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## Reminders for First Days of Sukkos – 5775

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*Wishing you a true Simchas Yom Tov, which we will celebrate in the Bais Hamikdosh Hashlishi*

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Experience has shown that it is best if both husband and wife review this each day thoroughly so that miscommunications and last-minute panics can be avoided, and *Yom Tov* can be truly celebrated joyfully.

Please post this on the refrigerator or another central location.

### **A few days before *Yom Tov*:**

1. **Sukkah:** Ensure that the *Sukkah* is properly prepared.
2. **Daled Minim:** Ascertain that the father bought the *Daled Minim* (*Lulav, Esrog, Hadasim* and *Arovos*). Some also buy a kosher set for the children.
3. **Eiruv Chatzeiros:** If it's necessary (example: a two-family house, apartment building etc.) ensure that you have an *Eiruv Chatzeiros* in place which allows to carry things from the house to the *Sukkah* on *Shabbos*. This year it needs to be arranged prior to *Yom Tov*.
4. **Netilas Yodayim:** Ensure that there is a place to wash for *Netilas Yodayim* near the *Sukkah*.
5. **Long-lasting candles** – If one does not have a gas fire lit for the duration of *Yom Tov*, buy 2 long lasting candles like a *Yahrtzeit Licht* (or one candle that lasts several days), that will last for a minimum of 26 hours each, in order to be able to light candles the second night of *Yom Tov* and Friday evening. Those who plan to have a gas fire lit and have hired help should anyway light a *Licht* as a precaution because sometimes the helper turns off the gas flame....
6. **Carbon monoxide detector:** Those who have the gas on for a prolonged time should ensure that they have proper ventilation and that they have a proper carbon monoxide alarm system in place.
7. **Honey:** Ensure that there is honey to be used for *Hamotzie*.
8. **Candle holders:** Those that use glass holders for their *Shabbos* and *Yom Tov* candles (that must be cleaned between each use) should make sure to have enough clean holders to last for **three** nights - both nights of *Yom Tov* and Friday night.
9. **Tzedaka:** We add in giving Tzedaka- especially to those who need necessities for *Yom Tov*, just like *Maos Chitim* for *Pesach*.

## י"ג תשרי - Tuesday

- *Yom Hahilula* of the *Rebbe Maharash* – *Lechatchila Aribet*.

## Erev Sukkos- Wednesday

- Ensure that all matters listed above were taken care of.
- On *Erev Yom Tov*, the father puts together his *Lulav* in the *Sukkah*, if possible (the *Rebbe* used to do it in the afternoon), and checks to see if anything else needs to be fixed in the *Sukkah*.
- Prepare a triple amount of *Tzedaka* to be given before candle lighting (for two days of *Yom Tov* and *Shabbos*).
- Make sure that the *Shabbos* clock is set for both days of *Yom Tov* and *Shabbos*.

### Eruv Tavshilin:

#### **DON'T FORGET TO MAKE AN EIRUV TAVSHILIN ON EREV YOM TOV!!**

Take a whole *challah* (or *Matzah*) and a “*kezayis*” of a cooked item like fish or meat. Hand this to someone (older than *Bar Mitzva*) who is NOT a member of the household, and do the procedure and say the *Nusach* that is written in the *Siddur*.

Put the *Eiruv* aside until *Shabbos* when it should be eaten (see below).

**Reminder:** The *Eiruv Tavshilin* is not only for cooking from *Yom Tov* to *Shabbos*, but also for lighting candles on Friday evening. Therefore, even those who are not cooking or eating at home, but are lighting candles at home Friday evening, should make an *Eiruv Tavshilin* and if possible, they should prepare (at least) water on a *Blech* or *Plata*. If they do not put anything on a *Blech* or *Plata* – they should make an *Eiruv* without the *Brocho*.

## First evening of Yom Tov – Wednesday evening

### When Yom Tov begins:

1. If there will not be a gas fire lit throughout *Yom Tov*, light the long lasting candle.
2. Candle lighting time is 18 (or 23) minutes before *Shkiah* (check local calendar). If it is possible, the candles should be lit in the *Sukkah*. [If one missed the proper time, they can light them later but only from a pre-existing fire].
3. **Those that are eating elsewhere should not forget to light candles!**
4. *Tzedaka* is given for three days - two days of *Yom Tov* and *Shabbos*.
5. The two *Brochos* said are: **1.** של יום טוב and **2.** שהחיינו.

### Maariv:

- We begin from שיר המעלות
- We say the *Amidah* for *Sholosh Regolim*.

### Kiddush and the Seuda:

**Ushpizin-quests:** *Ushpizin* for tonight (and tomorrow, the first day of *Yom Tov*) are *Avraham Avinu* and the *Baal Shem Tov*. [Their commonality is that they both spread *Elokus* in the world].

1. Similar to the first night of *Pesach*, we begin the meal after nightfall (check local calendar), and make sure to eat a *kezayis* before midnight (check local calendar).

2. We eat in the *Sukkah*. Women are allowed, but not obligated, to eat in the *Sukkah* and they may say the *Bracha* לישב בסוכה.
3. Boys who are not dependent on their mothers should eat in the *Sukkah*. (This is usually from age 6. If he is smart and mature, this can be even younger.) If the mother sees that the boy is eating in the house, she does not need to reprimand him.
4. [Those who are *Yotzey Kiddush* from someone else (from their father, husband, host etc.), seemingly, should have in mind not to be *Yotzey* on his *Brocho* of לישב בסוכה, rather they say it themselves after they recite המוציא. This pertains to all the meals].
5. **Kiddush:** The order is: אתקינו then בורא פרי הגפן then קידוש and then we **look at the s'chach** and say לישב בסוכה, after which we say שהחיינו. (A woman who makes *Kiddush* does not say שהחיינו because she already said it at candle lighting).
6. We dip the *Challah* in honey. (Salt is also placed on the table).
7. In *Birchas Hamazon* we add:
  - ברוך... אשר (If one forgot but did not yet say "*Boruch*" of the next *Brocho*, then he says אשר...נתן. (as written in the *sidur*). However, if he already began the next *Bracha* by saying "*Boruch*" he returns to the beginning of *Birchas Hamazon*).
  - We also add: *Harachaman* for *Yom Tov* and *Harachaman* for *Sukkos*.

### **Simchas Beis Hasho'eva**

\* The *Simcha* and celebration of *Simchas Beis Hasho'eva* begins from the first night of *Sukkos*.

### **The First Day of Yom Tov— Thursday ט"ו תשרי**

1. We don't eat before benching on the *Lulav*, and healthier people don't taste or drink anything.
2. In the morning we get up early [we go to the *Mikva*] in order to *bentch* on the *Lulav* and the מינים ד'. Preferably this should be done in the *Sukkah*, if not - one can *bentch* in the house.  
[I recall hearing that the *Rebbe* once said that after *bentching* on the *Lulav*, one should eat some *Mezonos* and make a *Leishev BaSukkah*, (which can also be connected to the *Netilas Lulav*). Therefore, it's advisable to prepare this prior to *Benching* on the *Lulav*].
3. Stand facing מזרח, take the *Lulav* in your right hand, the spine of the *Lulav* facing you, and make the *Bracha* על נטילת לולב. Then take the *Esrog* in your left hand and say שהחיינו. At the end of the *Bracha* put them together and shake them to the six directions.
4. One, who is left-handed, takes the *Lulav* in his left hand and the *Esrog* in his right.
5. On the first two days of *Sukkos*, first the father makes the blessing on the *Lulav*. If he later gives it to his wife and children above *Bar/Bas Mitzva*, he has to say to them that he gives it "*Matono Al Mnas Lehachzir*" (-a gift with the condition that it be returned). To the children below *Bar/Bas Mitzva* (if they do not have a set of their own) he loans it to them for educational purposes.
6. Women shake the *Lulav* only once (and they do not do the "*Naanuim*" [shaking of the *Lulav* in 6 directions]).

### **Davening**

1. Arrange that the children should go to *shul* for *Birchas Kohanim* towards the end of *Musaf*.
2. After the *Amidah* for *Sholosh Regolim* we say the entire *Hallel*, *Hoshaanos* and *Musaf* of *Sholosh Regolim*.

### **Kiddush and the meal**

1. *Kiddush*: לישב בסוכה (look on the *Schach* and say) then בורא פרי הגפן then אלה מועדי then אתקינו *Kiddush*.
2. We dip the *Challah* into honey. (Salt is also placed on the table.)
3. In *Birchas Hamazon* we add:
  - ברוך... אשר (If one forgot but did not yet say "*Boruch*" of the next *Brocho*, then he says אשר... אשר "ברוך... אשר" (as printed in the *siddur*). However, if he already began the next *Brocho* by saying "*Boruch*" he returns to the beginning of *Birchas Hamazon*.)
  - We also add: *Harachaman* for *Yom Tov* and *Harachaman* for *Sukkos*.

### **During the Day**

- We go on *Mivtzah Lulav*.
- One may not prepare on the first day of *Yom Tov* for the second day or evening of *Yom Tov* nor for *Shabbos*. All preparations must begin after nightfall (check local calendar).

### **Second Night of *Yom Tov* – Thursday evening**

- After צאת הכוכבים we may start all the preparations for the meal.

### **Maariv**

- We start from "*Shir Hamaalos*".
- We *daven* the *davening* of *Sholosh Regolim*.

### ***Yom Tov* candle lighting**

- We light the *Yom Tov* candles after nightfall or before *Kiddush*.
- **Only light from a pre-existing flame!**
- The two *Brochos* said are: 1. שהחיינו 2. של יום טוב.

### **Before the *Seuda***

- Make sure all the women and girls (especially the guests) lit candles. If there aren't enough candles, don't rely that they're going to light later, rather borrow candles from a neighbor, and they should light **before** *Kiddush*.

### ***Kiddush* and the evening *Seuda***

**Ushpizin - guests:** *Ushpizin* tonight (and tomorrow, the second day of *Yom Tov*) are *Yitzchak Avinu* and the *Mezritcher Maggid*. [Their commonality is that they both remained in their place of residence. *Yitzchak* did not leave *Eretz Yisroel* and the *Maggid* would not travel. Each Jew, as well, has their particular place for their *Neshama* to impact.]

\* ***Kiddush***: The order for *Kiddush* is: יין, קידוש, זמן (שהחיינו), סוכה – which stands for: יקד"ס.

\* We dip the *Challah* in honey. (Salt is also placed on the table).

\* In *Birchas Hamazon* we add:

- ברוך... אשר (If one forgot but did not yet say "Boruch" of the next *Brocho*, then he says אשר... אשר). However, if he already began the next *Bracha* by saying "Boruch" he returns to the beginning of *Birchas Hamazon*.
- We also add: *Harachaman* for *Yom Tov* and *Harachaman* for *Sukkos*.

## ט"ז תשרי – Erev Shabbos Kodesh - Second Day of Yom Tov

### נטילת לולב

1. We don't eat before benching the *Lulav*, and healthier people don't taste or drink anything.
2. In the morning we get up early [go to the *Mikva*] in order to *bentch* on the *Lulav* and the מינים ד'. Preferably this should be done in the *Sukkah*, if not - one can *bentch* in the house. [Prepare *Mezonos*]. Stand facing מזרח, take the *Lulav* in your right hand, the spine of the *Lulav* facing you, and make the *Bracha* על נטילת לולב. Then take the *Esrog* in your left hand and put them together and shake them to the six directions.
3. The rest of the laws are like yesterday.

### Davening and Kiddush

1. Arrange that the children should be able to go to *Birchas Kohanim* at the end of *Musaf*.
2. We say the *Amidah* for *Sholosh Regolim*.
3. After *Hallel* we say *Hoshaanos* and *Musaf* of *Sholosh Regolim*.
4. *Kiddush* is of *Yom Tov* and we add *Leishev BaSukkah*.
5. We dip the *Challah* in honey. (Salt is also placed on the table).
6. In *Birchas Hamazon* we add:
  - ברוך... אשר (If one forgot but did not yet say "Boruch" of the next *Brocho*, then he says אשר... אשר). However, if he already began the next *Brocho* by saying "Boruch" he returns to the beginning of *Birchas Hamazon*.
  - We also add: *Harachaman* for *Yom Tov* and *Harachaman* for *Sukkos*.

### During the Day

\* We go on *Mivtzah Lulav*.

### Preparations for Shabbos:

\* Those who made an *Eiruv Tavshilin* should prepare all the food for *Shabbos* as early in the day as possible so that it is fully cooked and there is still time to eat the food before *Shabbos* begins. This includes the *Cholent*.

\*Put the *Lulav* and *Daled Minim* in a safe place that they will not be moved on *Shabbos* (as most are *Muktzah*).

### Mincha:

\*In *Mincha*, הודו is not said, but פתח אליהו וידיד נפש are said.

### Candle Lighting:

- \* Candles should be lit **18 (or 23) minutes before sunset** like every Friday (check local calendar).
- \* Candles must be lit from **a pre-existing flame**.
- \* We say only one *Brocho*: להדליק נר של שבת קודש.
- \* Those that are not eating at home should make sure to light candles at home (18 (or 23) minutes before sunset) or to go to their hosts home early enough to light candles 18 (or 23) minutes before Sunset.

### Friday Night:

#### Maariv:

- \* *Maariv* begins from מזמור לדוד.
- \* בשמחה ובצהלה we say לכה דודי חן.
- \* The *Amidah* is that of *Shabbos* and יעלה ויבא is added. (If one forgot ויבא or is unsure if he said it, then, if he remembered before he said "ה" of "המחזיר שכינתו" then he goes back to ויבא. If he remembered after he started the next *Brocho* he says it right there (and does not need to go back to ותחזינה). If he remembered before he took his feet apart – he says it there. However if he finished the *Amidah* and split his feet – he needs to *Daven* again).

#### Kiddush and the meal:

**Ushpizin:** *Ushpizin* tonight (and tomorrow-the first day of *Chol Hamoed*) are *Yaakov Avinu* and the *Alter Rebbe* [The commonality between them is: Both have 2 names; and both reflect *Torah* (יעקב איש תם יושב) (אוהלים; בעל התניא והשו"ע)]

1. It is a *minhag* to use the *Challah* of the *Eiruv Tavshilin* as לחם משנה but it is not eaten until tomorrow.
2. שלום עליכם, כי מלאכיו, אשת חיל, אתקינו are all said quietly.
3. *Kiddush* is that of *Shabbos*, and לישב בסוכה is added at the end.
4. Some have the *Minhag* to eat the cooked item of the *Eiruv Tavshilin* in this meal and some eat it tomorrow.
5. During *Bentching* we add יעלה ויבא and רצה. [If you forgot and you already started the next *Brocho* you don't have to go back], הרחמן הוא יקים לנו את סוכת דוד הנופלת and הרחמן הוא ינחילנו ליום שכולו שבת.

### First day of *Chol Hamoed - Shabbos*.

1. We do not make a *Brocho* on the *Lulav*.
2. In *Shacharis*, add הלל, מוסף של שלש רגלים ויבא, יעלה ויבא. *Hoshaanos* are not said.

#### Kiddush and the Meal:

1. It is a *minhag* to use the *Eiruv Tavshilin* as לחם משנה. (There are those that keep it to eat at *Seuda Shlishis*).
2. לישב בסוכה and בורא פרי הגפן and על כן is said quietly. Then say out loud מזמור לדוד until השביעי.
3. During *Bentching* we add יעלה ויבא and רצה. [If you forgot and you already started the next *Brocho* you don't have to go back] and הרחמן הוא יקים לנו את סוכת דוד הנופלת and הרחמן הוא ינחילנו ליום שכולו שבת.

## **Motzo'ei Shabbos**

### **Maariv**

\* In *Maariv* we add אתה חוננתנו and יעלה ויבוא.

[If you forgot יעלה ויבוא (or are unsure) and remember before you said the "ה" of the *Brocho* "המחזיר" – שכינתו – you go back to יעלה ויבוא. If you remember after you already said the *Brocho*, say it where you remembered (and you don't say "ותחזינה" again). If you remember before you took three steps back, you go back to "רצה". If you remember after you already moved your feet, you go back to the beginning of the *Amidah*].

\* **Havdolo**: Is recited in the *Sukkah*. We say the regular *Havdolo* with בשמים and נר. We add at the end לישב בסוכה. We say לך but it is recited quietly.

**Ushpizin**: *Ushpizin* tonight (and tomorrow-the second day of *chol hamoed*) are *Moshe Rabbeinu* and the *Mitteler Rebbe* [The commonality between them is: הרחבה בתורה]

### **Second Day of Chol Hamoed – Sunday- י"ח תשרי**

1. We *bentch* "על נטילת לולב" (and **no** "*shehecheyanu*") on the ד' מינים in the morning in the *Sukkah* (if possible, and if not - in the house). Take the *Lulav* in your right hand and *bentch* "על נטילת לולב" then take the *Esrog*, join them together and shake.
2. During *Davening* we add "יעלה ויבוא", (if forgot – see above in *Motzoei Shabbos*), *Hallel*, *Hoshaanos* (ליום ודי' ג' ודי') and *Mussaf*.
3. During the day, the father (and the older boys) should drink a *Kos* of wine for *Simchas Yom Tov*.
4. During *Bentching* we add "יעלה ויבוא". [If one forgot, and already started the next *Brocho*, he doesn't have to go back] In *Birchas Hamazon* we also add סוכת דוד הנופלת הוא יקים לנו את סוכת דוד הנופלת.
5. We go on *Mivtzah Lulav*.

**Ushpizin**: *Ushpizin* tonight and tomorrow are *Aharon Hakohen* and the *Tzemach Tzedek*. [Their commonality is *Ahavas Yisrael* and *Achdus Yisrael*.]

### **Third Day of Chol Hamoed – Monday- י"ט תשרי**

1. We *bentch* "על נטילת לולב" (and **no** "*shehecheyanu*") on the ד' מינים in the morning in the *Sukkah* (if possible, and if not - in the house). Take the *Lulav* in your right hand and *bentch* "על נטילת לולב" then take the *Esrog*, join them together and shake.
2. During *Davening* we add "יעלה ויבוא", *Halel*, *Hoshaanos* (ליום ה') and *Mussaf*.
3. During *Bentching* we add "יעלה ויבוא". [if you forgot and you already started the next *Brocho* you don't have to go back], and הרחמן הוא יקים לנו את סוכת דוד הנופלת.
4. During the day, the father (and the older boys) should drink a *Kos* of wine for *Simchas Yom Tov*.
5. We go on *Mivtzah Lulav*.

**Ushpizin:** *Ushpizin* tonight and tomorrow are *Yosef* and the *Rebbe Maharash*. [Their commonality is לכתחילה אריבער]

### כ' תשרי – Tuesday – *Chol Hamoed*

1. We *bentch* “על נטילת לולב” (and **no** “*shehecheyanu*”) on the ד' מינים in the morning in the *Sukkah* (if possible, and if not - in the house). Take the *Lulav* in your right hand and *bentch* “על נטילת לולב” then take the *Esrog*, join them together and shake.
2. During *Davening* we add “יעלה ויבוא”, *Halel*, *Hoshaanos* (ליום ו') and *Mussaf*.
3. During the day the father (and the older boys) should drink a *Kos* of wine for *Simchas Yom Tov*.
4. During *Bentching* we add “יעלה ויבוא”. [if you forgot and you already started the next *Brocho* you don't have to go back], and הרחמן הוא יקים לנו את סוכת דוד הנופלת.
5. We go on *Mivtzah Lulav*.

### Preparations for the last days of *Sukkos*:

1. **Arovois:** Buy *arovois* for *Hoshaanos* for all the members of the household (even infants).
2. **Kreplach:** Prepare *Kreplach* for *Hoshaana Rabbah*.
3. **Long-lasting candles** – If one does not have a gas fire lit for the duration of *Yom Tov*, buy two long lasting candles like a *Yahrtzeit Licht* (or one candle that lasts several days), that will last for a minimum of 26 hours each, in order to be able to light candles the second night of *Yom Tov* (*Simchas Torah*) and Friday evening. Those who plan to have a gas fire lit and have hired help should anyway light a *Licht* as a precaution because sometimes the helper turns off the gas flame....
4. **Carbon monoxide detector:** Those who have the gas on for a prolonged time should ensure that they have proper ventilation and that they have a proper carbon monoxide alarm system in place.
5. **Honey:** Ensure that there is honey to be used for *Hamotzie* on *Hoshana Rabba*.
6. **Glass holders:** Those that use glass holders for their candles (that must be cleaned before each use) should make sure to have enough clean holders to last for both nights of *Yom Tov* and *Shabbos*.

**Ushpizin:** *Ushpizin* for tonight and tomorrow are *Dovid Hamelech* and the *Rebbe Rashab*. [Their commonality is *Sfiras Hamalchus*: *Dovid “Hamelech”* and the *Rebbe Rashab* was born in the year א"תק"א].

- To be continued -

May we merit to see the *Simchas Bais Hashoeiva* in the *Bais Hamikdosh Hashlishi!!!! A Gutten Yom Tov!*