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"וְהָיָה בְּיָמֵי זֶדְדָּהּ בְּזֶדְדָּהּ, וּבְיָמֵי שֶׁבַת בְּשֶׁבַתוֹ"

And it shall come to pass that from one New Moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another
(ישעיהו פרק סו פסוק כג)

Shvat 5779

January 7, 2019 – February 4, 2019

The New Moon: Sunday (6.1.19), at 11:13 a.m. and 14 *chalakim*

Kiddush Levana (Sanctification of the Moon):

from Wednesday night, the eve of 4 *Shvat* (10.1.19) to Monday, 15 *Shvat* (21.1.19) at 5:35 a.m.

Kiddush Levana (according to Oriental communities): from Sunday night, the eve of 8 *Shvat* (13.1.19) at 5:35 a.m.

(Close to the end of *Kiddush Levana* time a lunar eclipse will begin, culminating at 7:13. We will not be able to see the peak of the eclipse, since the moon will sing at 6:41 a.m.)

Candle Lighting Times For Shabbat - Friday, 5 Shvat, January 11, 2019

Shabbat begins		Shabbat ends		Shabbat begins		Shabbat begins			
Jerusalem	16:18	Jerusalem	17:33	New York	16:28	Melbourne	20:16	Madrid	17:38
Tel Aviv	16:34	Tel Aviv	17:35	Los Angeles	16:34	Johannesburg	18:41	Marbella	18:05
Beer Sheba	16:37	Beer Sheba	17:36	Paris	16:47	Buenos Aires	19:40	Toronto	16:34
Haifa	16:25	Haifa	17:33	London	15:45	Moscow	15:45	Warsaw	14:40
Eilat	16:29	Eilat	17:38	Amsterdam	16:20	Rome	16:28		

Shabbat Parashat Bo, 6 Shvat (12.1.19)

The *Haftara* is Jeremiah 46:13 until the end of the chapter. **Mincha:** Three men are called up to read from *Parashat B'shalach*.

Candle Lighting Times For Shabbat - Friday, 12 Shvat, January 18, 2019

Shabbat begins		Shabbat ends		Shabbat begins		Shabbat begins			
Jerusalem	16:24	Jerusalem	17:39	New York	16:36	Melbourne	20:16	Madrid	17:45
Tel Aviv	16:40	Tel Aviv	17:41	Los Angeles	16:41	Johannesburg	18:41	Marbella	18:12
Beer Sheba	16:43	Beer Sheba	17:42	Paris	16:56	Buenos Aires	19:39	Toronto	16:42
Haifa	16:31	Haifa	17:38	London	15:56	Moscow	16:07	Warsaw	14:51
Eilat	16:35	Eilat	17:44	Amsterdam	16:31	Rome	16:36		

Shabbat, Parshat B'shalach, 13 Shvat (19.1.19)

It is the custom to stand during the Torah reading of the Song of the Splitting of the Sea, and to recite each verse with the Chazan. The *Haftara* is Judges 4:4 until the end of chapter 5. **Mincha:** Three men are called to the Torah and read from *Parashat Yitro*.

Sunday, 14 Shvat (20.1.2019): Dedication ceremony of a grove at the **Rashbi** Junction in Meron, in honor and memory of R' **Eliezer Sheffer** z"l. With the participation of Mr. **Danny Atar** - Chairman of the JNF Board of Directors, Rabbi **Shmuel Eliyahu** – Chief Rabbi of Tzfat and the Sheffer family. Registration is mandatory by e-mail: unisyn@actcom.net.il

Monday, 15 Shvat (21.1.2019) – Tu Bishvat – The New Year for Trees

Tachanun is not recited, but *lamenatzeach* is said. It is custom to eat the fruits grown from fruit trees in Israel, to remember that today is the New Year of the Trees. Imported fruits need a qualified kosher certificate. The sefer **Pri Etz Hadar**, attributed to **Rabbi Binyamin HaLevi**, describes the *Tu Bishvat Seder* and festive meal, during which 30 different types of fruits growing in Eretz Israel are served, while reciting appropriate verses from the Torah, *Mishna*, and the Holy *Zohar* for each one.

Candle Lighting Times For Shabbat - Friday, 19 Shvat, January 25, 2019

Shabbat begins		Shabbat ends		Shabbat begins		Shabbat begins			
Jerusalem	16:31	Jerusalem	17:45	New York	16:45	Melbourne	20:09	Madrid	17:53
Tel Aviv	16:47	Tel Aviv	17:47	Los Angeles	16:47	Johannesburg	18:39	Marbella	18:20
Beer Sheba	16:49	Beer Sheba	17:48	Paris	17:07	Buenos Aires	19:35	Toronto	16:51
Haifa	16:38	Haifa	17:45	London	16:08	Moscow	16:21	Warsaw	15:03
Eilat	16:41	Eilat	17:49	Amsterdam	16:43	Rome	16:45		

Shabbat, Parshat Yitro, 20 Shvat (26.1.19)

We read the Ten Commandments using the lower cantillation signs, and it is customary to stand when reading them.

It is a custom of Oriental Jewry to read the Ten Commandments using the upper cantillation signs when reading them in public.

Haftara: Isaiah 6:1 -7:6, followed by Isaiah 9:5-6.

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

Candle Lighting Times For Shabbat - Friday, 26 Shvat, February 2, 2019

Shabbat begins		Shabbat ends		Shabbat begins		Shabbat begins			
Jerusalem	16:37	Jerusalem	17:51	New York	16:53	Melbourne	20:04	Madrid	18:02
Tel Aviv	16:53	Tel Aviv	17:53	Los Angeles	16:54	Johannesburg	18:36	Marbella	18:27
Beer Sheba	16:56	Beer Sheba	17:53	Paris	17:18	Buenos Aires	19:30	Toronto	17:01
Haifa	16:44	Haifa	17:51	London	16:20	Moscow	16:35	Warsaw	15:16
Eilat	16:47	Eilat	17:55	Amsterdam	16:56	Rome	16:59		

Shabbat, Parshat Mishpatim, 27 Shvat (2.2.19) – Shabbat Mevarchin

We read the *Haftara* from Jeremiah 34:8 “*Ha-davar asher haya*” to “*me'ein yoshev*” (verse 22), and we add Chapter 33:25-26, “*Koh amar*” to “*ve-richamtim*”. *Av Harachamim* is not recited.

We announce the New Moon which will fall on Tuesday and Wednesday (4.2.2019-5.2.2019).

The Molad: Monday night (4.2.19), 11:57 p.m. and 15 chalakim

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

Monday, 29 Shvat (4.2.2019) – Eve of Rosh Chodesh Adar I:

Prayers for *Yom Kippur Katan* are recited. *Tachanun* is not recited in *Mincha*.

Tuesday, 30 Shvat (5.2.2019) – the first day of Rosh Chodesh Adar I: *Rosh Chodesh* prayers.

With best wishes for a Good Month!

New appointments in World Organization of Orthodox Communities and Synagogues



Following the demise of **Eliezer Sheffer** z"l, the mythological chairman and founder of the **Union of Synagogues and Communities in Israel** and the **World Organization of Synagogues and Orthodox Communities**, elections were held for the chairmanship of the organization, in which **David Ben-Naeh** was elected.

Ben Naeh, the *Yakir Yerushalayim* and *Yakir HaChinuch HaDati*, served in the IDF as an officer and commanding officer. He worked in the establishment of state-religious educational institutions, and later on in Jewish education abroad. He initiated the establishment of settlements throughout Israel - **Yeruham, Tekoa, Moshav Katif** and more, and the **Mitzpe Nevo** neighborhood in **Ma'aleh Adumim**, where he served as deputy mayor.

He served as Chairman of the *Mishmeret HaTzira* of the **World Mizrahi**, as Director General of the Department *Dor Hemshech*, Director of the Department of Torah Education and Culture in the Diaspora, and the Department for Spiritual Services. Ben Naeh is currently a member of the Executive of the World Zionist Organization.

Dr. **Yaakov Haddani** - Former Head of Religious Education, *Yakir Yerushalayim* and Chairman of Lifshitz College. Attorney **Bentzi Sheffer** - Director of the Independent Attorney's Office and the son of Eliezer z"l, **Shamai Keinan** - Chairman of the Herzog Hospital and former CEO of Hechal Shlomo, Dr. **Yitzhak Dahan** - From the Department of Sociology at Bar-Ilan University and former senior official in the World Zionist Organization, **Amiad Taub**, deputy mayor of Modi'in and CEO of *Et Tikshoret*, Dr. **Yossi Zadok**, Rabbi and psychologist **Michael Strick** and Rabbi **Avraham Bin-Nun**.

Ben Na'eh, excited, thanked the friends for their trust and said: "It is a great privilege for me to continue the unique path of **Eliezer Sheffer**. Together with the members, we will do our best to continue to increase Torah learning, to connect the Orthodox communities in Israel and abroad, and to elevate the status of the synagogues in Israel."

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With best wishes for a Good Month!

David Ben-Naeh - Chairman