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Reminders for Shavuos 5774 – תשע"ד

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May we merit to celebrate *Shavuos* in the *Bais Hamikdiosh Hashlishi* and hear the *Torah Chadosho!*

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* **Tachanun** is not recited from *Rosh Chodesh* until 12 Sivan.

* **Haircuts:** Our *Minhag* is not to take any haircuts prior to *Erev Shavuos*.

To Remember and Purchase:

1. **Dairy Foods:** On the first day of *Yom Tov* we eat dairy foods. There are many ways to do so, and each should act according to his custom, and be especially careful in the *kashrus* laws pertaining to separation of milk and meat.
2. **Pareve Knife:** If one does not have one already, purchase a separate **pareve** knife to be used only for cutting onions and other fruits and vegetables as cutting onion etc. with a *Milchig* or *Fleishig* knife can lead to serious *shailos*.
3. **Aseres Hadibros:** Ensure that one has help, if necessary, to be able to bring **all** the children to shul to hear the *Aseres Hadibros*. Infants and newborn babies should also be brought to shul if it will not affect their health. (And, if possible, to be present at *Birchas Kohanim* after *Musaf*).
4. **Long-lasting candles** (like a *Yartzeit Licht*): Those who do not have a gas flame lit over *Yom Tov* should light a long-lasting candle to be able to light candles on the second night of *Yom Tov*. However, those who have household help should light one even if there is a gas flame lit, for sometimes the maid turns off the flame.
5. **Neironim:** If one uses glass holders for the *Shabbos/Yomtov* candles which must be cleaned between each use, make sure there are enough to use for two days of *Yom Tov* (as there is a *shailo* whether you are permitted to remove the metal washer on *Yomtov*).
6. **Tikun Leil Shavuos:** Purchase one (if you don't have one) and insert the corrections that are mentioned in *Likutei Sichos* vol. 28 page 315. (Copied at the end of this document).
7. **Carbon monoxide detector:** Those who have the gas on for a prolonged time during *YomTov* should ensure that they have proper ventilation and that they have a proper carbon monoxide alarm system in place. Make sure to test it a couple of days before *YomTov*.
8. Give extra **Tzedaka** for those who do not have basic needs for *Yom Tov* (like *Maos Chitim* before *Pesach*).
9. Prepare a *Dvar Torah* and a story of the Baal Shem tov to be said during Shovuos.

Preparations for the *Milchig* (dairy) meal of the first day of *YomTov*:

PLEASE – Do not use neither a dairy nor a meat knife to cut onions or other vegetables (or bread) because this can cause kashrus questions to arise. Use only a separate *pareve* knife (during the year as well.)

* **Oven:** If one only has a single oven that is used for meat, and wants to use it to bake dairy foods, please contact the *Rav*.

* **Dairy meal:** The custom to eat dairy foods is only on the first day of *Shavuos* (except for those who have a personal family custom, etc.).

Tuesday, ה' סיון Erev *Shavuos*:

Haircuts are permissible.

Before *Yom Tov* Begins:

1. **Fires:** If it is necessary—make sure the appropriate fires are lit.
2. If there is no lit gas flame—light a long lasting candle.
3. **Shabbos Clock:** Ascertain that the *Shabbos* clock is set for two days of *Yom Tov*.

Candle lighting:

4. **Tzedaka:** The Rebbe instructed that on *Erev Shavuos*, prior to the candle lighting, we give *Tzedaka* for both days of *Yom Tov*.
5. **Lighting Candles:** The correct time to light candles is 18 minutes before sunset (see local calendar). However, if one missed the correct time they may light later than that, but only from a pre-existing flame.
6. If one generally takes in *Shabbos* early, it is not done so on *Shavuos* (because of counting the *Omer*.)
7. **Those who will not be eating in their own homes should not forget to light candles!! If one forgot, call a Rav after *Yom Tov* to see what must be done.**
8. The Brachos said are: *שהחיינו* and *להדליק* בר של יום טוב.

The Frierdike Rebbe writes in a letter:

“Shavuos is an opportune time to do everything for the benefit of learning Torah and Avodah with *Yiras Shomayim*; and also to do *תשובה* in regards to Torah without interference from the *שטן*, similar to the time of *תקיעות* on *Rosh Hashono* and the day of *Yom Kippur*.”

The Rebbe added to this: **“This letter must be learned, and publicized amongst those who do not know about it.”**

Once *Yom Tov* Begins:

1. One must wait until nightfall (see local calendar) to *daven Ma'ariv* because we have to make sure that there are “seven complete weeks” for *Sefiras Haomer*. Therefore, if one generally takes in *Shabbos* early, it is not done so on *Shavuos*.

2. *Ma'ariv* is for *Sholosh Regolim (Yom Tov)* and starts with "*Shir Hama'alos*".

The Yom Tov Meal

1. **Before the meal begins, ensure that all the women and girls have lit candles. If there are not enough candles, do not rely on lighting after the meal, rather borrow candles from a neighbor so that all the women and girls can light candles before beginning the meal.**
2. For those who usually take in *Shabbos* early, today (*Shavuos*) they may not do so and *Kiddush* may not be recited before nightfall. (see local calendar).
3. We say *Kiddush* for *Yom Tov* with *Shehecheyanu*.

In *Birchas Hamozon*

1. **יעלה ויבא:** We add "יעלה ויבא" in *Birchas Hamozon*. If one forgot and remembered after beginning the following *Bracha* (even if he only said "ברוך") one must return to the beginning of *Bentching*. However, if he remembered before beginning the following *Bracha*, he should say the text printed in the *Siddur*: ". אשר נתן..".
2. **הרחמן:** Towards the end of *Birchas Hamozon* we add "הרחמן הוא ינחילנו ליום שכולו טוב".

Tikun Leil Shavuos

*The men remain awake all night and say *Tikkun Leil Shavuos* and then they go to the *Mikvah before Alos Hashachar*. (See local calendar). There are a few corrections from the Rebbe regarding the *Tikkun*, noted in *Likutei Sichos* vol. 28 page 315. (see below at the end of this document).

Wednesday, ו' סיון, First Day of Shavuos - Yahrzeit of the Baal Shem Tov:

1. ***Krias Shma*:** Latest time for *Krias Shma*: (see local calendar).
2. ***Aseres Hadibros*:** Prepare all the children, even the babies (if it will not affect their health), to attend *Shul* to hear *Aseres Hadibros* during the reading of the *Torah* (and after that – if possible - *Birchas Kohanim*, which is done towards the end of *Musaf*).
3. ***Hallel*:** After the *Amida* for *Sholosh Regolim* the entire *Hallel* is recited.

The YomTov meal

1. ***Kiddush*:** *Kiddush* at the start of the meal is that of *Sholosh Regolim*, beginning from "אתקינו וכי אלה מועדי".
2. We eat dairy foods (each one according to his custom).
3. ***Birchas Hamozon*:**

יעלה ויבא: We add "יעלה ויבא" in *Birchas Hamozon*. If one forgot and remembered after beginning the following *Bracha* (even if he only said "ברוך") must return to the beginning. However, if he remembered before beginning the following *Bracha*, he should say the text printed in the *Siddur*: ". אשר נתן..".

הרחמן: At the end of *Birchas Hamozon* we add "הרחמן הוא ינחילנו ליום שכולו טוב".

* **During the day:** One may cook food on *Yom Tov* as permitted, but during the first day of *Yom Tov* one may not prepare anything for the second day of *Yom Tov*.

* ***Tahalucha*:** The custom in Lubavitch is to go on "תהלוכה" during the first day of *Yom Tov*.

* **Mincha:** קרבנות, אשרי, ובא לציון ותפלת שלש רגלים.

Second Night of *Yom Tov*:

1. **Ma'ariv:** Is that of *Sholosh Regolim* starting with *Shir Hamaalos*.
2. **Preparations for the meal:** Preparations for the meal may commence after nightfall (see local calendar).
3. **Candle Lighting:** Candles may be lit after nightfall (see local calendar). However, many have the custom to light candles right before *Kiddush*.
4. Candles must be lit from a **pre-existing flame**. If one is bringing a flame from a neighbor, he should make sure that it is well protected from the wind etc.
5. **Brochos** said are: שהחיינו and להדליק נר של יום טוב.
6. **Those who will not be eating in their own homes should not forget to light candles!! If one forgot, call the Rav after Yom Tov to see what must be done.**

Yom Tov Seuda (meal):

Before the meal begins, ensure that all the women have lit candles. If there are not enough candles, do not rely on lighting after the meal, rather borrow candles from a neighbor so that all the women can light candles before beginning the meal.

* **Kiddush:** *Kiddush* is that of *Sholosh Regolim (Yom Tov)*, and שהחיינו.

* In **Birchas Hamozon** we add "יעלה ויבא" (If one forgot – see yesterday) and "הרחמן הוא ינחילנו ליום שכולו טוב".

Thursday, י"ד סיון, Second day of *Shavuos*

1. Arrange for the children to attend **Birchas Kohanim** which will take place towards the end of *Mussaf*.
2. *Aseres Hadibros* are read only on the first day of *Yom Tov*.
3. **Shacharis** is like the first day of *Yom Tov*, however, before *Musaf* we also add "**Yizkor**". Those who have to say *Yizkor* and cannot attend *Shul*, may say it at home. If possible, they should try to say it at the approximate time when it is being said in *Shul*.
4. Towards the end of *Musaf* there is *Birchas Kohanim*.
5. **Kiddush** is like the first day of *Yom Tov*.
6. In **Birchas Hamozon** we add "יעלה ויבא" (If one forgot – see yesterday) and "הרחמן הוא ינחילנו ליום שכולו טוב".

* **Mincha** is of *Sholosh Regolim (Yom Tov)* like yesterday.

* **Farbengen:** The *Rebbe* would start the *Farbengen* before the *Shkia* (sunset). The *Rebbe* would wash for *Hamotzie*, eat *Challah*, say *Lechayim*, many *Sichos* (a *Maamor*), and continue through the night. During the *Sichos* the *Rebbe* would also remind everyone about **Chita's - חת"ת** and its connection to *Shavuos*: *Chumash – Moshe Rabeinu; Tehillim – Dovid Hamelech; Tanya – the Baal Shem Tov*. A special *Sicha* was devoted to the "*Kinus Torah*" that would take place the day after *YomTov*. At the conclusion of the *Farbengen* the *Rebbe* would say *Birchas Hamozon*, daven *Maariv*, recite *Havdalah* and distribute *Kos shel Brocho*. Sometimes it would last almost until 3-4 am!

* This *Seuda* is a “*Simcha shel Mitzva*” – just like when a child goes into *Cheder* we celebrate with a *Seudas Mitzvah*, so too, *Klal Yisroel* started going to *Cheder* on *Shavuos*....

At the end of YomTov

*In *Maariv* we recite “*Ato Chonantonu*”.

*We recite *Havdalah*. However, we do not use *Bsomim* nor the *Havdolo-candle* and we do not say *Veyiten Lecho*.

* The day after *Shavuos* is called “*Yom Tovuah*” (the day they brought some of the *Korbonois* connected to *Shavuos*).

We do not say *Tachanun* until after 12 of Sivan.

“A healthy summer and a joyous *Tomid* (always)”

May we merit this *Shavuos* (and even prior to that) to receive the “*Torah Chadosh Me’iti Tetze*” ולקבלת התורה בשמחה ובפנימיות.

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P.S. An exercise for the family:

All the *Halocho*s of *Shavuos*, are the same as all *Yomim Tovim* (Cooking, lighting fires, carrying etc.) There are some *customs/Minhogim* that make *Shovuos* different (eating *Milchigs*, *Tikun Leil Shavuos* etc.).

Do you know of a *Halocho* – that is different on *Shovuos* than all *Yomim Tovim*? Can you write it to me?....

Thanking you in advance.

Corrections of the *Rebbe* to the *Tikun Leil Shvuos*

א) ב"תיקון ליל שבועות" – בכל הדפוסים שראיתי – הסיום דספר יצירה הוא: "... נאמנת בפנים . . אחד בפה ואחד בלב".

ולפענ"ד אינו נכון. כי (נוסף לזה שחסר סיום בדבר טוב, הרי) נוסח זה אינו מובן כלל.

וצריך להיות, כמו שהוא בכו"כ הוצאות דספר יצירה הנדפס בפ"ע: "... נאמנת ג' רעות ללשון דיבור רע והמלשין והמדבר אחד בפה ואחד בלב ג' טובות ללשון שתיקה ושמירת הלשון ודיבור אמת".

ומענין לענין: ב"תיקון" שנדפס בסלאוויטא (ועוד) בהעתקת מאמרו של רשב"י: "אנן בחביבותא תליא מילתא דכתיב כו", הובאו רק ב' פסוקים.

וצ"ל כבזהר: "אנן בחביבותא תליא מילתא דכתיב ואהבת את ה' אלקיך וכתיב מאהבת ה' אתכם וכתיב אהבתי אתכם אמר ה'".²

ליקוטי שיחות עמוד מס 324 כח (במדבר) שניאורסון, מנחם מנדל בן לוי יצחק הודפס ע"י תכנת אוצר החכמה