

Halacha Newsletter

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Sivan

Tachnun is not said from the first through the twelfth day of the month. During this time period fasting is forbidden except in the following two cases. A Chossan and Kallah fast on the day of their wedding. One accustomed to fast following a disturbing dream may do so.

The second day of Sivan is known as "Yom HaM'yuchos." It was on that day that Hashem said to the Jewish people, "V'atem Tihiyu Li Mamleches Kohanim V'goy Kodosh" (And you shall be unto me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation). The following Yom Kippur will fall on the same day of the week as the Yom HaM'yuchos.

The third, fourth and fifth days of Sivan are called "Shloshes Y'mei Hagboloh," the three preparatory days before Mattan Torah. Although haircuts are permitted during these three days, Minhag Chabad is to wait until Erev Shavuos. Since Erev Shavuos is on Shabbos this year, one may get a haircut on Friday.

Erev Shavuos

Friday Evening
Sivan 5, May 25

Candlelighting time is 7:37 p.m. The Brocho is "L'Hadlik Ner Shel Shabbos

Kodesh."

The davening and Kiddush are the same as on a regular Shabbos. The Torah reading is Parshas Bamidbar. Av Harachamim is omitted. Shalosh Seudos should be eaten before the 10th hour of the day (4:25 p.m.).

Mincha The regular Shabbos Mincha is recited, preceded by Kriyas HaTorah in Parshas Naso. Tzidkoscho is not recited. The 6th chapter of Pirkei Avos is recited after Mincha.

Shavuos Night

Candlelighting Not before 8:37 p.m., from a pre-existing flame, and only after saying "Boruch Hamavdil Bein Kodesh l'Kodesh." The following two Brachos are recited: 1) L'Hadlik Ner Shel Yom Tov; and 2) Shehechionu.

Maariv We daven later than usual to make sure that the forty-nine days of the Omer are complete. Likewise, since it is Saturday night, we ensure that Shabbos is completely over before beginning Yom Tov.

Beginning at Shir Hamaalos we recite Maariv L'Sholosh R'golim. In the Shmonei Esrei "Vatodieinu" is added. If one forgot to say it, the Shmonei Esrei is not repeated. In that case before doing any Melacha forbidden on Shabbos but permitted on Yom Tov, he must say "Boruch Hamavdil

Bein Kodesh l'Kodesh."

Kiddush is performed in the following order:

1. Boreh P'ri Hagofen
2. Birkas Kiddush
3. Boreh M'oray Ha'esh (at which time we only look at the candles)
4. Birkas Havdolo
5. Shehechionu

It is customary to stay awake all night to recite "Tikun Leil Shavuos" and to learn. This is to rectify the Jews' having slept the night prior to Mattan Torah. One who was up all night (until morning) washes "Negel Vasser" and says Birkas Hashachar. (For further details, refer to Likutei Sichos, Volume 9, page 276.)

Some have a custom to immerse in the Mikveh at dawn to receive the Torah in purity.

Shavuos Day

First Day of Shavuos
Sunday, Sivan 6, May 27

Shacharis of Sholosh Regolim and Hallel.

Kriyas Hatorah After Vay'hi Binsoa we say "Hashem, Hashem" once, and take out two Sifrei Torah. From the first Sefer we read the portion concerning Mattan Torah in Parshas Yisro. It is customary to stand facing

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the Sefer Torah during the reading of the Aseres Hadibros. For Maftir, from the second Sefer we read "U'vayom Habikurim" in Parshas Pinchas.

There has been an urgent call from the Lubavitcher Rebbe, of Blessed Memory, to bring all children, including infants, to shul to hear the Torah reading, especially the portion containing the Aseres Hadibros.

According to the Minhag of Chabad we do not say Akdomos.

Musaf of Sholosh Regolim. Note the special insertions describing the Shavuos Korbonos. Birkas Kohanim is performed.

It is customary to eat dairy foods on the first day of Shavuos. However, we are also obligated to eat meat on Shabbos and Yom Tov. Therefore, one should take caution to rinse the mouth out and wait approximately one hour (six hours after "hard cheese") between the dairy foods and any meat meals which follow.

Second Day

Second Night of Shavuos Sunday Evening

Candlelighting is not before 8:37 p.m. from a pre-existing flame. The following two Brachos are recited: 1) L'Hadlik Ner Shel Yom Tov; and 2) Shehechionu.

Maariv L'Sholosh Regolim (beginning with Shir Hamaalos).

Kiddush L'Sholosh Regolim and Shehechionu.

Second Day of Shavuos Monday, Sivan 7, May 28

Davening is the same as the first day. According to the Minhag of Chabad the book of Ruth is not read publicly.

Kriyas Hatorah "Vay'hi Binsoa" and "Hashem, Hashem (once)" are recited. Two Sifrei Torah are taken out. In the

first we read "Kol Hab'chor" in Parshas Re'eh. Maftir is the same as for the first day.

Yizkor is recited after Kriyas Hatorah.

Musaf of Sholosh Regolim. Be sure to include the special insertions describing the Shavuos Korbonos. Birkas Kohanim is performed.

Motzei Yom Tov 8:37 p.m. Havdolo is the same as every Motzei Yom Tov: Hiney Kel Yeshuosy, Borei P'ri Hagofen, and the Brocho of Hamavdil (B'somim and candle are not used).

Did You Know...

In the Gemara there is a disagreement as to whether the Torah was given on the 6th day of Sivan or on the 7th day. According to both opinions, the Torah was given on Shabbos. According to our calendar, Shavuos can never fall out on Shabbos. However, during the time the Beis Din determined Rosh Chodesh by actual observation of the new moon, Shavuos could fall on Shabbos.

Based on this we may resolve an apparent disagreement between the Talmud Bavli and the Talmud Yerushalmi as to when Dovid HaMelech passed away. One source states that Dovid HaMelech passed away on Shabbos while the other states that he passed away on Shavuos. Since at that time Shavuos could fall on Shabbos, the conflict is resolved.

**Best Wishes
for a
Happy Shavuos**

*You're
Invited...*

Chabad of Northern Beverly Hills will be open the entire night of Shavuos for classes and learning. Refreshments will be served. There will be an early morning Minyan at 5:15 a.m. in addition to the regular 9:30 a.m. Minyan.

*All men and
women are
welcome to
attend.*