforts and unite, and add this short prayer {on Sabbath and Holidays following the reading of the Torah Portion}, we will affect the donning of blessing and a good life to all.

”מי שְׁפָרַד אֲבוֹתֵינוּ אֲבָרְהָם יִצְחָק וְיַעֲקֹב וּמֹשֶׁה וְאַהֲרֹן וְדָוִד וּשְׁלֹמֹה, הוּא יִבְרַךְ אֶת כָּל
מי שְׁשׂוּמֵר פִּיּוֹ וּלְשׁוֹנוֹ שֶׁלֹּא לְדַבֵּר בְּעֵת הַתְּפִלָּה, הַקְּדוֹשׁ בְּרוּךְ הוּא יִשְׁמְרֵהוּ וְיִצִּילֵהוּ
מִכָּל צָרָה וְצוּקָה וּמִכָּל נֶגַע וּמַחֲלָה, וְיַחֲלוּ עָלָיו כָּל הַבְּרָכוֹת הַפְּתוּבוֹת בַּסֵּפֶר תּוֹרַת
מֹשֶׁה רַבֵּנוּ וּבְכָל סִפְרֵי הַנְּבִיאִים וְהַפְּתוּבִים, וְיִזְכֶּה לְרֵאוֹת בְּנֵי חַיִּים וְקִיָּמִים וְיִגְדֵּל
לְתוֹרָה לְחֶפֶז וּלְמַעֲשִׂים טוֹבִים, וְיַעֲבֹד אֶת ה' אֱ-לֹהֵינוּ תָּמִיד בְּאַמֶּת וּבְתַמִּים וְנֹאמֵר
אָמֵן.”