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"וְהָיָה בְּיָמֵי זֶרַח בְּזֶדְדָּו, וּבְיָמֵי שְׁפָת בְּשִׁבְתּוֹ"

*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

# Adar II 5779

March 7, 2019- April 5, 2019

**The New Moon:** Wednesday noon (6.3.19), at 12:41 p.m. and 16 *chalakim*

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

from Saturday night, the eve of 2 *Adar II* (9.3.19) to Wednesday night, the eve of 14 *Adar II* (20.3.19) the entire night.

**Kiddush Levana** (according to Oriental communities): from Wednesday night, the eve of 7 *Adar II* (13.3.19).

**Thursday, 30 Shvat (7.3.19) – the first day of Rosh Chodesh Adar II:** *Rosh Chodesh* prayers.

**Friday, 1 Adar (8.3.19) – the second day of Rosh Chodesh Adar II:** *Rosh Chodesh* prayers.

### Candle Lighting Times For Shabbat - Friday, 1 Adar, March 8, 2019

| Shabbat begins |       | Shabbat ends |       | Shabbat begins |       | Shabbat begins |       |          |       |
|----------------|-------|--------------|-------|----------------|-------|----------------|-------|----------|-------|
| Jerusalem      | 17:06 | Jerusalem    | 18:18 | New York       | 17:35 | Melbourne      | 19:21 | Madrid   | 18:43 |
| Tel Aviv       | 17:22 | Tel Aviv     | 18:24 | Los Angeles    | 17:26 | Johannesburg   | 18:07 | Marbella | 19:02 |
| Beer Sheba     | 17:24 | Beer Sheba   | 18:20 | Paris          | 18:15 | Buenos Aires   | 18:52 | Toronto  | 17:47 |
| Haifa          | 17:14 | Haifa        | 18:19 | London         | 17:23 | Moscow         | 17:50 | Warsaw   | 16:21 |
| Eilat          | 17:13 | Eilat        | 18:19 | Amsterdam      | 18:01 | Rome           | 17:37 |          |       |

**Shabbat, Parshat Pekudai, 2 Adar II (9.3.19) – Shabbat Hafsaka (break in 4 Parshiyot)**

The *Haftara* is read from Kings I 7:40: "va'yaas Chiram... vatishlam kol ha'melacha", and chapter 8:1-9 "az yakhel" until "me'erezt mitzrayim". **Mincha:** Three men are called up to read the Torah from *Parashat Vayikra*.

**Thursday, 7 Adar II, (14.3.19):** Anniversary of the passing of **Moshe Rabbeinu**, may he rest in peace. Men of the *Chevra Kaddisha* have a custom of fasting as on a general fast day and have a *se'uda* when the fast is over. They recite *selichot* during the morning prayer (*shacharit*), and read parashat *VaYechal Moshe* at both *shacharit* and *mincha*. This day was assigned as a Memorial Day for those who fell in Israel's struggle to survive, and whose burial place is unknown.

### Candle Lighting Times For Shabbat - Friday, 8 Adar II, March 15, 2019

| Shabbat begins |       | Shabbat ends |       | Shabbat begins |       | Shabbat begins |       |          |       |
|----------------|-------|--------------|-------|----------------|-------|----------------|-------|----------|-------|
| Jerusalem      | 17:11 | Jerusalem    | 18:23 | New York       | 18:42 | Melbourne      | 19:11 | Madrid   | 18:51 |
| Tel Aviv       | 17:27 | Tel Aviv     | 18:25 | Los Angeles    | 18:32 | Johannesburg   | 18:00 | Marbella | 19:09 |
| Beer Sheba     | 17:29 | Beer Sheba   | 18:25 | Paris          | 18:26 | Buenos Aires   | 18:42 | Toronto  | 18:56 |
| Haifa          | 17:20 | Haifa        | 18:24 | London         | 17:35 | Moscow         | 18:04 | Warsaw   | 16:33 |
| Eilat          | 17:18 | Eilat        | 18:24 | Amsterdam      | 18:14 | Rome           | 17:45 |          |       |

**Shabbat, Parshat Vayikra, 9 Adar II (16.3.19) – Parashat Zachor**

We take out two *sefrei Torah*; from the one we read the weekly *Parasha* and call up seven for the reading. This is followed by *chatzi kaddish*, and then we read from the second *sefer Torah* for *Maftir* the conclusion of *Parashat Ki Tetzei* – "Zachor". For men this reading is considered obligatory from the Torah. Some say this applies to women as well. One should have in mind that he is fulfilling his obligation with this reading.

For the *haftara* we read from the book of Samuel I, Chapter 15, from verse 2: "ko amar HaShem... pakadti" to verse 34: "giv'at Sha'ul". Only adults are called up to read from the Torah (and *maftir*). *Av harahamim* is not recited.

**Mincha:** Three men are called up to read the Torah from *Parashat Tzav*.

**Wednesday, 13 Adar (20.3.19) – Ta'anit Esther, The Fast of Esther**

The fast begins at *'alot ha-shachar* (4:15 a.m. in Jerusalem). It is a *ta'anit tzibbur*, a general day of fasting: the *aneinu* prayer is added in *Shemoneh Esreh*, *slichot* are recited, as is *Avinu Malkeinu*. *Vayechal* is read both in *shacharit* and in *mincha*.

**Mincha:** *Avinu malkeinu* is not recited. *Machatzit ha-Shekel* – which is used to be weighed out during the period of the Temple – is remembered, and three silver coins that are legal tender in the country and are called "a half" (*machatzit*) – and since not everyone can give three silver coins, it has become customary in synagogues to put 3 coins in a *tsedaka* plate, which are then ascribed to each person in return for his *tsedaka*. The fast ends at 6:13 p.m. [in Jerusalem]. Those who have difficulty fasting, may eat *Mezonot*, the size of less than an egg, and may drink as much as needed.



### Thursday, 14 Adar (21.3.19) – Purim dif'razim

**Arvit:** In the *Shemoneh Esreh* prayer we recite *al ha-nissim*. After *Shemoneh Esreh* we recite *Kaddish titkabbal*. Then follows the reading of *Megillat Esther*. The reader unwinds the scroll as if it were a letter and recites three *berachot*: *al mikra megillah*, *she-asa nissim*, and *she-heheyanu*. We do not interrupt even to respond *Baruch hu uvaruch sh'mo*. The reader must have in mind to fulfill the obligation of those listening, both with the *berachot* and

with the reading of the *megillah*, and those listening must have in mind that their obligations are hereby met. If one misses a few words of the reading, he may make up for what he missed by reading from a printed text. It is customary to read Chapter 8, verse 11 twice: once *l'hashmid la'harog* and the second time *l'hashmid ve-la'harog*; this applies to Chapter 9, verse 2 as well: once *ve-ish lo amad bifneihem* and the second time *ve-ish lo amad lifneihem*. The names of Haman's ten sons are read in a single breath. After the reading, the reader rewinds the scroll and recites the *beracha "harav et riveinu"*. Anyone reading the *megillah* only to relieve himself of his obligation does not recite *harav et riveinu*. The congregation recites *asher heni' and shoshanat ya'akov*. This is followed by *atta kadosh*, the entire *kaddish* without *titkabbal*, *'aleinu leshabbeah*, *kaddish yatom* and *barechu*. Women are obliged to hear the reading of the *megillah*, and it is proper for them to hear it as part of the congregation in the synagogue. A woman may fulfill another woman's obligation by reading the *megillah* for her.

**Shacharit:** *al ha-nissim*. After the repetition of the *Amida*, *chatzi kaddish* is recited. Three are called up to the reading from *Parashat B'shalah*: "*Va-yavo Amalek*". Then *chatzi kaddish* is said, followed by *Y'hallelu*. The *sefer Torah* is returned to the Ark (*tefillin* are not to be removed before the reading of the *Megillah*). The *Megillah* is read. When *birkat she-heheyanu* is recited, one should have in mind *mishloach manot*, *matanot la'evyonim* and *se'udat Purim*. After the reading of the *Megillah* and it has been rolled up, the reader recites the *beracha "Harav et riveinu"*. The congregation recites *Shoshanat Ya'akov*, and then *ashrei* and *uva le-Tsion*. This is followed by *kaddish titkabbal*, the *Mizmor* of the day (*Tehillim* 22): *la-m'natzeach 'al ayyelet ha-shahar*, and *ein keilokeinu*.

**Mishloach Manot:** Two portions of edible food are sent to a single person, and even a poor man who lives by *tsedaka* is obligated to do this.

**Mattanot La'evyonim:** Two gifts are sent to two poor people. Women are also obliged to send *manot*, and so men send to men, and women – to women.

**Se'udat Purim:** The *se'udah* is held after *mincha gedola* and goes on into the night in order to partake of the festive meal on *Shushan Purim* as well. Since one begins the *se'udah* by day, one is to add *al hanissim* in *Birkat Hamazon*. Residents of Jerusalem and other walled cities do not add *al hanissim* in the *'amida* or in *Birkat Hamazon*, nor do they recite *tahanun* or *lam'natzeah... ya'ankha*.

### Purim d'mukafin – Friday, 15 Adar (22.3.2019)

Purim in Jerusalem. See all laws for Purim mentioned above. The *Prazim* do not recite *al ha-nissim*, *tachanun*, or *la-m'natzeah... ya'ankha*. The *se'udah* is held early because of Erev Shabbat.

### Candle Lighting Times For Shabbat - Friday, 15 Adar II, March 22, 2019

| Shabbat begins |       | Shabbat ends |       | Shabbat begins |       | Shabbat begins |       |          |       |
|----------------|-------|--------------|-------|----------------|-------|----------------|-------|----------|-------|
| Jerusalem      | 17:16 | Jerusalem    | 18:28 | New York       | 18:50 | Melbourne      | 19:00 | Madrid   | 18:58 |
| Tel Aviv       | 17:32 | Tel Aviv     | 18:30 | Los Angeles    | 18:37 | Johannesburg   | 17:52 | Marbella | 19:15 |
| Beer Sheba     | 17:33 | Beer Sheba   | 18:29 | Paris          | 18:37 | Buenos Aires   | 18:33 | Toronto  | 19:04 |
| Haifa          | 17:25 | Haifa        | 18:29 | London         | 17:47 | Moscow         | 18:19 | Warsaw   | 16:45 |
| Eilat          | 17:22 | Eilat        | 18:28 | Amsterdam      | 18:25 | Rome           | 17:53 |          |       |

### Shabbat Parashat Tzav – 16 Adar II (23.3.19) – second Shabbat Hafsa

Seven men are called up to read the weekly portion. The *Haftara* is read from *Jeremiah* 7:21 to 8:3: "*oloteichem sfu al zivchechem*" and we add 9:22-23: "*al yithalel chacham*". **Mincha:** Three men are called up to read the Torah from *Parashat Shmini*.

### Daylight savings time starts on Friday, 22 Adar II (29.3.19)

### Candle Lighting Times For Shabbat - Friday, 22 Adar II, March 29, 2019

| Shabbat begins |       | Shabbat ends |       | Shabbat begins |       | Shabbat begins |       |          |       |
|----------------|-------|--------------|-------|----------------|-------|----------------|-------|----------|-------|
| Jerusalem      | 18:20 | Jerusalem    | 19:33 | New York       | 18:57 | Melbourne      | 18:49 | Madrid   | 19:05 |
| Tel Aviv       | 18:37 | Tel Aviv     | 19:35 | Los Angeles    | 18:42 | Johannesburg   | 17:45 | Marbella | 19:21 |
| Beer Sheba     | 18:38 | Beer Sheba   | 19:34 | Paris          | 18:47 | Buenos Aires   | 18:23 | Toronto  | 19:13 |
| Haifa          | 18:30 | Haifa        | 19:35 | London         | 17:59 | Moscow         | 18:33 | Warsaw   | 16:57 |
| Eilat          | 18:26 | Eilat        | 19:32 | Amsterdam      | 18:38 | Rome           | 18:01 |          |       |

### Shabbat Parashat Shmini, 23 Adar II (30.3.19) – Parashat Parah/Mevarchin

Two *sifrei Torah* are taken out; in one we read the weekly portion, and seven are called up to this reading. In the other *sefer Torah* we read the *Maftir* from the beginning of *Parashat Chukkat* up until *titma 'ad ha'arev*. The *haftara* is read from *Yechezkel* (Ezekiel) 36, from verse 16: *Vayhi d'var HaShem elai leimor* until the end of the chapter. A child under the age of 13 is not called up for *maftir*. *Av ha-rachamim* is not recited. We bless the month of Nissan which begins on Saturday (9.4.16).

### The Molad: Thursday night (5.4.19), 01:25 a.m. and 17 chalakim

**Mincha:** Three men are called up to read the Torah from *Parashat Tazria*.

**Thursday, 28 Adar II (4.4.2019):** Those who are accustomed to fast on *erev rosh chodesh* recite *Yom Kippur Katan*, and *Tachanun* and *Avinu Malkeinu*. Some go to pray at the graves of the righteous. One who has a *yahrzeit* during the month of Nissan visits the grave on *'erev rosh chodesh*, because it is customary not to visit cemeteries during the month of Nissan.

**Friday, 29 Adar II (5.4.19):** Erev Rosh Chodesh Nissan.

With best wishes for a Good Month!

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