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"וְהָיָה מִיָּדֵי זָרָע בְּזָרְעוֹ, 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)

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The New Moon: Wednesday night (12.12.2023), at 8:01 p.m., and 3 *chalamim*.

Kiddush Levana (Sanctification of the Moon):

from Saturday night, 4 *Tevet* (16.12.2023) to Tuesday night, 15 *Tevet* (26.12.2023) the entire night
Kiddush Levana (according to Oriental communities): from Tuesday night, 8 *Tevet* (19.12.2023)

Tekufat Tevet: Sunday morning (7.1.2024) at 4:30 a.m.

Sixth day of Chanuka, Wednesday, Rosh Chodesh Tevet (13.12.2023)

Arvit. *yaale v'yavo*, 'Al ha-nissim.

Shacharit: Rosh Chodesh prayers with the additions for Chanuka. *Hallel Shalem*. Two Torah scrolls are taken out. In the first three men are called up to read from *Parashat Pinchas*. The second torah scroll is brought out, and the first Torah scroll is lifted. In the second scroll we read *ba-yom ha-shishi*. *Chatzi Kaddish*. *Ye'halelu*, *Ashrei*, *u'va Le'tzion*, *chatzi Kaddish*, *Mussaf* for Rosh Chodesh. *Al ha-nissim*, *Kaddish titkabel*, *aleinu*, *shir shel yom*: *barchi nafshi* and the rest of the prayer is like any other day.

Seventh day of Chanuka, Thursday (14.12.2023)

Shacharit as on the first day of Chanuka. The Torah reading is from: *bayom ha-sh'vi'i* and the division is like the third day of Chanuka.

Eighth day of Chanuka, Zot Chanuka, 3 Tevet (15.12.2023)

Shacharit: as on the first day of Chanuka. The Torah reading is from: *bayom ha-sh'mini*. We call up three men: *Kohen*: to *m'le'a k'toret*; *Levi*: to *Gamliel ben Pedahtzur*, *Sh'lishi*: to *ken 'asa et ha-m'nora* in *Parashat B'ha'alotekha*.

Shabbat Parashat Miketz, 4 Tevet (16.12.2023)

The Haftara is from Kings 1 3:15-4:1 "*vayikatz shlomo v'hine chalom*".

Mincha: Three men are called up to read from *Parashat Vayigash*.

Fast of the Tenth of Tevet (the tenth month in the Hebrew calendar), Friday, 10 Tevet (22.12.2023)

The fast in Israel begins at 4:59 a.m. in Israel. The regular daily prayers are recited. In the Reader's repetition of the *Shmone Esrei*, *Anenu* is recited in Shacharit, between the blessings of *Goel Yisrael* and *Refaeinu*. Individuals recite *Anenu* in the *Shma Koleinu* blessing at Mincha. After the Reader's repetition in Shacharit, *Slichot* and *Avinu Malkeinu* are recited.

Three people are called up for the Torah reading in *Parashat Ki Tisa* (Shmot, 32:11): *Vayechal*. This year the tenth of Tevet falls on Friday, therefore Mincha should be recited earlier in order to have time for the Torah reading and Maftir, and the Kohanim can *duchen*.

Special custom of the Sephardi community: Special *Selichot* for the Tenth of Tevet are recited. After Tefila LeDavid and the Psalm of the day, Psalm 79 is recited.

The Tenth of Tevet – Day of Kaddish for Holocaust Victims whose date of death is unknown

The Chief Rabbinate of Israel has marked the fast of the Tenth of Tevet as the Day of Kaddish for all those murdered in the Holocaust whose date of death is unknown. On the eve of the fast day, a memorial candle is lit, and Torah studied that day (usually *mishnayot*) is dedicated to their memory. Those who lost relatives in the Holocaust and don't know the date of their death observe this day as their *Yahrzeit* and recite *Kaddish* in their memory. In the morning prayers, after the Torah reading, a special memorial prayer for Holocaust victims is recited.

**Azkara (Memorial Prayer) for Holocaust Victims For the General Day of Kaddish,
The Tenth of Tevet**

אל מלא רחמים, דין אלמנות ואבי תומים, אל נא תחשה ותתאפק לדם ישראל שנשפך פמים. תן מנוחה נכונה על פני השכינה, במעלות קדושים וטהורים כזהר הרקיע מזהרים, לנשמותיהם של שש מאות רבבות אלפי ישראל, אנשים ונשים, ילדים וילדות, שנהרגו ונשחטו ונשרפו ונטבחו ונחנקו ונקברו חיים בידי הצוררים. כלם קדושים וטהורים, ובהם גאונים וצדיקים, ארזי הלבנון ואדירי התורה, בגן עדן תהא מנוחתם. בעל הרחמים יצור בצרור החיים את נשמתם, ה' הוא נחלתם, ויזכר לנו עקדתם, ויעמד לנו ולכל ישראל זכותם. ארץ אל תכסי דמם, ואל יהי מקום לזעקתם. בזכותם נדחי ישראל ישובו לאחזתם, והקדושים לזכרון תמיד - נגד ה' צדקתם. כבואו שלום ויבואו על משפכם, ונאמר אמן.

Shabbat Parashat Vayigash, 11 Tevet (23.12.2023)

The *Haftara* is Ezekiel 37:15 "vayehi dvar hashem" till the end of the chapter.

Mincha: three men are called up to read from Parashat **Vayechi**.

Shabbat Parashat Vayechi, 18 Tevet (30.12.2023)

We finish reading the book of *Breishit* – *Shabbat Chazak*. One who has been called up as the seventh man to the Torah reading should refrain from saying *Chazak* until he recites the blessing at the end of the Torah reading. The *Haftara* is from I Kings 2:1-12, "and David's day of death approached."

Mincha: Three men are called to the Torah and read from *Parashat Shmot*.

Some pious men have the custom of fasting every Thursday of *Shovabim*, the weeks when the portions of **Shmot**, **Va'era**, **Bo**,

Beshalach, **Yitro** and **Mishpatim** are read. The custom is to consider these personal fast days. One should specify in the *Mincha* prayer the day before that he has decided to fast the next day.

Shabbat Parashat Shmot, 25 Tevet (6.1.2024) – Shabbat Mevarchin

The *Haftara* is Isaiah 27:6-28:13 "*Haba'im yashresh Yaakov*", and then Isaiah 29:22-23 "*Lachen ko amar Hashem*" until "*Elokai Yisrael Yaaritzu*". *Av Harachamim* is not recited. We bless the the month of *Shvat* which falls on Thursday (11.1.2024).

The New Moon: Thursday (11.1.2023), at 8:45 a.m. and 4 Chalakim.

Mincha: Three men are called up to read the Torah from *Parashat Va'era*.

Wednesday, 29 Tevet (10.1.2024): Eve of Rosh Chodesh Shvat: Prayers for *Yom Kippur Katan* are recited.

With best wishes for a good month,
David Ben-Naeh
Chairman

Candle Lighting Times For Shabbat - Friday, 3 Tevet, December 15, 2023

Shabbat begins		Shabbat ends		Shabbat begins		Shabbat begins			
Jerusalem	16:01	Jerusalem	17:16	New York	16:09	Melbourne	20:09	Madrid	17:19
Tel Aviv	16:17	Tel Aviv	17:18	Los Angeles	16:26	Johannesburg	18:32	Marbella	17:47
Beer Sheba	16:20	Beer Sheba	17:19	Paris	16:25	Buenos Aires	19:33	Toronto	16:14
Haifa	16:08	Haifa	17:15	London	15:23	Moscow	15:30	Warsaw	14:52
Eilat	16:13	Eilat	17:22	Amsterdam	15:57	Rome	16:09	Belmonte	16:46
								Lisbon	16:58

Candle Lighting Times For Shabbat - Friday, 10 Tevet, December 22, 2023

Shabbat begins		Shabbat ends		Shabbat begins		Shabbat begins			
Jerusalem	16:05	Jerusalem	17:19	New York	16:12	Melbourne	20:13	Madrid	17:21
Tel Aviv	16:20	Tel Aviv	17:21	Los Angeles	16:29	Johannesburg	18:36	Marbella	17:50
Beer Sheba	16:23	Beer Sheba	17:22	Paris	16:28	Buenos Aires	19:37	Toronto	16:17
Haifa	16:11	Haifa	17:18	London	15:25	Moscow	15:32	Warsaw	14:54
Eilat	16:16	Eilat	17:25	Amsterdam	15:59	Rome	16:12	Belmonte	16:49
								Lisbon	17:01

Candle Lighting Times For Shabbat - Friday, 17 Tevet, December 29, 2023

Shabbat begins		Shabbat ends		Shabbat begins		Shabbat begins			
Jerusalem	16:09	Jerusalem	17:24	New York	16:17	Melbourne	20:15	Madrid	17:26
Tel Aviv	16:24	Tel Aviv	17:25	Los Angeles	16:34	Johannesburg	18:39	Marbella	17:54
Beer Sheba	16:27	Beer Sheba	17:26	Paris	16:33	Buenos Aires	19:40	Toronto	16:21
Haifa	16:15	Haifa	17:23	London	15:30	Moscow	15:37	Warsaw	14:59
Eilat	16:20	Eilat	17:29	Amsterdam	16:04	Rome	16:16	Belmonte	16:53
								Lisbon	17:05

Candle Lighting Times For Shabbat - Friday, 24 Tevet, January 5, 2023

Shabbat begins		Shabbat ends		Shabbat begins		Shabbat begins			
Jerusalem	16:14	Jerusalem	17:29	New York	16:23	Melbourne	20:16	Madrid	17:32
Tel Aviv	16:29	Tel Aviv	17:30	Los Angeles	16:39	Johannesburg	18:41	Marbella	18:00
Beer Sheba	16:32	Beer Sheba	17:31	Paris	16:39	Buenos Aires	19:41	Toronto	16:27
Haifa	16:20	Haifa	17:28	London	15:37	Moscow	15:45	Warsaw	15:07
Eilat	16:25	Eilat	17:34	Amsterdam	16:12	Rome	16:22	Belmonte	16:59
								Lisbon	17:11