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"וְהָיָה מִיָּדֵי זֶרַע בְּזֶדְדָּו, וּמִיָּדֵי שְׂבַת 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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**December 1 – December 30, 2024**

**The New Moon:** Sunday morning, 30 *Cheshvan* (1.12.2024), at 4:49 a.m. and 15 *chalakim*

**Kiddush Levana (Sanctification of the Moon):**

from Wednesday night, 4 *Kislev* (4.12.2024) to Sunday night, 15 *Kislev* (15.12.2024) at 11:11 p.m.

**Kiddush Levana (according to Oriental communities):** from Sunday night, 8 *Kislev* (9.12.2024) to 15 *Kislev* (15.12.2024) at 11:11 p.m.

**Bet d'Rosh Chodesh Kislev, Monday, 1 Kislev (2.12.2024):** Rosh Chodesh prayers.

Outside Israel, we begin to recite *v'ten tal u'matar* in the *Amida* of *Arvit* on Wednesday night (5.12.2024).

**Shabbat Parashat Vayetze, 6 Kislev (7.12.2024)**

The Haftara is read from *Hoshea* 12:13: "Vayivrach Ya'akov s'de Edom" till the end of book, and in order to complete with good, some add *Yoel* 2:26-27: "va'achaltem... v'lo yevoshu ami leolam".

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

**Tuesday, 9 Kislev (10.12.24):** If one is uncertain as to whether he said *v'ten tal u'matar*, he is not required to repeat the *Amida*, for 30 days have passed.

**Shabbat, Parashat Vayishlach, 13 Kislev (14.12.2024)**

The Haftara is read from the book of *Ovadia*: "Chazon Ovadia".

**Mincha:** Three men are called to the Torah reading from Parashat *Vayeshev*.

**Shabbat, Parashat Vayeshev, 20 Kislev (21.12.2024)**

The Haftara is read from *Amos* 2:6 to 3:8: "ko amar hashem" until ch. 3:8 "mi lo yinave".

**Mincha:** three men are called up to the Torah reading from Parashat *Miketz*.

**Wednesday, 24 Kislev (25.12.2024):** *Erev Chanuka*. *Tachanun* is not recited.

**Thursday, 25 Kislev (26.12.2024) – the first day of Chanuka**

After Wednesday's *Mincha* prayer, the *shliach-tzibbur* lights a *Chanuka* candle in the synagogue to remind everyone of the miracle (some light before *'aleinu*). The *hanukkiyah* is placed on the southern side, in memory of the Temple *menorah*, and three *b'rachot* are recited: *I'hadlik; she'asa nissim; shehecheyanu*. One does not fulfill one's obligation with the candle lit in the synagogue. If the *shliach tzibbur* has no one to light for at home, he does not recite *shehecheyanu* a second time. In most synagogues it is the custom to light the *Hanukka* candle after the *mincha* service; then the *'arvit* service is recited, and everyone goes home to light candles there.

In the opinion of most *posekim*, the time to light *Chanuka* candles during the week is immediately after *tzeit ha-kochavim* (nightfall, when the first stars become visible). According to the Vilna Gaon – the proper time is at sunset, and *b'di'avad* – all night.

In a single-storey house one places the *Chanukiya* outside, to the left of the entrance into the house, 10 cm. from the entrance, at a height of between 30 cm. and 100 cm. above ground level. One must not light the candles where the wind is liable to blow them out. If it is not possible to light the candles next to the entrance, or a person who lives in a building of several stories, the candles are to be lit inside, to the right of a window. It is proper to perform the *mitzva* in the best way – using olive oil. The candles should be separated from one another, so as not to look like a bonfire.

**Duration of the burning of the candles:** at least a half-hour. One must light the candles in a place where there is no wind to blow them out. It is forbidden to make use of their light, nor are we to light one candle from another. If the candles go out in less than half an hour, it is the custom to re-light them without reciting any *beracha*. If one has to leave his house before sunset, he can light the candles from *p'lag ha-mincha* (3:40 p.m.), on condition that the candles burn for a

full half-hour after sunset (5:20 p.m.). According to the custom where one lights only after nightfall, the candles have to burn until about 5:40 p.m..

Women, too, are obliged to partake of this mitzva. During all eight days of Chanuka one recites '**al ha-nissim** in both the '*amida* and in *birkat ha-mazon*.

**The custom of our Oriental communities** is to recite *mizmor hanukkat ha-bayit l'david* after *ha-neirot hallalu*. Some are accustomed to reciting *viyhi no'am* and *yoshev b'seter 'elyon* for purposes of protection.

**Shacharit:** It is customary to light *Hanukka* candles in the synagogue during the morning prayer as well, without pronouncing any *berakha*, for increasing awareness of the miracle. *Hallel shalem* is recited all eight days, followed by *Chatzi kaddish*.

The Torah is read from *Parashat Naso* (*B'midbar* 7:1): *vayhi b'yom k'lot moshe* – and three men are called up for this reading. *Kohen:* until *la'chanukat ha-mizbeach*; *Levi:* until *m'le'a k'toret*; *Sh'lishi:* until *Nachshon ben Amminadav*. This is followed by *Shir shel yom: mizmor shir hanukkat ha-bayit* (Psalms 30).

In the synagogue, candles are lit after the *Mincha* service.

### **Second Day of Chanuka, Friday, 26 Kislev (27.12.2024)**

**Shacharit:** The prayer service is the same as yesterday. The Torah is read from *Ba-yom ha-sheni: Kohen:* until *m'le'a ktoret*; *Levi:* until *Netan'el ben Tzu'ar*; *Sh'lishi:* repeats from *Ba-yom ha-sheni* until *Netan'el ben Tzu'ar*.

### **Thirda Day of Chanuka, Shabbat, Parashat Miketz, 27 Kislev (28.12.2024)**

We light *Chanuka* candles 25 minutes before sunset (in Jerusalem, too, where candle-lighting takes place earlier every *Shabbat* eve), to enable the candles to burn half an hour after nightfall. When lighting the *Chanuka* candles, two *berachot* are recited: '**hadlik** and '**she'asa nissim**. Immediately after lighting *Chanuka* candles, the *Shabbat* candles are lit. The candles lit should burn for half an hour after nightfall.

*Kabbalat Shabbat* and the prayer service is the same as on every *Shabbat*. '*al ha-nissim* is recited in the '*Amida* and in *birkat ha-mazon*.

**The custom of our Oriental communities:** in the '*Arvit* service, *ba-meh madlikin* is not recited. *Kol Yisrael* is said, and then *amar Rabbi Eleazar, Kaddish 'al Yisrael*. In the '*Amida*, '*al ha-nissim* is said.

**Shacharit:** the *Shabbat* prayer service, '*al ha-nissim*, *hallel shalem*. Two *Sifrei Torah* are brought out; in the first we read *Parashat Miketz* and seven are called up to this Torah reading. *Chatzi kaddish*. In the second we read *maftir* in *Parashat Naso: ba-yom ha-shlishi*.

The *Haftara* is read from Zecharia 2:14: *Ronni v'simchi bat-Zion*, until 4:7: *chen chen lah*. We bless the month of *Tevet* which begins on **Tuesday and Wednesday (31.12.2024-1.1.2025)**. *Av ha-rachamim* is not recited. *Shir shel yom: mizmorshir l'yom ha'shabbat*. Some add: *mizmor shir chanukat ha-bayit* as is recited all through *Chanuka*. *Mussaf* for *Shabbat* with *al ha-nissim*.

### **The Molad: Monday night (30.12.2024), at 5:33 p.m. and 16 chalakim**

**Mincha:** three men are called up to the Torah reading from *Parashat Vayiggash*. '*Al ha-nissim*. We do not recite *tzidkatekha tzedek*.

### **Saturday Night, Motza'ei Shabbat Kodesh**

**Arvit.** *Atta chonantanu*, '*Al ha-nissim*, *viyhi no'am*, *v'atta kadosh*. In the synagogue we light *Chanuka* candles and then recite *havdala*; at home first we recite *havdala* and then light the candles. *Boreh me'orei ha'esh* is not recited over the *Chanuka* candles, as we are not to benefit from their light.

### **Fourth Day of Chanuka, Sunday, 28 Kislev (29.12.2024)**

*Chanuka* prayer service. The Torah is read from *Parashat Naso* and the division is *Kohen:* : *Ba-yom ha-revi'i*, until *m'le'a ktoret*; *Levi:* until *Elitzur ben S'deur*; *Sh'lishi:* repeats from *Ba-yom hashlishi* until *Elitzur ben S'deur*.

### **Fifth day of Chanuka, Monday, 29 Kislev (30.12.2024)**

*Erev Rosh Chodesh Tevet. Chanuka* prayers. The Torah reading: *ba-yom ha-chamishi*, divides up as the previous day.

### **Monday, Sixth day of Chanuka, 30 Kislev (31.12.2024)**

*Chanuka* prayers. The Torah reading: *ba-yom ha-hashishi*, divides up as the previous day.

**Shacharit:** *Rosh Chodesh* prayers; in the '*Amida* we recite *ya'aleh v'yavo* and '*al ha-nissim*. *Hallel shalem* with both opening and closing *berachot*. *Kaddish titkabbal*. When opening the '*aron ha-kodesh* we say *b'rich sh'meih*, and take out two *Sifrei Torah*. The Torah reading: three are called up to the *Rosh Chodesh* reading; *kaddish* is not said. Then a fourth reads from the second *Sefer Torah: ba-yom ha-shishi*. *Chatzi kaddish*. *Y'hallelu, ashrei, u-va l'Zion. Chatzi kaddish*. *Tefillin* are removed. *Mussaf* of *Rosh Chodesh* is recited, saying '*al ha-nissim*. *Kaddish titkabbal*, '*Aleinu, barekhi nafshi*, and the service concludes as usual.

With best wishes for a good month,

**David Ben-Naeh**

### Candle Lighting Times For Shabbat - Friday, 5 Kislev, December 6, 2024

Shabbat begins		Shabbat ends		Shabbat begins		Shabbat begins			
Jerusalem	16:00	Jerusalem	17:15	New York	16:08	Melbourne	20:02	Madrid	17:18
Tel Aviv	16:15	Tel Aviv	17:16	Los Angeles	16:25	Johannesburg	18:27	Marbella	17:46
Beer Sheba	16:16	Beer Sheba	17:18	Paris	16:26	Buenos Aires	19:27	Toronto	16:13
Haifa	16:06	Haifa	17:14	London	15:24	Moscow	16:22	Warsaw	14:53
Eilat	16:23	Eilat	17:20	Amsterdam	15:58	Rome	16:08	Belmonte	16:45
								Lisbon	16:57

### Candle Lighting Times For Shabbat - Friday, 12 Kislev, December 13, 2024

Shabbat begins		Shabbat ends		Shabbat begins		Shabbat begins			
Jerusalem	16:01	Jerusalem	17:17	New York	16:09	Melbourne	20:08	Madrid	17:18
Tel Aviv	16:17	Tel Aviv	17:18	Los Angeles	16:26	Johannesburg	18:32	Marbella	17:47
Beer Sheba	16:20	Beer Sheba	17:20	Paris	16:25	Buenos Aires	19:32	Toronto	16:14
Haifa	16:08	Haifa	17:16	London	15:23	Moscow	16:08	Warsaw	14:52
Eilat	16:12	Eilat	17:22	Amsterdam	15:57	Rome	16:09	Belmonte	16:46
								Lisbon	16:58

### Candle Lighting Times For Shabbat - Friday, 19 Kislev, December 20, 2024

Shabbat begins		Shabbat ends		Shabbat begins		Shabbat begins			
Jerusalem	16:04	Jerusalem	17:20	New York	16:12	Melbourne	20:12	Madrid	17:21
Tel Aviv	16:19	Tel Aviv	17:21	Los Angeles	16:29	Johannesburg	18:36	Marbella	17:49
Beer Sheba	16:23	Beer Sheba	17:23	Paris	16:27	Buenos Aires	19:37	Toronto	16:16
Haifa	16:10	Haifa	17:19	London	15:24	Moscow	15:55	Warsaw	14:54
Eilat	16:15	Eilat	17:25	Amsterdam	15:58	Rome	16:11	Belmonte	16:48
								Lisbon	17:00

### Candle Lighting Times For Shabbat - Friday, 26 Kislev, December 27, 2024

Shabbat begins		Shabbat ends		Shabbat begins		Shabbat begins			
Jerusalem	16:08	Jerusalem	17:24	New York	16:16	Melbourne	20:15	Madrid	17:25
Tel Aviv	16:23	Tel Aviv	17:25	Los Angeles	16:33	Johannesburg	18:39	Marbella	17:53
Beer Sheba	16:27	Beer Sheba	17:27	Paris	16:32	Buenos Aires	19:39	Toronto	16:20
Haifa	16:14	Haifa	17:23	London	15:29	Moscow	15:45	Warsaw	14:58
Eilat	16:19	Eilat	17:29	Amsterdam	16:03	Rome	16:15	Belmonte	16:52
								Lisbon	17:04