

בס"ד. תחלת חודש סיון תשע"ז

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## Reminders for Shovuos 5777 – תשע"ז

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Experience has shown that it is best if both husband and wife (and children...) 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.

**May we merit to celebrate *Shovuos* in the *Bais Hamikdosh Hashlishi* and hear the *Torah Chadosho* from *Moshiach*!** ולקבלת התורה בשמחה ובפנימיות

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

\* **Haircuts:** Our *Minhag* is to not take any haircuts prior to Tuesday, *Erev Shovuos*.

### To Remember and Purchase:

1. **Dairy Foods:** On the first day of *Yom Tov* dairy foods are eaten. Every individual should do so according to his family custom. One should be especially careful in the *kashrus* laws pertaining to separation of milk and meat.
2. **Pareve Knife:** If one does not already own one, a separate pareve knife should be purchased to be used only for cutting onions and other fruits and vegetables. Cutting onions 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 (that should last at least two days) to be able to light candles on the second night of *Yom Tov* (and to use for cooking). 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, ensure that there are enough glasses for two days of *Yom Tov* (as there is a *shailo* whether one is permitted to remove the metal washer on *Yomtov*).
6. **Tikun Leil Shovuos:** Purchase a *Tikun* (if you don't have one) and insert the corrections that are mentioned in *Likutei Sichos* vol. 28 page 315. (Copied on page 6 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 *Shobuos*.

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

**Do not use a dairy or a meat knife to cut onions (or other pareve foods i.e. vegetables or bread) because this can cause kashrus questions. Use only a separate pareve knife** (this applies 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 *Rov*.

### Tuesday, ה' סיון *Erev Shavuos*:

Today haircuts are permissible.

#### Before *Yom Tov* begins:

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

#### Lighting *Candle lighting*:

4. **Tzedaka:** The Rebbe instructed that on *Erev Shobuos*, 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 (In NY. 8:01) 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 נר של יום טוב.

The *Frierdiker 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 (In NY. 8:52) to *daven Maariv* 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 *Shobvuos*.
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 (*Shobvuos*) they may not do so and *Kiddush* may not be recited before nightfall.
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*: "ברוך..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*. They then go to the *Mikvah before Alos Hashachar* (in NY. 3:35). There are a few corrections from the Rebbe regarding the *Tikkun*, noted in *Likutei Sichos* vol. 28 page 315 (also brought at the end of this document).

\* The Previous Rebbe said (*Sefer Hasichos Tof Shin Daled* page 127) that on *Shobvuos* night one has to accept on himself the yoke of *Torah*, in his heart and in speech by saying: “***Ribono Shel Oilom, I am accepting upon myself the yoke of Torah!***”

### Wednesday, ו' סיון, First Day of *Shavuos* - *Yahrtzeit* of the *Baal Shem Tov*:

1. ***Krias Shma*:** Latest time for *Krias Shma*: in NY. 9:08.
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*: "ברוך..אשר נתן.."

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

\* **During the day:** One may cook food on *Yom Tov* as permitted by *Halochah*, 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* beginning with *Shir Hamaalos*.
2. **Preparations for the meal:** Preparations for the meal may commence after nightfall (In NY. 9:11).
3. **Candle Lighting:** Candles may be lit after nightfall. 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.
5. **Brachos:** 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, contact 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 "הרהמנ הוא ינחילנו ליום שכולו טוב".

## Thursday, ז' 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 the same as the first day of *Yom Tov*.
6. In *Birchas Hamozon* we add "יעלה ויבא" (If one forgot – see yesterday) and "הרהמנ הוא ינחילנו ליום שכולו טוב".

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

\* **Farbrengen:** The *Rebbe* would start the *Farbrengen* before the *Shkia* (sunset). The *Rebbe* would wash for *Hamotzi*, eat *Challah*, say *Lechayim* and many *Sichos* (a *Maamor*), and continue through the night. During the *Sichos* the *Rebbe* would also remind everyone about ***Chita's*** - ת"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 *Farbrengen*, the *Rebbe* would say *Birchas Hamozon*, daven *Maariv*, recite *Havdalah* and distribute *Kos shel Brocho*. Sometimes it would last until almost 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 (and including the) 12<sup>th</sup> 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 makes *Shavous* different than all other *Yomim Tovim*? Let me know if you figured it out!

Thanking you in advance.

Corrections of the Rebbe to the TiKun Leil Shavuos

(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 וכתוב מאהבת ה’ אתכם וכתוב אהבתי אתכם אמר ה’<sup>2</sup>“.

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