



הארגון העולמי של בתי הכנסת
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"וְהָיָה מִיָּדֵי זֶדֶד בְּזֶדֶדְשׁוֹ, וּמִיָּדֵי שַׁבָּת בְּשַׁבָּתוֹ"

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

Table of Laws and Customs for Jewish Communities
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April 12, 2021 – May 11, 2021

The New Moon: Monday (12.4.2021) at 7:47 a.m. and 6 *Chalakim*

Kiddush Levana (Sanctification of the Moon):

from Thursday night, the eve of 4 *Iyar* (15.4.2021) to Monday night, the eve of 15 *Iyar* (26.4.2021), past midnight

Kiddush Levana (according to Oriental communities): from Monday night, 7 *Iyar* (19.4.2021)

The first day of Rosh Chodesh Iyar, Monday, 30th of Nissan (12.4.2021) – Rosh Chodesh prayers.

The second day of Rosh Chodesh Iyar, Tuesday, 1 Iyar (13.4.2021) – Rosh Chodesh prayers.

Wednesday, 2 Iyar (14.4.2021): Yom Ha-Zikaron [early] (Memorial Day) for the Fallen in Israel's Battles

We light *nerot neshama* (24-hour candles) in memory of the fallen. In the 'arvit prayer service *Psalm 9* is read after *kaddish titkabbal*, verse by verse. *Kaddish* is recited by parents and relatives of the fallen. In the *shacharit* prayer service, after *kaddish titkabbal*, the Ark is opened and *Psalm 144* is recited, verse by verse. *Yizkor*, *el maleh rachamim* and *kaddish* by parents and relatives.

The **World Organization of Synagogues and Communities** is leading a project to commemorate the souls of the IDF fallen soldiers. The study takes place as at home and enables personal / family study (due to the Corona virus). A special site was established which enables also children to participate in the learning. The site is accessible in five languages and brings together learners from all over the world. **Click [here](#) to join**

Hag Ha'Atzma'ut [early] – Thursday, 5 Iyar (15.4.2021)

In accordance with the ruling of the Israel Chief Rabbinate, we recite before the 'arvit prayer service various prayers of thanks in accordance with custom, and in the *shacharit* prayer we add the psalms recited on *Shabbatot* and *Yamim Tovim*; we recite *Shirat Ha-Yam* (Song of the Sea) verse by verse; after the 'Amida we recite *Hallel* (some do so with a *beracha*, others – without) and the Prayer for the Wellbeing of the State and Israel Defense Forces.

We do not recite *tachanun* or *lam'natzeach*. From the Book of Isaiah 11, 12, we read the section 'Od ha'yom b'Nov la'amod until *kedosh Yisrael*. We celebrate the onset of the growth of our Redemption – *Reishit Tz'michat Ge'ulateinu* - with rejoicing and thanksgiving to the Almighty.

Candle Lighting Times For Shabbat - Friday, 4 Iyar, April 16, 2021

Shabbat begins		Shabbat ends		Shabbat begins		Shabbat begins			
Jerusalem	18:33	Jerusalem	19:47	New York	19:16	Melbourne	17:22	Madrid	20:24
Tel Aviv	18:50	Tel Aviv	19:49	Los Angeles	18:56	Johannesburg	17:26	Marbella	20:37
Beer Sheba	18:50	Beer Sheba	19:47	Paris	20:15	Buenos Aires	17:59	Toronto	19:35
Haifa	18:43	Haifa	19:49	London	19:30	Moscow	19:10	Warsaw	19:05
Eilat	18:37	Eilat	19:49	Amsterdam	20:10	Rome	19:22		

Shabbat Parashot Tazria-Metzora, 5 Iyar (17.4.2021)

The *Haftara* is read from Kings II ch. 7 verse 20: *va'yirmesu oto ha'am ba'shaar va'yamot. Av Harachim* is recited. We bless those who fast *sheini-hamishi-sheini*.

Mincha: three men are called up to read from *Parashat Acharei. Yaale ve'Yavo. Tsidkatecha tzedek* is recited. *Avot* chapter 2.

Monday, 7 Iyar (19.4.2021) Ta'anit Sheini Kama – the first Monday fast – *selichot*; 'alot ha-shachar (first glimmer of dawn): 4:32 a.m. in Israel.

Thursday, 10 Iyar (22.4.2021). Ta'anit Chamishi. Selichot: *alot ha-shachar* (first glimmer of dawn): 4:26 a.m. in Israel.

Candle Lighting Times For Shabbat - Friday, 11 Iyar, April 23, 2021

Shabbat begins		Shabbat ends		Shabbat begins		Shabbat begins			
Jerusalem	18:38	Jerusalem	19:52	New York	19:24	Melbourne	17:13	Madrid	20:32
Tel Aviv	18:55	Tel Aviv	19:54	Los Angeles	19:02	Johannesburg	17:19	Marbella	20:34
Beer Sheba	18:55	Beer Sheba	19:53	Paris	20:25	Buenos Aires	17:50	Toronto	19:43
Haifa	18:48	Haifa	19:55	London	19:42	Moscow	19:25	Warsaw	19:17
Eilat	18:41	Eilat	19:49	Amsterdam	20:22	Rome	19:29		

Shabbat Parashot Acharei Mot – Kedoshim, 12 Iyar (24.4.2021)

The *Haftara* is read from Amos 9:7 “*Ha-lo kiv'nei kushiyim atem li*” until 9:15: “*Amar Hashem Elokecha*”.

Mincha: three men are called up to the read from *Parashat Emor*. Avot chapter 3.

Pesach Sheini, Monday, 14 Iyar (26.4.2021): *Ta'anit Sheini tinyana*. ‘*alot ha-shachar* (first glimmer of dawn): 4:23 a.m. in Israel. [Some do not fast because of Pesach Sheini].

Tuesday, 15 Iyar (27.4.2021). From this day onwards, those who have a doubt if they said *Mashiv Haruach* or *V'ten Bracha*, do not repeat the *Shmone Esreh* prayer, since 30 days (90 prayers) have passed since the beginning of saying these phrases.

Lag Ba'Omer, Friday, 18 Iyar (30.4.2021) - Hillula of Rabbi Shim'on Bar Yochai at Meron

From sunset we must take care not to say that today is *Lag Ba'Omer* until we actually count the ‘*Omer*, lest we enter into doubt as to whether to pronounce the *beracha* or not. *Tachanun* is not recited, but we do say *lam'natzeah*.

We may take haircuts. It is customary to rejoice, and weddings are celebrated. The *hillula* at Meron takes place at the gravesite of Rabbi Shim'on bar Yochai. Some are accustomed to cutting the hair of a child who has turned three years of age. We do not fast on this day, except for a *ta'anit chalom* or a bridegroom on his wedding day.

Candle Lighting Times For Shabbat - Friday, 18 Iyar, April 30, 2021

Shabbat begins		Shabbat ends		Shabbat begins		Shabbat begins			
Jerusalem	18:43	Jerusalem	19:58	New York	19:31	Melbourne	17:05	Madrid	20:39
Tel Aviv	19:00	Tel Aviv	20:00	Los Angeles	19:07	Johannesburg	17:14	Marbella	20:49
Beer Sheba	19:00	Beer Sheba	19:58	Paris	20:36	Buenos Aires	17:43	Toronto	19:51
Haifa	18:53	Haifa	20:01	London	19:53	Moscow	19:39	Warsaw	19:29
Eilat	18:46	Eilat	19:54	Amsterdam	20:35	Rome	19:37		

Shabbat Parashat Emor, 19 Iyar (1.5.2021)

The *Haftara* is read from *Yechezkel* (Ezekiel), Chapter 44, verse 15: “*v'ha-kohanim hal'viyim*” to the end of the chapter.

Mincha: three men are called up to the read from *Parashat Behar*. Avot, Chapter 4.

Candle Lighting Times For Shabbat - Friday, 25 Iyar, May 7, 2021

Shabbat begins		Shabbat ends		Shabbat begins		Shabbat begins			
Jerusalem	18:48	Jerusalem	20:03	New York	19:38	Melbourne	16:57	Madrid	20:46
Tel Aviv	19:05	Tel Aviv	20:06	Los Angeles	19:13	Johannesburg	17:09	Marbella	20:55
Beer Sheba	19:04	Beer Sheba	20:04	Paris	20:46	Buenos Aires	17:36	Toronto	20:00
Haifa	18:59	Haifa	20:06	London	20:05	Moscow	19:53	Warsaw	19:40
Eilat	18:50	Eilat	19:59	Amsterdam	20:46	Rome	19:45		

Shabbat Parashot Behar-Bechukotai, 26 Iyar (8.5.2021)

“*Chazak*”. It is customary to read the verses of the *tochecha* in an undertone, yet clearly so that the entire congregation can hear it.

It is also customary for the Torah reader himself to be called to the Torah for this reading. The *Haftara* is read from *Yirmiyahu* (Jeremiah), from Chapter 16, verses 19: “*HaShem 'uzi*” until Chapter 17, verse 14 “*ki tehillati atta*”.

The Molad: Tuesday night (11.5.2021) at 8:31 p.m. and 7 chalakim

Mincha: three men are called up to the read from *Parashat B'midbar*. Avot chapter 5.

Shabbat Shalom Yerushalayim

Worldwide Shabbat in honor of Jerusalem Day. Organized by the World Organization of Orthodox Synagogues and Communities. The purpose of this Shabbat is to strengthen the status of the State of Israel and its capital - Jerusalem, in the heart of Diaspora Jewry. On this Shabbat a special prayer is held on behalf of the entire Jewish people and in honor of Jerusalem Day. The prayer is sent and distributed before Shabbat, to synagogues and communities all over the world. Articles and *Divrei Torah* are sent before this Shabbat, to strengthen the Jewish Zionist identity. The Shabbat prayer takes place close to the Jerusalem Day celebration. Groups of young students from the Diaspora Jewry, who are studying in Israel, will be participating in this Shabbat together with the Mayor of Jerusalem, the Chief Rabbi of Jerusalem and with representatives of our organization.

Shabbat Parashot Behar-Bechukotai, 26 Iyar (8.5.2021)

תפילה לשלום ירושלים – הראש"צ הרב שלמה משה עמאר – הרב הראשי לירושלים

תבאמו ותטעמו בהר נחלתך, אותו קדשך מִכּוֹן
לְשַׁבְּתֶךָ,
וְהִגְנוּ עָלֶיְכֶם בְּאַבְרַת חֲסֵדְךָ,
וְלִיְהוּדִים שְׂמֵחָה וְאוֹרָה, תוֹד הָעִיר שְׂחַבְּרָה,
וּבְנֵה אוֹתָהּ מְהֵרָה בְּנֵינ עוֹלָם,
וְכִסָּא דְּוֹד תִּכְיִן בְּתוֹכָהּ דְּבִיר וְאוֹלָם.
יְהִי שְׁלוֹם בְּחִילְךָ שְׁלֹנָה בְּאַרְמְנוֹתֶיךָ לְעוֹלָם,
וְהַשֵּׁם יְהִי לָךְ לְאוֹר עוֹלָם,
בְּרוּךְ שׁוֹמֵר יִשְׂרָאֵל, וּבּוֹנֵה יְרוּשָׁלַיִם.

ירושלים הרים סביב לה, ונה' סביב לעמו.
אתה הוא ה' האל-להים אשר בחרת בירושלים,
ואותה הגבהת עד רום שמים.
ומקדשך בה כוננת, כי לשכון בתוכה אנית.
באש היית לה לחומה, בימין-ענף לרוממה,
שומר ישראל שמור עם בחרת,
בירושלים אותה בשמה קראת.
ופרס ספת שלומך עליה, ותן שלום לישביה,
ושמחה בבנייה השבים אליה.

תפילה לירושלים – הרב שאר ישוב כהן זצ"ל

אבינו שבשמים הבוחר בציון וירושלים, אשר איתך למושב לך את עיר הקדש, ברחך כל בוניה, בניה ודורשי שלומה, ושלח
ברכה והצלחה בכל מעשי ידיהם. ופרוש עליה ספת שלומך, וקיים בה מקרא שכתוב: למען ציון לא אחשה, ולמען ירושלים
לא אשקוט, עד יצא כנגה צדקה, וישועתה פלפיד יבער. ובנה אותה בקרוב בימינו בנין עולם, וכסא דוד עבדך במהרה
לתוכה תכין. ברוך מנחם ציון ובונה ירושלים מעתה ועד עולם, אמן כן יהי רצון.

Prayer for Jerusalem – Harav She'ar Yashuv Cohen zt"l

Our Father Who is in Heaven, He Who has chosen Zion and Jerusalem, the Holy City which You desired for Your Seat, bless
all the builders of Jerusalem together with all those who seek her wellbeing, and send blessing and prosperity in everything
they do; spread over the city Your Tabernacle of Peace, and fulfill in her the prophetic verse: *For the sake of Zion I will not
keep silent, and for the sake of Jerusalem I will not keep quiet – until her righteousness goes forth like a star, and her
salvation burns like a torch;* and build her soon in our days for eternity, and erect speedily in her the throne of David Your
servant.

Blessed is He who comforts Zion and rebuilds Jerusalem from now and forever, Amen.

With best wishes for a Good Month!

David Ben-Naeh