



"וְהִיא בָּנֶה מִזְבֵּחַ בְּזֹרֶשׁ, וּמִזְבֵּחַ שְׁבָתָ בְּשִׁבְתָּו"

*And it shall come to pass that from one New Moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another*

(ישעיהו פרק ס' פסוק כג)

### Table of Laws and Customs for Jewish Communities

## Nissan 5779

April 6, 2019 – May 4, 2019

**The New Moon:** Thursday night (4.4.19), at 01:25 a.m. and 17 chalakim

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

From Monday night, the eve of 4 Nissan (8.4.19) to Thursday night, 14 Nissan (18.4.19), the entire night.

**Kiddush Levana** (according to Oriental communities): from Saturday night, the eve of 8 Nissan (13.4.19) at 8 a.m.

**Tekufat Nissan** (springtime): Monday, 23 of Nissan (6.4.19), at 6:00 a.m.

When one goes out during the month of Nissan and sees (fruit-) trees in bloom, recites:

"ברוך אתה ה' אלקינו מלך העולם טובות בריאות ואילנות טובים להנחתם בנהם בני אדם".

**A custom of our Oriental communities:** *Petihat Eliyahu, birkat ha-ilanot, "Hallelu-yah, hallelu et Ha-Shem min ha-shamayim", "Shir ha-Ma'a lot, beshuv Ha-Shem" and finally Kaddish "al Yisrael".*

### Candle Lighting Times For Shabbat - Friday, 29 Adar, April 5, 2019

Shabbat begins	Shabbat ends	Shabbat begins	Shabbat begins
Jerusalem	18:25	Jerusalem	19:38
Tel Aviv	18:42	Tel Aviv	19:40
Beer Sheba	18:42	Beer Sheba	19:39
Haifa	18:35	Haifa	19:40
Eilat	18:30	Eilat	19:37
New York	19:04	Melbourne	18:39
Los Angeles	18:48	Johannesburg	17:37
Paris	19:58	Buenos Aires	18:13
London	19:11	Moscow	18:47
Amsterdam	19:50	Rome	19:09

### Shabbat Parashat Tazria, 1 Nissan (6.4.19) – Parashat HaChodesh

*Parashat HaChodesh.* Rosh Chodesh prayers. Yotzerot and Piyutim as customary. Three *sifrei Torah* are taken out. In the first one, six men are called up to the reading from the weekly Portion. The second scroll is put on the *Bimah* and the first scroll is raised up. From the second scroll we read *shvi'i* in *parashat Pinchas*: *u'veyom hashabat, v'veroshay chodsheichem* until *v'nisko. Chatzi Kadish. Maftir* is read from the third scroll in *Parashat Bo*: *vayovmer hashem... hachodesh hazeh* until *tochal matzot*. The *Haftara* is read from *Yehzekel 45:16: kol ha'am ha'aretz* until chapter 46:18 *ish me'achuzato*". Only adults are called up to read from *maftir*.

**Mincha:** three men are called up to the Torah reading from *Parashat Metzora*. *Yaale v'Yavo. Tsidkatecha tsedek* is not recited.

*Tachanun* is not recited during the entire month of Nissan; nor is *Yehi Ratzon* following *Keri'at Ha-Torah* on Mondays and Thursdays recited. The souls of the departed are not recalled either on *Shabbat* or on weekdays, nor is *Av ha-rachamim* recited on *Shabbat*, though some do say it on the *Shabbatot* after *Pesach*. *Tsidkatecha tsedek* is not recited at *Mincha*, but we do recite *E-l erekh apayim* and *la-menatzeah*. We do not fast in the month of Nissan, except for a bridegroom on his wedding day and the firstborn on *Erev Pesach*. It is customary to recite a section from *parashat hanesi'im*, one *nasi* each day from 1 Nissan (6.4.19) to 13 Nissan (18.4.19), while on 13 Nissan (18.4.19) we read up until *ken 'asa et ha-menora* in *Parashat Be-ha'alotecha* (some read the relevant section from a *Sefer Torah*, without reciting the *berachot*).

### Candle Lighting Times For Shabbat - Friday, 7 Nissan, April 12, 2019

Shabbat begins	Shabbat ends	Shabbat begins	Shabbat begins
Jerusalem	18:30	Jerusalem	19:43
Tel Aviv	18:47	Tel Aviv	19:45
Beer Sheba	18:47	Beer Sheba	19:44
Haifa	18:40	Haifa	19:45
Eilat	18:34	Eilat	19:41
New York	19:12	Melbourne	17:29
Los Angeles	18:53	Johannesburg	17:30
Paris	20:08	Buenos Aires	18:04
London	19:22	Moscow	19:01
Amsterdam	20:02	Rome	19:17

### Shabbat, Parashat Metzora, 8 Nissan (13.4.19) – Shabbat Hagadol

The *Haftara* is read from *Malachi 3:4 ve'aryah la'hashem* until 3:26 *veheshiv lev avot. Av Harachamim* is not recited.

**Mincha:** we read the Torah from *Parashat Acharei mot*, and three are called men up. We stop reciting *Barchi Nafshi. Tsidkatecha tsedek* is not recited.

### Friday, 14 Nissan (19.4.19) – Erev Pesach and Taanit Bechorot

The eldest son fasts. It is customary to do a *siyum* and eat at a *Seudat Mitzvah*. Those who do fast, should recite *annenu* in *Mincha*.

**Bedikat Chametz** (checking for *chametz*): No work, nor meals should be begun from about half-an-hour before nightfall. Immediately after the *'Arvit* prayer, we search for *chametz* by the light of a candle. Before the search we recite the *beracha 'al bi'ur chametz* and

have in mind the search and the *bittul* we do at night, the burning of the *chametz* we do the next morning and the *bittul* that follows the burning. After checking for *chametz*, we say: *Kol Chamira' Vachamina' D'ika Virshuti, (Dichaziteih Ud'la Chaziteih)*  
*Dachamiteih Ud'la' Chamiteih, D'viarteih Ud'la' Biarteih, Libateil Hefkeir, K'afra; D'ar'a* (All leaven and leavened things that are in my possession of which I have seen or have not seen, of which I have or have not removed, shall be nullified and shall be considered public, like the dust of the earth.)

**Shacharit:** It is customary to *daven* early in the morning. *Mizmor le-todah* is not recited; neither do we say *La-menatzeach... ya'ancha*. (In *Eizehu mekoman* we omit *yehi ratzon ke-illu hikravti todah*). According to the custom of our Oriental communities, *mizmor le-todah* is recited.

*Chametz* can be eaten until the end of the first third of the day – at 9:56 a.m. (in Israel). We then burn the *chametz* by the end of the fifth hour, i.e., before 11:18 a.m. (in Israel). After burning the *chametz* we recite: *Kol Chamira' Vachamina' D'ika Virshuti, (Dichaziteih Ud'la Chaziteih)*

*Dachamiteih Ud'la' Chamiteih, D'viarteih Ud'la' Biarteih, Libateil Hefkeir, K'afra; D'ar'a* (All leaven and leavened things that are in my possession of which I have seen or have not seen, of which I have or have not removed, shall be nullified and shall be considered public, like the dust of the earth.)

*Mincha Gedola* is recited early, and after it we are accustomed to reciting *Seder Korban Pesach*. In Jerusalem it is customary to recite it at the Western Wall – *Ha-Kotel*.

Some have a custom to bake *Matzot Mitzva* on Pesach eve while reciting *Hallel*. Preparations for the *Seder* are done early since it is Shabbat eve. It is preferable to use romaine lettuce for *maror*. The lettuce should be checked for insects, or to use lettuce and leaves that were grown by an insect free method. A vegetable which has the blessing of *Bore Pri Haadama* is used for *karpas*. Some prefer to use celery. *Charoset* is prepared for dipping the *maror*, and salt water for the dipping of the *karpas*. The *zroa* is roasted (cannot be eaten at the Pesach *Seder*), and the egg has to be cooked, and one should prepare a candle for lighting fire on Yom Tov.

### Candle Lighting Times For Pesach - Friday, 14 Nissan, April 19, 2019

The Chag begins	The Chag ends	The Chag begins	The Chag begins
Jerusalem	18:35	Jerusalem	19:48
Tel Aviv	18:51	Tel Aviv	19:51
Beer Sheba	18:52	Beer Sheba	19:49
Haifa	18:45	Haifa	19:51
Eilat	18:39	Eilat	19:46
New York	19:19	Melbourne	17:19
Los Angeles	18:58	Johannesburg	17:23
Paris	20:19	Buenos Aires	17:55
London	19:39	Moscow	19:15
Amsterdam	20:15	Rome	19:24
			Madrid 20:27
			Marbella 20:39
			Toronto 19:38
			Warsaw 19:22

### Shabbat, first day of Pesach, 15 Nissan (20.4.19)



Candle lighting like Shabbat candle lighting time reciting *Lehadlik ner shel Shabbat v'shel yom tov* and *shehechiyanu*. In the Shabbat night prayers *lechu neranena* and *lecha dodi* are not recited, and we begin from *mizmor shir leyom hashabat*. Some begin from *mizmor ledavid havu lahashem...* and they recite the last 2 paragraphs of *lecha dodi*. *Bameh madlikin* is not recited.

**Arvit:** the prayer for *Yom Tov* is recited with the Shabbat additions and *vayechulu* (but not *me'ain sheva*). *Hallel* and then *kaddish titkabbal*.

We begin the *Seder* when it is dark, but not too late. Women are obligated to fulfill all the *mitzvot* of the *Seder* night. *Kiddush* begins with reciting *yom hashishi* and we add the blessing for Shabbat. We must eat *a kezayit shemurah matzah* on the sedder night, and it is preferable to eat 2 *kzaitim*, one from the upper matzah in the seder plate and one from the middle matzah. An additional *kezayit* is eaten with *korech*. The *afikoman* is eaten at the end of the meal, before *chatzot* (midnight: 12:37 p.m. in Israel). After the *afikoman* it is allowed to drink. In *birkat hamazon* we recite *retzeh* and *yaaleh ve-yavo*. In *kriat shma* before going to sleep, we say only the first paragraph of *shma yisrael* and *hamapil*, since this night is *leil shimurim*.

**Shacharit of Yom Tov:** *Yom Tov* and Shabbat prayers. *Shir Ha-Shirim*. *Hallel shalem*, *kaddish titkabbal*. *Ein kamocha*, *Av ha-Rachamim*, We do not recite the 13 *Middot* and *Ribbono shel Olam* of the *Yom Tov* prayer. We take out two *Sifrei Torah*; from one we read from *Parashat Bo*, from *mishchu to tsiv'otam*, and seven men are called up to this Torah reading. *Chatzi Kaddish* is recited, and then from the second *Sefer Torah* we read from *Parashat Pinchas* for *maftir*: *uva-hodesh ha-rishon*. The *Haftara* is read from the Book of Joshua, from 5:2, *ba'et ha-hi* to 6:1, *ein yotse ve'ein ba*. This is then followed by *ashrei*, *yehallelu*, *mizmor le-david*. After the *Sifrei Torah* are returned to the *heichal*, the Ark is opened for the prayer for *tal*, “dew”, in the repetition of the ‘*Amidah* prayer by the *hazan*. Before the *mussaf* prayer *morid ha-tal* is announced, a sign that we cease reciting *mashiv ha-ruach* and start reciting *morid ha-tal*. *Mussaf* is followed by *shir shel yom*: *be-tzet yisrael mi-mitzrayim*.

**Mincha:** We read the Torah from *Parashat Acharei mot*, *yom tov* and Shabbat prayers are recited.

### The First Day of Chol Ha-Mo'd, Sunday, 16 Nissan (April 21, 2019) (outside Israel – the second day of Yom Tov).

We do not delay reciting the *Arvit* prayer so as to begin the counting of the *Omer*, so that the weeks we count be *Shabbatot temimot* “whole weeks”. Weekday prayer with *atta chonantanu*, *ve-ten beracha* (in place of *tal u-matar*), *ya'aleh ve-yavo*, *kaddish titkabbal*, *sefirat ha-'Omer*, *'Aleinu*. Finally, *havdala* as on every *Motza'ei Yom Tov*.

**Shacharit:** We do not put on *tefillin*, nor do we recite *Mizmor le-Todah* (the custom of our Oriental communities is to recite *Mizmor le-Todah*). Weekday prayer, *ya'aleh ve-yavo*, *chatzi hallel*, Torah reading. We take out two *Sifrei Torah* out; three men are called up to read from *Parashat Emor*: from *shor o khesev* to *va-yedaber moshe et mo'adei HaShem el benei Yisrael*. From the second four men are called up to read from *Parashat Pinchas*: from *ve-hikravtem* (*Be-midbar* 28:19) to *lo ta'asu* (verse 25). *Chatzi kaddish*, *ashrei*, *uva le-tzion*. The *mussaf* prayer we recite is that of *Yom Tov*, *ve-hikravtem*, *kaddish titkabbal*, *'aleinu*, *shir shel yom* (*Tehillim* 78: *maskil le-asaf*), *ein kei-loheinu*.

**[Outside of Israel: Yom Tov Sheini shel Galuyot]** All the prayers are *Yom Tov* prayers; in *Shacharit hallel shalem* is recited; two *Sifrei Torah* are taken out; from the first, five men are called up to read *shor va-khesev*, and from the second *ve-hikravtem* is read. The *Haftara* is from Kings II, from the beginning of chapter 23 *va-yishlach ha-melech* to verse 25: *lo kam kamohu*.]

This day is known as *Yom Henef*, “day of waving”, for on this day the *Omer* was waved in the Holy Temple. Only on the following day is it permitted to eat of the new grain. For this reason those who are travelling through *Eretz-Israel* must be careful not to eat of the grain growing in the fields.

### The Second Day of Chol Ha-Mo'd, Monday, 17th of Nissan (April 22, 2019)

**Shacharit:** prayer and *hallel* as on the previous day. We take out two *Sifrei Torah*; three men are called up to read *Parashat Bo*: *kaddesh li kol bechor* until the end of the *parasha*; from the second *sefer Torah*, four men are called up to read from *Parashat Pinchas*: *ve-hikravtem*. *Chatzi kaddish* – and the rest of the prayer as on the previous day. *Shir shel Yom*: *Tehillim* 78 *maskil le'asaf ha'azina*.

### The Third Day of Chol Ha-Moed, Tuesday, 18th of Nissan (April 23, 2019)

**Shacharit:** prayer and *hallel* as on the previous day. We take out two *Sifrei Torah*; three men are called up to read from *Parashat Mishpatim*: *im kesef talveh et 'ammi* until *lo tevashel ged ba-chalev immo*; from the second *sefer Torah* four men are called up to read from *Parashat Pinchas*: *ve-hikravtem*. *Chatzi kaddish* – and the rest of the prayer as on the previous day. *Shir shel Yom*: *Tehillim* 80 *la-menatzeah 'al shoshanim*

### The Fourth Day of Chol Ha-Moed, Wednesday, 19 Nissan (April 24, 2019)

Prayer and *hallel* as on the previous day. We take out two *Sifrei Torah*; three men are called up to read from *Parashat Ki Tisa: psal lecha* until *bachalev imo*; from the second *sefer Torah* four men are called up to read from *Parashat Pinchas: ve-hikravtem. Chatzi kaddish* – and the rest of the prayer as on the previous day. *Shir shel Yom: Tehillim 105 hodu la-HaShem, kir'u vishmo..*

### The Fifth Day of Chol Ha-Moed, Thursday, 20 Nissan (April 25, 2019)

Prayer and *hallel* as on the previous day. We take out two *Sifrei Torah*; three men are called up to read from *Parashat Beha'alotcha: bemidbar sinai* until *v'laezrach haaretz*; from the second *sefer Torah* four men are called up to read from *Parashat Pinchas: ve-hikravtem. Chatzi kaddish* – and the rest of the prayer as on the previous day. *Shir shel Yom: Tehillim 135 halelu et HaShem.*

**Eiruv Tavshilin** needs to be made so we can cook and prepare for Shabbat. The ritual of *Eruv Tavshilin* is performed on Erev Yom Tov before Yom Tov begins. Take a matzah (or any baked food) with a cooked food (such as an egg, a piece of chicken, or fish) and set it aside to be eaten on Shabbat.

At candle lighting we recite: *Lehadlik ner shel yom tov.*

### Candle Lighting Times for Thursday - the Seventh day of Pesach, 20 Nissan – April 25, 2019

The Chag begins	Shabbat ends	Shabbat begins	Shabbat begins		
Jerusalem	18:39	Jerusalem	19:59	New York	19:25
Tel Aviv	18:56	Tel Aviv	19:56	Los Angeles	19:03
Beer Sheba	18:56	Beer Sheba	19:55	Paris	20:28
Haifa	18:49	Haifa	19:57	London	19:44
Eilat	18:42	Eilat	19:51	Amsterdam	20:25
				Rome	19:31

### The Seventh Day of Pesach, Friday, 21 Nissan (April 26, 2019)

**Arvit:** prayer of *Yom Tov, kaddish titkabbal, sefirat ha'omer, aleinu.* In the *kiddush* recited at home we do not say *she-hecheyanu.*

**Shacharit:** Some recite *Shir Ha-Yichud* and *Shir Ha-Kavod* before the prayer. *Chatzi hallel. Kaddish titkabbal. 13 Middot* and the *Ribono shel Olam* prayer. We take out two *Sifrei Torah*; from the first five men are called up to read from *Parashat Be-Shalach* from the beginning of the *Parasha* until *Ani HaShem rofe'ekha. Chatzi kaddish.* From the second scroll we read the *maftir: ve-hikravtem.* The *Haftara* is read from II Samuel 22, from *va-yedabber David* until the end of the chapter. *Hazkarat neshamot, Av ha-Rachamim, Mussaf of Yom Tov. Shir shel Yom: Tehillim 18 – la-menatseach le'eved HaShem.*

**Mincha:** prayer of *Yom Tov.* No *Torah* reading. Candle lighting for Shabbat from existing flame.

### Shabbat Parashat Acharei Mot – 22 Nissan (27.4.19) – Isru Chag

In the Shabbat night prayers *lechu neranena* and *lecha dodi* are not recited, and we begin from *mizmor shir leyom hashabat.* Some begin from *mizmor ledavid havu lahashem...* and they recite the last 2 paragraphs of *lecha dodi. Kiddush* for Shabbat.

**Shacharit:** The *torah* is read from *Parashat Acharei Mot.* The *Haftara* is from Amos, chapter 9: *Halo kvnai kushiyim.* [Some read from Ezekiel (Yechezkel) chapter 22, 1-17: *v'ata ben adam ha'tishpot.*] *Av harachamim* is recited.

[Outside of Israel: the last day of Pesach. *Yom Tov* and *Shabbat* prayers. In *Shacharit chatzi hallel.* Two *Sifrei Torah* are taken out; in the first one a section is read from *Parashat D'varim*, from *aser te'asser* until *kevirat HaShem asher natan lach* and seven men are called up to this reading. In the second *Sefer Torah*, a section from *Parashat Pinchas – ve-hikravtem* – is read for *Maftir.* The *Haftara* is read from the book of *Isaiah*, from 10:32 od *ha-yom be-Nov* to the end of chapter 12: *kedosh yisrael. Hazkarat neshamot, Av ha-Rachamim, ashrei, yehallelu, Chatzi kaddish. Mussaf* as on the previous day, *ve-te'erav, birkat kohanim* – to the end as is usual.

**Mincha:** as is customary on *Yom Tov* and *Shabbat.*]

**Arvit:** *Sefirat haomer* is said before *havdalah. Chametz* can be eaten from 7:57 p.m. (in Israel). One must be careful not to eat *chametz* of a Jew who did not sell it to a non-Jew before Pesach.

**Sefirat Haomer customs:** One may not have weddings or haircuts are not done during the *sefirah* days until *Lag Baomer.* Some keep these customs from *Rosh Chodesh Iyar* until *Shavuot* excluding *Lag Baomer* and some keep *sefirah* from *Pesach* until *Rosh Chodesh Sivan.* This is the customary in Jerusalem.

### Thursday, 27 of Nissan (2.5.19) – Yom Ha-Zikaron La-Sho'ah ve-La-Gevura (Holocaust Memorial Day).

*Psalms chapter 94 and kaddish yatom.* We do not recite *Yom Kippur Katan* prayers.

### Candle Lighting Times for Shabbat - Friday, 28 Nissan, May 3, 2019

Shabbat begins	Shabbat ends	Shabbat begins	Shabbat begins		
Jerusalem	18:45	Jerusalem	20:00	New York	19:34
Tel Aviv	19:01	Tel Aviv	20:02	Los Angeles	19:09
Beer Sheba	19:01	Beer Sheba	20:00	Paris	20:39
Haifa	18:55	Haifa	20:03	London	19:57
Eilat	18:47	Eilat	19:56	Amsterdam	20:39
				Rome	19:40

### Shabbat Parashat Kedoshim – 29 Nissan (4.5.19) – Shabbat Mevarchin [abroad: Parashat Acharei Mot]

Seven men are called up to read from the weekly. The *Haftara* is *machar chodesh.* We bless the month of *Iyar* which falls on Sunday and Monday (5-6.5.19).

### The Molad: Saturday (4.5.19), 2:10 p.m. and 0 chalakim

**Mincha:** Three men are called up to read from *Parashat Emor.* *Tsikdatecha tsedek* is not recited. We begin to read *Pirkei Avot* during all *shabbatot* in the summer. On this *Shabbat* – Chapter 1.

### Sunday, 30 Nissan (5.5.19), First day of Rosh Chodesh Iyar: Rosh Chodesh prayers.

With best wishes for a Good Month!

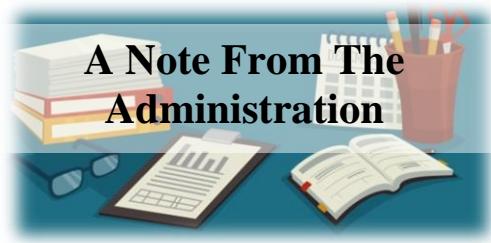
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## Torah Center Network

### 30 years of community service

In the context of joint programming between the **World Organization of Orthodox Synagogues and Communities in Israel and in the Diaspora** and the **SHEALIM Torah Network**, Rabbi **Yonatan Sarur**, Rabbi and community leader in Congregation "Heichal Meir" in Rabin Square in Tel Aviv, has been selected as the beneficiary of support and active encouragement.

Rabbi Sarur has established himself as a "bridge" and mediator, between French Olim and Israelis, in order to accommodate their successful adjustment to Israel. The community is composed of 80% Olim and 20% Israelis. In addition, there are socio-economic gaps from amongst the groups. The community thirsts for integration and especially for spiritual significance in wake of the coming holidays, a time for awakening and search for the word of G-d.

This presence and activity is extremely significant and has created a revolution in the heart of Tel Aviv. These activities serve as a lifeline for old synagogues that have been earmarked for closure and destruction. "Heichal Meir" is the central synagogue in North Tel Aviv, near Kikar Rabin, and functions as a magnet to hundreds of congregants from the surrounding area, many of whom have a secular identity.



### Purim and Pesach in "Heichal Meir"

On Purim eve, there were a wide range of activities at the synagogue. After the reading of the megillah, there was a special study session with the children. In its aftermath, there was a prize winning costume competition, attractions and a meal at the culmination of the fast.

As Pesach is approaching, there will be two community "seders". Reading of the Haggadah will be expedited relatively quickly so as not to wear down the participants and so the children will remain awake and active until the conclusion of the "seder". At the meal, there will be broad elucidations of content that was read in the Haggadah.

Community Rabbi **Yonatan Sarur**, sensed the need to provide a broad response to the spiritual awakening of the secular population, that is consistently moving closer to Judaism, while at the same time joining the Olim community with the Israelis. The Rabbi and his family are fulfilling a sacred task in creating a bridge between these populations and in bringing Jews closer to their spiritual origins and in providing an open heart and ear to the needs of this special population.

**The World Organization of Orthodox Synagogues and Communities in Israel and in the Diaspora is proud to be in partnership with SHEALIM Torah Center Network, in its empowerment of this population and in the very vital, continued efforts to absorb and integrate the Olim, mainly from France, into the Orthodox community. In addition, the Orthodox Association of Communities and Synagogues will support additional community "seders" with "Shealei Torah", which will be hosting hundreds of Jews, many of whom are Olim.**