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Shabbos

25 Teves, 5781 | Parshas Shemos,
Shabbos Mevarchim Chodesh Shevat

Things to do

- Today's *haftorah* is *Haba'im Yashreish Yaakov* (Yeshayahu 27:6-28:13; 29:22-23).¹

Tehillim

- Early in the morning we gather in *shul* to recite the entire Tehillim with a *minyan*. Following Tehillim, a *maamar* (that can be understood by everyone) should be studied for around an hour, followed by *davening*.²
- For more on saying Tehillim on Shabbos Mevarchim, see below, "*Hosafos*."

"Make sure to study a parshah of Chumash with Rashi every day, to say Tehillim every day, and to complete the Tehillim on Shabbos Mevarchim. It is crucial for you, your children, and your grandchildren."

(*Hayom Yom, 25 Shevat*)

Blessing the New Month

- It is proper to know when the *molad* will be before blessing the new month.³ This month, the *molad* will be on Wednesday evening, at 5:35 p.m. and 3 *chalakim*.⁴

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- The *chazzan* stands,⁵ holding a Sefer Torah,⁶ and leads the congregation with *Mi shebeirach*. It is customary for the congregants to stand as well.⁷
- Rosh Chodesh **Shevat** will be on Thursday.
- We don't say Av Harachamim.

Farbrengens

- Shabbos Mevarchim is a day to *farbreng*, ideally in *shul*.⁸ For more on Shabbos Mevarchim *farbrengens*, see below, "*Hosafos*."
- Shabbos Mevarchim Shevat (which blesses the entire month of Shevat, including—and especially—Yud Shevat) is a day to resolve to increase in our involvement in the Rebbe's activities, Torah, and *avodah*, and especially in our *bittul* and *hiskashrus* to the *nassi hador*, through fulfilling his *shlichus*. (*Sefer Hasichos* 5752, p. 266)

Tuesday

28 Teves, 5781

On this day

Today is the birthday of the Rebbe's mother, Rebbetzin Chana Schneerson. Learn more about Rebbetzin Chana at www.chabad.org/2700576

1 ספר המנהגים עמ' 32.

2 ספר המנהגים ע' 30.

3 סידור אדה"ו. ולכן נהגו להכריז זאת באותה שעה ברבים, ראה ליקוטי מוהרי"ח (בראש ח"ג, בהשמטות לח"ב פחב).

4 ושערי-רחמים על השערי-אפרים שער י"ס ק"מז.

5 לוח כולל חב"ד.

6 זכר לקידוש החודש, שבו ראש ב"ד עומד ואומר 'מקודש' וכל העם עונין אחריו (מנ"א ס' תיז"ס"א).

7 קצות השלחן ס' פג בבדה"ש ס' ק"י, משערי אפרים שער י"ס ל"ו.

8 ושערי-רחמים על השערי-אפרים שער י"ס ק"מז.

9 ספר המנהגים ע' 30.

Wednesday

29 Teves, 5781 | Erev Rosh Chodesh Shevat

☰ Things to do

- On Erev Rosh Chodesh (known as Yom Kippur Katan), give extra *zedakah*⁹ and increase in *davening* and learning.¹⁰
- Say the *shur* Tehillim of both the twenty-ninth and thirtieth days of the month.¹¹
- During Minchah we don't say Tachanun.
- Say Yaaleh Viyavo during Maariv tonight. See below, "*Hosafos*," for the laws that apply if you forgot to say Yaaleh Viyavo.

Thursday

1 Shevat, 5781 | Rosh Chodesh Shevat

☰ Things to do

- Say Yaaleh Viyavo in Shemoneh Esrei. See below, "*Hosafos*," for the laws that apply if you forgot to say Yaaleh Viyavo.
- After Shemoneh Esrei, Half Hallel is recited, followed by Kaddish Shalem. For more on Hallel, see below, "*Hosafos*."
- Hallel is followed by Shir Shel Yom and Barchi Nafshi.
- This is followed by *krias hatorah*. Next, say Ashrei and Uva Letzion. The *chazzan* concludes Uva Letzion quietly, and the Sefer Torah is returned to the *aron kodesh*.
- Next, remove Rashi's *tefillin*, don Rabbeinu Tam's *tefillin*, and say Shema, *Kadesh li chol bechor*, and the Sheish Zechiros. After removing Rabbeinu Tam's *tefillin*, we *daven* Musaf. The *chazzan* should recite a chapter of Tehillim before saying the Chatzi Kaddish that precedes Musaf.¹²

9 תר"מ תשמ"ו ח"ג עמ' 593. תשמ"ז ח"ב עמ' 160.

10 שיחות-קודש תשל"ו עמ' 663, ועוד.

11 ספר המנהגים ע' 19.

12 אג"ק ח"כ עמ' רפג.

- If you are wearing *tefillin* when the *minyan* reaches Kesser, cover the *shel rosh* when responding.¹³

Bentching

- It is a mitzvah to enhance today's meal in honor of Rosh Chodesh.¹⁴
- Say Yaaleh Viyavo and the Harachaman for Rosh Chodesh. Additionally, replace the word *Magdil* (in the *possuk* *Magdil yeshuos malko*) with *Migdol*.
- See below, "*Hosafos*," for more on *bentching* and for the laws that apply if you forgot to say Yaaleh Viyavo.
- When saying a Berachah Acharonah Mei'ein Shalosh (e.g., Al Hamichyah), add the addition for Rosh Chodesh. (However, there is no need to repeat the *berachah* if it was omitted).¹⁵

Minhagei Rosh Chodesh

- It is customary for women to refrain from performing certain types of work on Rosh Chodesh (see note).¹⁶
- It is customary to refrain from taking a haircut and cutting nails on Rosh Chodesh.¹⁷
- The Frierdiker Rebbe cites an "ancient custom" to study another *possuk* from the *kapitel* corresponding to one's age each Rosh Chodesh, along with Rashi's explanation (and additional commentaries).¹⁸ For Tehillim with Rashi, visit www.chabad.org/16222.
- If there are less than twelve *pesukim* in your *kapitel* (or less than thirteen in a leap year), when you finish the *kapitel*, learn it a second time. If there are more than twelve (or thirteen) *pesukim* in your *kapitel*, study enough *pesukim* each Rosh Chodesh to finish the *kapitel* over the course of the year.¹⁹

13 'מאסף לכל המנחות' סי' כה סוף סי' קלו, ובלקט-הקמח החדש שם סי' קה.

14 שו"ע אורח סי' תיט.

15 מג"א סי' רח סקי"ח.

16 שו"ע ורמ"א סי' תיז סי' א, שהפרטים תלויים במנהג המקום. יש מקומות שאסרו תפירה [בתורת מנחם - התנועדות] תשד"מ ח"ב עמ' 948 מודגשת מלאכה זו, וצויון לתשב"ץ ח"ג סי' רמד], סריגה, כיבוס (ידי), וגיחוף שלא לצורך היום (ראה שם: שערי-תשובה סי' ק. ג. כף-החיים סי' ק. לב. אשל-אברהם להרה"צ מבוטשטש). ובערוך-השולחן שם סי' כתב ש"אצלנו" נשים העוסקות באומנות - עושות מלאכה, שלא קיבלו עליהן להפסיד פרנסתן (ואצ"ל ביחס למלאכות הקשורות בחינוך, ראה סי' חול-המועד כהלכתו, פרק ו, סעיף עה).

17 צוואת רבי יהודה החסיד אות מה. שו"ע אדה"ז סי' רס סי' א.

18 ספר-המנהגים עמ' 36.

19 שם.

- The Rebbe encouraged arranging *farbrengens* (in *shul*²⁰) on Rosh Chodesh.²¹

Hosafos

Shabbos Mevarchim Chodesh Shevat

Tehillim

- It is not our custom to recite the *pesukim* printed before and after the Tehillim.²²
- At the conclusion of Tehillim, an individual whose parents have passed recites Kaddish Yasom. If a *chiyuv* (an individual commemorating a *yahrzeit* or an *avel*) is present, Kaddish is recited at the end of each *sefer*. In such a case, the *Yehi Ratzon* following each *sefer* should be recited beforehand (at least by the one reciting Kaddish).²³
- If you did not finish reciting Tehillim before *davening*, finish it as soon as possible (after Minchah, on Sunday,²⁴ or on the following Shabbos²⁵).

Farbrengens

- Continue the Shabbos Mevarchim *farbrengens* at home during the Shabbos meal, by discussing with your family the general idea of Shabbos Mevarchim and the special dates of the upcoming month (e.g., Yud Shevat, Tu B'Shevat, and Chof-Beis Shevat).²⁶
- Women and girls should arrange their own *farbrengens*, either on Shabbos or on *motzoei Shabbos*.²⁷

Rosh Chodesh Shevat

Yaaleh Viyavo When Davening

- If you forgot to say *Yaaleh Viyavo* during Maariv

20 היום יום ל' ניסן, וראה סה"ש תש"ג שבהערה הבאה.
 21 ספר-שיחות התש"ג ח"ב עמ' 539. וראה אג"ק כ"ק אדמו"ר מהור"צ ח"ז עמ' שכד, עיי"ש. תורת מנחם כרך ח, עמ' 178.
 22 ראה צילום כ"ק בכפר חב"ד גיליון 789 עמ' 11, ומשם בהתקשרות גיליון תמה, וגיליון תפד עמ' 17 ואילך.
 23 ספר המנהגים ע' 30.
 24 היכל מנחם ח"ג ע' רסו.
 25 דעם רבינים קינדער' ע' תלד.
 26 לקו"ש חט"ז ע' 523.
 27 לקו"ש שם.

and remembered after saying Hashem's name at the end of the *berachah*, do not go back to repeat it.²⁸

- If you forgot to say *Yaaleh Viyavo* during Shacharis or Minchah and remembered after saying Hashem's name at the end of the *berachah*, finish the *berachah* and say it before Modim.²⁹ If you already began saying Modim, go back to Retzei.³⁰ If you already said the second *Yihiyu leratzon* at the end of Shemoneh Esrei, go back to the beginning of Shemoneh Esrei.³¹
- If you forgot to say *Yaaleh Viyavo* during Shacharis and only remembered after *davening* Musaf, do not repeat the Shemoneh Esrei of Shacharis.³²
- If you forgot to say *Yaaleh Viyavo* during Minchah and only remembered at night, *daven* Maariv twice, once for Maariv and the second time as a voluntary *tefillah*. However, since it is no longer Rosh Chodesh, do not say *Yaaleh Viyavo* during either Shemoneh Esrei.³³
- All the above also applies if you are unsure whether you have said *Yaaleh Viyavo*.³⁴

Hallel

- If you are saying Hallel without a *minyan*, say the *berachos* at the beginning and end.³⁵ When saying the *berachah* at the end of Hallel, the word *al* is omitted.³⁶
- Many are accustomed to saying these *berachos* even when saying Hallel with a *minyan*.³⁷ If doing so, say the *berachos* before or together with the *chazzan*, and do not answer amen on the *chazzan's berachah*.³⁸
- Repeat the *possuk* of *Hodu* after each of the three *pesukim* of *Yomar na* (even when saying Hallel without a *minyan*³⁹).

28 שו"ע ס' תכב ס"א ובמג"א שם סק"א.
 29 שו"ע ס' תכב ס"א. ראה באריכות בהתקשרות גיליון ת"ת.
 30 שם.
 31 שם.
 32 שו"ע אדה"ז ס' קכו ס"ג.
 33 שו"ע אדה"ז ס' קח ס"ז.
 34 מג"א ס' תכב סק"ד. וראה משנ"ב ס' תכב סק"י, ע"ש.
 35 ספר-המנהגים עמ' 36.
 36 ספר-המנהגים עמ' 36.
 37 ראה שיחות-קודש תשמ"א ח"ד עמ' 322 סל"ז.
 38 ראה בארוכה בהתקשרות גיליונות: שלח עמ' 17, תמוז עמ' 17, 1-תמוז עמ' 19 הע' 47.
 39 היום יום, ל' תשרי.

- With regard to interrupting for *devarim shebikdushah*, Hallel shares the laws of *birchos krias shema*.⁴⁰ (To elaborate: With Kaddish, you may interrupt for *Yehei Shmei Rabba* and the amen of *da'amiran be'alma*. With *Kedushah*, you may interrupt for *Kadosh*, *Boruch*, and *Yimloch*. With *Modim*, you may say the words *Modim anachnu lach*. You may interrupt for *Borchu* and for the amen of *Hakel hakadosh*, *Shomei'a tefillah* and *birchos hatorah*.⁴¹)

Bentching

- The one leading the *bentching* raises his voice when saying the words *zachreinu Hashem Elokeinu bo letovah, u'fakdeinu vo levrachah, vehoshi'einu vo lechaim tovim*, and those listening answer amen after each phrase. However, if they are in the middle of *bentching* as well, they may only answer if they are between *berachos*.⁴²
- If you forgot to say *Yaaleh Viyavo* and remembered after saying Hashem's name at the end of the *berachah* but before starting the *berachah* of *Hatov Vehameitiv*, say the added paragraph for *Rosh Chodesh* printed in the *bentcher* or *siddur*. If you remembered after starting that *berachah*, do not go back.⁴³

40 ראה 'התקשרות' גיליון תמא ובס' הפסק בתפילה ספ"ד ובמילואים שם.

41 'דיני ומנהגי ר"ח - חב"ד' פ"ח סי"ב.

42 לקוטי-שיחות חכ"ד עמ' 380.

43 שו"ע אדה"ז סי' קפח טו"ס י' סידור אדה"ז.

Rambam

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שלושה פרקים ליום

Shabbos

הלכות בכורות, פרק ב-ד

Sunday

הלכות בכורות, פרק ה-ז

Monday

הלכות בכורות, פרק ח
הלכות שגגות, פרק א-ב

Tuesday

הלכות שגגות, פרק ג-ה

Wednesday

הלכות שגגות, פרק ו-ח

Thursday

הלכות שגגות, פרק ט-יא

Friday

הלכות שגגות, פרק יב-יד

פרק אחד ליום

Shabbos

הלכות קדוש החדש, פרק ו

Sunday

הלכות קדוש החדש, פרק ז

Monday

הלכות קדוש החדש, פרק ח

Tuesday

הלכות קדוש החדש, פרק ט

Wednesday

הלכות קדוש החדש, פרק י

Thursday

הלכות קדוש החדש, פרק יא

Friday

הלכות קדוש החדש, פרק יב

ספר המצוות

כה מל"ת קמד קח

כו מ"ע עח

כז מל"ת קט מ"ע סט

כח מ"ע ע

כט מ"ע ע

א מ"ע עא

ב מ"ע עב

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