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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 (27.11.19), at 7:18 a.m., 7 Chalakim.

Kiddush Levana (Sanctification of the Moon):

from Saturday night, 3 Kislev (30.11.19) to Wednesday night, 14 Kislev (12.12.19) – at 1:40 a.m. past midnight

Kiddush Levana (according to Oriental communities): from Wednesday night, 7 Kislev (4.12.19)

Rosh Chodesh Kislev, Thursday (28.11.2019): *Ya'aleh ve-yavo.*

Shacharit: after *Parshat Ha-tamid* one says *Uv'rashei Chodsheichem*. In the *'Amida*: *ya'aleh ve-yavo. Chatzi hallel; kaddish titkabbal*; a *sefer torah* is taken out, and we read from *Parashat Pinchas (B'midbar [Numbers] 28): Vay'dabber Hashem el Moshe: tsav et B'nei Yisrael until v'nisko*. Four men are called up to this reading.

Those who pray in Nusach S'farad and Ashkenazi chassidim: for "cohen" read from *vay'dabber* to *'olah tamid*; for "levi" – they read *et ha-keves to nichoach lashem*; for "sh'lishi" – from *'olat tamid* to *v'nisko*; for "r'vi'i" – from *uv'rashei hodsheichem* to *v'nisko*. This is followed by *hatzi kaddish, y'hallelu, ashrei, uva l'tzion*. It is the *minhag* of the *hassidim* to recite *ashrei* and *uva l'tzion* before returning the *sifrei torah* to the *aron*. Then we remove our *tefillin* and recite the *rosh chodesh mussaf* prayer; *kaddish titkabbal, 'aleinu; shir shel yom, barechi nafshi, and ein kelokeinu*.

The minhag of our oriental communities: the *Arvit* prayer begins with *barechi nafshi*. In the *Amida* – *ya'aleh ve-yavo. Hallel* is recited, omitting the two sections and without reciting the *beracha, Kaddish titkabbal. V'Avraham zaken* is recited, followed by *b'rich sh'meh*. The *sefer torah* is brought out, and four men are called up to the reading (from *Parashat Pinchas, B'midbar 28:1*) from *Vay'dabber Hashem el Moshe* etc., as follows: for "cohen", from *Vay'dabber* to *'olah tamid*; for "levi", from *v'amarta lahem* to *r'vi'it ha-hin*; for "sh'lishi", from *'olat tamid* to *v'nisko*; and for "r'vi'i", from *Uv'rashei chodsheichem* to *v'nisko*. *Chatzi kaddish, ashrei, uva letzion, beit ya'akov, shir ha-maalot, mizmor shel yom, hoshi'enu*. The *sefer torah* is returned to its place. *Tefillin* are removed and after *Chatzi kaddish* the *rosh chodesh musaf* prayer is recited. After the *sheliach tzibbur's* repetition, *kiddish titkabbal, barchi nafshi, kaddish yehe shelama, kaveh el Hashem* and *pittum ha'ktoret, aleinu l'shabbeach*.

The minhag of the Ashkenazim-Perushim in Eretz-Israel: as HaGra, the *torah* is read for "cohen" up until *'olah tamid*, for "levi" from *et ha-keves* to *nichoach lashem*, for "sh'lishi" from *olat tamid* to *v'nisko*; and for "r'vi'i", from *Uv'rashei chodsheichem* to *v'nisko*.

In *Birkat Hamazon (Grace after meals): ya'aleh ve-yavo.*

Second day of Rosh Chodesh Kislev, Friday, 1 Kislev (29.11.19): Rosh Chodesh prayers.

Candle Lighting Times For Shabbat - Friday, 1 Kislev, November 29, 2019

| Shabbat begins | | Shabbat ends | | Shabbat begins | | Shabbat begins | | | |
|----------------|-------|--------------|-------|----------------|-------|----------------|-------|----------|-------|
| Jerusalem | 16:00 | Jerusalem | 17:14 | New York | 16:10 | Melbourne | 19:55 | Madrid | 17:19 |
| Tel Aviv | 16:15 | Tel Aviv | 17:15 | Los Angeles | 16:15 | Johannesburg | 18:31 | Marbella | 17:47 |
| Beer Sheba | 16:18 | Beer Sheba | 17:16 | Paris | 16:29 | Buenos Aires | 19:20 | Toronto | 16:15 |
| Haifa | 16:06 | Haifa | 17:13 | London | 15:27 | Moscow | 15:37 | Warsaw | 14:22 |
| Eilat | 16:10 | Eilat | 17:19 | Amsterdam | 16:02 | Rome | 16:10 | | |

Shabbat Parashat Toldot. 2 Kislev (30.11.19)

We read the weekly portion. The Haftara is from Malachi 1:1-2:7 "*Masa d'var hashem*" to "*melech hashem z'vaot hu*".

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

8 Kislev (5.12.19): Outside Israel, we begin to recite *v'ten tal u-matar* in the *'Amida* of *'Arvit*.

Candle Lighting Times For Shabbat - Friday, 8 Kislev, December 6, 2019

| Shabbat begins | | Shabbat ends | | Shabbat begins | | Shabbat begins | | | |
|----------------|-------|--------------|-------|----------------|-------|----------------|-------|----------|-------|
| Jerusalem | 15:59 | Jerusalem | 17:14 | New York | 16:08 | Melbourne | 20:01 | Madrid | 17:18 |
| Tel Aviv | 16:15 | Tel Aviv | 17:15 | Los Angeles | 16:14 | Johannesburg | 18:26 | Marbella | 17:46 |
| Beer Sheba | 16:18 | Beer Sheba | 17:17 | Paris | 16:25 | Buenos Aires | 19:26 | Toronto | 16:13 |
| Haifa | 16:06 | Haifa | 17:13 | London | 15:23 | Moscow | 15:32 | Warsaw | 14:18 |
| Eilat | 16:10 | Eilat | 17:19 | Amsterdam | 15:58 | Rome | 16:08 | | |

Shabbat Parashat VaYetze, 9 Kislev (7.12.19)

The *Haftara* is from *Hoshea* 12: verse 13 until the end of the book. In order to end on a happier note, it is the custom to conclude the *Haftara* with *Yoel* 2:26-27 "*va'achaltem...*" "*v'lo yevoshu ami le'olam*". The Oriental Jewish custom is to read *Hoshea* 11:7-12:12. **Mincha:** three men are called up to the Torah reading from Parashat *VaYishlach*.

Tuesday, 12 Kislev (10.12.19): one who is in doubt whether he mentioned "dew and rain" in the Amida prayer, does not repeat the prayer, as he has already said this 90 times and it has become a habit.

Candle Lighting Times For Shabbat - Friday, 15 Kislev, December 13, 2019

| Shabbat begins | | Shabbat ends | | Shabbat begins | | Shabbat begins | | | |
|----------------|-------|--------------|-------|----------------|-------|----------------|-------|----------|-------|
| Jerusalem | 16:01 | Jerusalem | 17:16 | New York | 16:09 | Melbourne | 20:07 | Madrid | 17:18 |
| Tel Aviv | 16:16 | Tel Aviv | 17:17 | Los Angeles | 16:16 | Johannesburg | 18:31 | Marbella | 17:47 |
| Beer Sheba | 16:19 | Beer Sheba | 17:18 | Paris | 16:25 | Buenos Aires | 19:32 | Toronto | 16:13 |
| Haifa | 16:07 | Haifa | 17:15 | London | 15:22 | Moscow | 15:29 | Warsaw | 14:16 |
| Eilat | 16:12 | Eilat | 17:21 | Amsterdam | 15:56 | Rome | 16:08 | | |

Shabbat Parashat VaYishlach, 16 Kislev (14.12.19)

The *Haftara* is "*Chazon Ovadiah*". **Mincha:** three men are called up to the Torah reading from Parashat *VaYeshev*.

Candle Lighting Times For Shabbat - Friday, 22 Kislev, December 20, 2019

| Shabbat begins | | Shabbat ends | | Shabbat begins | | Shabbat begins | | | |
|----------------|-------|--------------|-------|----------------|-------|----------------|-------|----------|-------|
| Jerusalem | 16:03 | Jerusalem | 17:18 | New York | 16:11 | Melbourne | 20:11 | Madrid | 17:20 |
| Tel Aviv | 16:19 | Tel Aviv | 17:20 | Los Angeles | 16:18 | Johannesburg | 18:35 | Marbella | 17:49 |
| Beer Sheba | 16:22 | Beer Sheba | 17:21 | Paris | 16:26 | Buenos Aires | 19:36 | Toronto | 16:15 |
| Haifa | 16:10 | Haifa | 17:17 | London | 15:24 | Moscow | 15:30 | Warsaw | 14:18 |
| Eilat | 16:14 | Eilat | 17:24 | Amsterdam | 15:58 | Rome | 16:11 | | |

Shabbat Parashat Vayeshev, 24 Kislev (21.12.19) – Shabbat Mevarchin

The *Haftara* is read from *Amos* 2:6 to 3:8: *ko amar hashem* until ch. 3:8 *mi lo yinave*. We bless the month of *Tevet* which falls on Saturday and Sunday (28.12.19 – 29.12.19). *Av HaRachamim* is not recited.

The New Moon: Thursday night (16.12.19), at 8:02 p.m., 8 Chalakim.

Mincha: three men are called up to the Torah reading from *Parashat Miketz*. We do not recite *tzidkatecha tzedek*.



First night of Chanukah, Monday, 25 Kislev (23.12.19)

After Sunday'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.

The Berachot of the Lighting: *I'hadlik; she'asa nissim* and, on the first day, *shehecheyanu* – followed by *ha-neirot hallalu*.

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

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 *bracha*, 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 chanukkat ha-bayit* (Psalms 30).

During all eight days of Chanukah one recites *'al ha-nissim* in both the *'amida* and in *birkat ha-mazon*.

Tachanun is not recited at all on Chanukah, nor is *Lamenatzeyach*. Fasting on account of a bad dream is permitted, as is eulogizing a *talmid chacham* in his presence.

Second Day of Chanuka, Tuesday, 26 Kislev (24.12.19)

Two *berachot* are recited: *l'hadlik* and *she'asa nissim*. We begin to light with the additional candle that was lit on left side [according to the *Gr"o* on all days, we begin to light from the first candle which is closest to the opening].

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

Third Day of Chanuka, Wednesday, 27 Kislev (25.12.19)

Shacharit: The prayer service is the same as yesterday. The Torah is read from *Ba-yom ha-shlishi*, and division is like the previous day.

Fourth day of Chanuka, Thursday, 28 Kislev (26.12.19)

Chanuka prayers like the first day. The Torah is read from *ba-yom ha-revi'i*, and division is like second day of *Chanuka*.

Fifth day of Chanuka, Friday, 29 Kislev (7.12.18)

Chanuka prayers like the first day. The Torah: *ba-yom ha-hamishi*, divides up as the previous day. Erev *Rosh Chodesh*. *Yom Kippur Kattan* prayers are not recited.

Candle Lighting Times For Shabbat - Friday, 29 Kislev, December 27, 2019

| Shabbat begins | | Shabbat ends | | Shabbat begins | | Shabbat begins | | | |
|----------------|-------|--------------|-------|----------------|-------|----------------|-------|----------|-------|
| Jerusalem | 16:07 | Jerusalem | 17:22 | New York | 16:15 | Melbourne | 20:15 | Madrid | 17:24 |
| Tel Aviv | 16:22 | Tel Aviv | 17:24 | Los Angeles | 16:22 | Johannesburg | 18:38 | Marbella | 17:53 |
| Beer Sheba | 16:26 | Beer Sheba | 17:25 | Paris | 16:31 | Buenos Aires | 19:39 | Toronto | 16:19 |
| Haifa | 16:13 | Haifa | 17:21 | London | 15:28 | Moscow | 15:35 | Warsaw | 14:22 |
| Eilat | 16:18 | Eilat | 17:28 | Amsterdam | 16:02 | Rome | 16:15 | | |

Chanuka days in the month of Tevet

Shabbat, Parashat Miketz, Sixth Day of Chanuka, 30 Kislev (28.12.19) – First day of Rosh Chodesh Tevet

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: *l'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* and *yaale v'yavo* 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, *yaale v'yavo*, *'al ha-nissim, hallel shalem*. Three *Sifrei Torah* are brought out; in the first we read *Parashat Miketz* and six are called up to this Torah reading. In the second scroll, the seventh person reads in *Parashat Naso "uveyom hashabat", "u'veroshai chodshechem"*. We place the second scroll near the first scroll on the *bima*. *Chatzi kaddish*. In the third we read *maftir* in *Parashat Naso: ba-yom ha-shishi*.

The *Haftara* is read from Zecharia 2:14: *Ronni v'simchi bat-Zion, until 4:7: chen chen lah. Av ha-rachamim* is not recited. *Mussaf* for *Shabbat* and *Rosh Chodesh: atta yatzarta*.

Some add in the *mussaf* prayer, before *Baruch atta HaShem, mekaddesh ha-shabbat ve-Yisrael: - kaddesheinu be-mitzvotecha ve-ten chelkeinu be-toratecha* – as on every *Shabbat*, *al ha-nissim, Shir shel yom: mizmor shir l'yom hashabat*, and some add *mizmor shir chanukat ha-bayit* as is recited all through *Chanuka*.

Mincha: three men are called up to the Torah reading from *Parashat Vayiggash*. *'Al ha-nissim, Yaale v'yavo. Tzidkatekha tzedek* is not recited.

Seventh day of Chanuka, Sunday, Rosh Chodesh Tevet (29.12.19)

Arvit. Ata chonantanu, yaale v'yavo, '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.

Shacharit: *Rosh Chodesh* prayers with the additions for *Chanuka*. Two Torah scrolls are taken out. In the first read from *Pinchas* and three men are called up for this Torah reading. (*Kohen: from Vaydabber to r'vi'it ha-hin; Levi: from 'olat tamid to v'niskah; Sh'lishi: from uv'rashei chodshechem to v'nisko*). The second torah scroll is brought out, and the first Torah scroll is lifted. In the second scroll we read *ba-yom ha-sh'vi'i*. *Chatzi Kaddish. Mussaf* for *Rosh Chodesh. Al ha-nissim, Kaddish titkabel, aleinu, shir shel yom: barchi nafshi, ein ke'elokeinu*.

Eighth day of Chanuka, Zot Chanuka, 2 Tevet (30.12.19)

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 Pedahzur; Sh'lishi: to ken 'asa et ha-m'nora* in *Parashat B'ha'alotekha*.

With best wishes for a good month,

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