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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: Thursday night (26.12.19), at 8:02 p.m., 8 *Chalakim*.

Kiddush Levana (Sanctification of the Moon):

from Monday night, 3 *Tevet* (31.12.19) to Thursday night, 13 *Tevet* (9.1.20) – the entire night

Kiddush Levana (according to Oriental communities): from Thursday before dawn at 4:30 a.m., 6 *Tevet* (2.1.20)

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 chodsheichem* 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'elokeynu*.

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

Candle Lighting Times For Shabbat - Friday, 6 Tevet, January 3, 2020

Shabbat begins		Shabbat ends		Shabbat begins		Shabbat begins			
Jerusalem	16:12	Jerusalem	17:27	New York	16:20	Melbourne	20:16	Madrid	17:30
Tel Aviv	16:27	Tel Aviv	17:28	Los Angeles	16:27	Johannesburg	18:40	Marbella	17:58
Beer Sheba	16:31	Beer Sheba	17:30	Paris	16:37	Buenos Aires	19:40	Toronto	16:25
Haifa	16:18	Haifa	17:26	London	15:35	Moscow	15:42	Warsaw	15:04
Eilat	16:23	Eilat	17:32	Amsterdam	16:09	Rome	16:20		

Shabbat Parashat Vayigash. 7 Tevet (4.1.20)

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*.



Tuesday, Fast of the Tenth of Tevet (7.1.20) (the tenth month in the Hebrew calendar)

The fast in Israel begins at 5:05 a.m. The regular daily prayers are recited. In the Reader's repetition of the *Shmone Esrei*, *Anenu* is recited in Shacharit and Mincha., between the blessings of *Goel Yisrael* and *Rafa'inu*. Individuals recite *Anenu* in the *Shma Koleinu* blessing at Mincha. After the Reader's repetition in Shacharit, *Slichot* and *Avinu Malkeinu* are recited.

The Torah reading is from Parashat *Ki Tisa (Shmot, 32:11): Vayechal*, and 3 people are called up to the Torah.

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.

Mincha: The same Torah portion (*Vayechal*) is read, and the *Haftara* from Isaiah 58 (*Dirshu*) is read. If the Mincha prayer is after *plag hamincha: birkat kohanim, sim shalom, Avinu Malkeinu* and *Tachanun* are recited. The fast in Israel ends 5:14 p.m.

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 (7.1.2020)

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Candle Lighting Times For Shabbat - Friday, 13 Tevet, January 10, 2020

Shabbat begins		Shabbat ends		Shabbat begins		Shabbat begins			
Jerusalem	16:17	Jerusalem	17:32	New York	16:27	Melbourne	20:16	Madrid	17:36
Tel Aviv	16:33	Tel Aviv	17:34	Los Angeles	16:33	Johannesburg	18:41	Marbella	18:04
Beer Sheba	16:36	Beer Sheba	17:35	Paris	16:45	Buenos Aires	19:41	Toronto	16:32
Haifa	16:24	Haifa	17:32	London	15:43	Moscow	15:52	Warsaw	15:13
Eilat	16:28	Eilat	17:37	Amsterdam	16:18	Rome	16:27		

Shabbat Parashat Vayechi, 14 Tevet (11.1.20)

We finish reading the book of *Breishit – Shabbat Chazak*. The *Haftara* is from I Kings 2:1-12, "And David's day of death approached."

Mincha: three men are called up to the Torah reading 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.

Candle Lighting Times For Shabbat - Friday, 20 Tevet, January 17, 2020

Shabbat begins		Shabbat ends		Shabbat begins		Shabbat begins			
Jerusalem	16:23	Jerusalem	17:38	New York	16:35	Melbourne	20:14	Madrid	17:44
Tel Aviv	16:39	Tel Aviv	17:40	Los Angeles	16:39	Johannesburg	18:41	Marbella	18:11
Beer Sheba	16:42	Beer Sheba	17:41	Paris	16:55	Buenos Aires	19:39	Toronto	16:41
Haifa	16:30	Haifa	17:37	London	15:54	Moscow	16:04	Warsaw	15:24
Eilat	16:34	Eilat	17:43	Amsterdam	16:29	Rome	16:35		

Shabbat Parashat Shmot, 21 Tevet (18.1.20)

The *Haftara* is read from Isaiah 27:6 until 28:13, and then Isaiah 29:22-23.

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

Candle Lighting Times For Shabbat - Friday, 27 Tevet, January 24, 2020

Shabbat begins		Shabbat ends		Shabbat begins		Shabbat begins			
Jerusalem	16:30	Jerusalem	17:44	New York	16:43	Melbourne	20:10	Madrid	17:52
Tel Aviv	16:45	Tel Aviv	17:45	Los Angeles	16:46	Johannesburg	18:39	Marbella	18:18
Beer Sheba	16:48	Beer Sheba	17:43	Paris	17:05	Buenos Aires	19:36	Toronto	16:49
Haifa	16:37	Haifa	17:27	London	16:05	Moscow	16:18	Warsaw	15:36
Eilat	16:40	Eilat	17:48	Amsterdam	16:41	Rome	16:43		

Shabbat, Parshat Va'era, 28 Tevet (25.1.20) – Shabbat Mevarchin

Haftara: Ezekiel 28:25 "Ko Amar" until the Chapter 29:21 "veyedu ki ani hashem".

We announce Rosh Chodesh Shvat which will fall on **Monday** (27.1.20). Av Harachamim is not recited.

The Molad: Saturday, Shabbat Va'era (25.1.20), 8:46 a.m. and 9 chalakim

Mincha: Three men are called up to read the Torah from *Parashat Bo*. We recite *tzidkatekha tzedek*.

Sunday, 29 Tevet (26. 1.20): Eve of Rosh Chodesh Shvat. Prayers for *Yom Kippur Katan* are recited

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