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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.

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

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In preparation for *Hosha'ana Rabbah*

Ensure that you have all the following items:

1. **Arovois for *Hosha'anos*** – Ensure that everyone (even young children) have *Arovois* to use for *Hosha'anos* the next day (*Hosha'ana Rabbah*).
2. ***Kreplach*** – Prepare *Kreplach* for the *Seudah* on *Hosha'ana Rabbah*.
3. **Honey** - Ensure that there is honey to be used for *Hamotzi* on *Hosha'ana Rabbah*.
4. **Wine:** For *Chol Hamoed* and *Yomtov*.
5. **Long-lasting candles** – (like *Yahrzeit licht*) 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. Make sure to test it a couple of days before *YomTov*.
7. **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.
8. **Flags and/or *Sifrei Torah*:** for the children to hold during *Hakofois*.

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Erev Hoshana Rabbah – Tuesday - at night

Ushpizin (guests): The main *Ushpizin* tonight and tomorrow are Dovid Hamelech and the Rebbe Rashab. The commonality between them is *Sefiras Hamalchus*; Dovid (is called) **Hamelech**, and the Rebbe Rashab was born in the year א"תתקכ"א representing the "crown".

- **Devorim:** Before *Chatzos*/midnight (see local calendar) the men and the big boys say the whole *Chumash Devarim (Mishneh Torah.)* This may be said at home (it takes an average of 1½ to 2½ hours).
- **Tehillim:** After *Chatzos* (see local calendar) the men go to *Shul* to say the whole *Tehillim* (The *Arizal* explains the reasons for this). In 770 it is recited at 1:00 AM.
- **Apples and honey:** Each brings home apples and honey that he received in *Shul* from the *Gabbai*. (These can be eaten either in one's own *Sukkah* or the *Sukkah* of the *Shul*).

Hoshana Rabbah – Wednesday—21 Tishrei

- **Netilas Lulav** – We *bentch* the מינים 'ד' in the morning in the *Sukkah* (if possible, if not - in the house or in *Shul*) as in the previous days of *Chol Hamoed*.

Shacharis

- Take the *Daled Minim* and the *Hoshana's* to *Shul*.
- *Davening* today will take at least a half hour longer than the other days of *Chol Hamoed* because of *Hoshana's*.
- **Before Hallel** we take off the two upper rings on the *Lulav*. After *Hallel* we say *Hoshaanos* around the *Bimah* and then we "*Klap Hoshana's*."
- Those who daven at home can "*Klap Hoshana's*" at home.
- After one is finished with the מינים 'ד', there are those that leave it in *Shul*, while others bring them home in order to put the *Arovois* in the oven when they bake *matzos*, or burn them with the *Chometz*, etc. Either way, they should be put away before *Shemini Atzeres* in order not to have any questions concerning *Muktzah* on *Yomtov*.

Throughout the day:

1. **Apple in honey** – if not done yet, we eat the apple and honey that the father got from the *Gabbai*.
2. **Tzedaka:** We add in giving *Tzedaka* - especially to those who need necessities for *Yom Tov*.
3. **Flags and Sifrei Torah:** Prepare "flags" and/or "*Sefer Torahs*" for the children to hold during *Hakofois*.
4. **Shabbos Clock:** Set the "*Shabbos clock*" for the two days *Yom Tov* and *Shabbos*.
5. **Tzedoko:** Since there are two days of *Yom Tov* and *Shabbos*, prepare enough *Tzedaka* to be given before candle lighting for **three** days.

Eruv Tavshilin:

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

1. Take a whole *challah* (or *Matza*) 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*.
2. Put the *Eiruv* aside until *Shabbos* when it should be eaten (see below).

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3. **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*.**

The *Seudah*

- We dip the *Hamotzi* in honey (for the last time this *Tishrei*) but we still have salt on the table.
- We eat *Kreplach*.
- Drink a *Kos* (cup) of wine (like every day of *Chol Hamoed*).

Mincha

- By *Minchah* we say "לדוד ה' אורי" for the last time during *davening*.

Evening of *Shimini Atzeres*

At the Start of *Yom Tov*

- Ensure that the *Lulav* etc. were put away so there is no problem with *Muktzah*.
- Ensure that the “*shabbos* clock” has been set for three days.
- If there will not be a gas fire lit throughout *Yom Tov*, light the long-lasting candle. Those who plan to have a gas fire lit and have hired help should light a candle as a precaution.

Candle lighting

1. Candle lighting time is 18 (or 23) minutes before *Sh'kiah* (see local calendar). If it is possible, one should light in the *Sukkah*. [If one missed the proper time, the candles may be lit later but only from a pre-existing flame!]
2. **Those that are eating elsewhere - do not forget to light candles in your own home or at the home of your hosts.** If one missed lighting candles, the *Rov* should be contacted after *Yom Tov* to determine what should be done for the future.
3. *Tzedaka* is given for three days.
4. ***Brochois*:** The two *Brochois* said are: 1. להדליק נר של יום טוב. 2. שהחיינו.

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The Frierdiker Rebbe said: **“One must treasure the forty-eight hours of *Shemini Atzeres* and *Simchas Torah*. At each moment it is possible to collect buckets and barrels both *B’Gashmius* and *B’Ruchnius* - and this is done by dancing.”**

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***Ushpizin*:** The main *Ushpizin* of *Shemini Atzeres* are *Shlomo Hamelech* and the *Frierdiker Rebbe*. The commonality between them is that they each went from a temporary to a permanent dwelling; and both were involved in בירור העולם.

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Ma'ariv

- We begin from שיר המעלות.
- We say the *Amidah* for *Sholosh Regolim*. [The *aveilim* say *Mishnayos* after *Kadish Tiskabel* before the brake – see below].
- Before עלינו לשבח we take a break. We make *Kiddush* (see the details below) in the *Sukkah* and afterwards we go to *Hakofois*.
- After *Hakofois* we say עלינו לשבח.

The night Seudah

- We eat in the *Sukkah*.
- Kiddush: The order is: יין, קידוש, שהחיינו.
- We **do not** say לישב בסוכה.
- We dip the *Challah* in salt and we **don't** dip the *Challah* in honey.
- In *Birchas Hamozoin* we add:
 - יעלה ויבוא (If one forgot and already began the next *Brocho*, return to the beginning of *Birchas Hamozon*.)
 - *Horachamon* for *Yom Tov*,
 - We **don't** say *Horachamon* for *Sukkos*.

Shemini Atzeres by day:

- Arrange that the children who are able to go to Shul should go for *Birchas Kohanim* towards the end of *Musaf*.
- After the *Amidah* for *Sholosh Regolim* we say the entire *Hallel*, but do not say *Hosha'anos*.
- **Yizkor**: After *Krias Hatora* and *Maftir*, we say *Yizkor* before *Musaf*.
- Those who cannot come to Shul for *Yizkor* can say it at home
- **Mashiv Horuach Umoirid Hageshem**: During *Musaf* we begin saying "משיב הרוח ומוריד הגשם". Those who are *davening* at home should estimate the time when the *Shul* is *davening Musaf*, and then *daven Musaf* and say משיב הרוח ומוריד הגשם. (If you accidentally said "מוריד הטל", you do not have to go back or repeat the *Amidah*).

Seudah

- The *Seudah* is eaten **in the Sukkah**.
- **Kiddush**: בורא פרי הגפן, אלה מועדי, אלה מועדי, בורא פרי הגפן. However לישב בסוכה is NOT said.
- We dip the *Challah* in salt and we **don't** dip the *Challah* in honey.
 - In *Birchas Hamozoin* we add:
 - יעלה ויבוא (If one forgot and already began the next *Bracha*, return to the beginning of *Birchas Hamazon*.)
 - *Horachamon* for *Yom Tov*; we **don't** say *Horachamon* for *Sukkos*.

Throughout the day

- We are *Ma'avir Sedra* (each *Posuk* twice and the *Targum* once) – of שנים מקרא ואחד תרגום.

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- It is forbidden to prepare on one day of *Yom Tov* for the next or for *shabbos*. All the preparations for the night *Seudah* start after *Tzeis Hakochovim*. (see local calendar).
- **Tahalucha:** In the Rebbe's *Shchuna* (and everywhere else in the world) it is customary to go on "*Tahalucha*".

Mincha

- The *Amidah* said is for *Sholosh Regalim*. Remember to say משיב הרוח ומוריד הגשם. (If you forgot, you don't have to go back or repeat the *Amidah*).

Last visit to the Sukkah: Before the day is over we go into the *Sukkah* to eat something in order to say "good bye" to the *Sukkah* (we do not kiss the *Sukkah* or say any special *Tefila*).

The night of Simchas Torah:

- After *Tzeis Hakochovim*/nightfall – see local calendar – (we daven *Ma'ariv* and) it is permitted to begin preparing for the meal.
- **The order of this evening:** *Ma'ariv* (till before *Aleinu* – see below), *Kiddush* and *Farbrengen* (in *Shul* or in a house but not in the *Sukkah*), *Hakafos*, and then we say *Aleinu*.

Ushpizin of Simchas Torah: "לעיני כל ישראל", היום התשיעי.

Ma'ariv

- We start from "*Shir Hama'alos*".
- The *Amidah* is for *Sholosh Regalim*. After the *Amidah* the *Chazan* says *Kadish Tiskabel* then the mourners say *Mishnayos* and *Kadish*.
- Then we break for *Kiddush* and *Hakafos*.
- *Aleinu* will be recited after *Hakafos*.

Candle lighting

- Light the *Yom Tov* candles **in the house** (not in the *Sukkah*) after *Tzeis Hakochovim* or before *Kiddush*.
- **Light only from a pre-existing flame.**
- The two *Brochos* said are: 1. של יום טוב and 2. שהחיינו.

Before the *Seudah*

- **Make sure all the women and girls (especially the quests) lit candles. If there aren't enough candles, get from the neighbors' etc. make sure everyone lights before Kiddush.**

Kiddush and the evening Seuda

- We eat the *Seuda* in the house (not in the *Sukkah*).
- **Kiddush:** יק"ר - יין, קידוש, זמן (שהחיינו)
- We dip the *Challah* in salt (and not in honey).
- In *Birchas Hamazon* we add:
 - יעלה ויבוא (If one forgot and already began the next *Bracha*, return to the beginning of *Birchas Hamazon*.)
 - *Harachaman* for *Yom Tov*.

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Simchas Torah by day - Friday:

- **Birchas Kohanim in Shacharis:** Those who send their children to *Shul* for *Birchas Kohanim* should remember that today **it's during Shacharis**, not in *Musaf* (In a *shul* where they start davening at 10 am, *Birchas Kohanim* will be a little before 11:00 o'clock).
- **Aliya for children:** In addition, the children should also be brought for *Hakofois* and *Krias Hatorah* (which takes place after *Hakofois*) so they can be called up for an *Aliya* to the *Torah*!
- **Kidush in Shacharis:** It is customary for the men to make *Kiddush* in *Shul* after *Shacharis* before *Hakofois*, so plan the day accordingly...
- After *Shacharis* we do *Hakofois* and then *Krias Hatorah* (including *Chosson Torah* and *Chosson Bereishis*) and *Musaf*. **And keep the Simcha going throughout the year!**

Seudah

- **Kiddush:** אתקינו, אלה מועדי גו', בורא פרי הגפן.
- We dip the *Challah* in salt (not in honey).
- In *Birchas Hamazon* we add:
 - יעלה ויבוא (If one forgot and already began the next *Bracha*, return to the beginning of *Birchas Hamazon*.)
 - *Harachaman* for *Yom Tov*.

Preparations for Shabbos

- **שנים מקרא ואחד תרגום:** Those that normally say שנים מקרא ואחד תרגום on Friday, should do so today for פרשת בראשית.
- **Chitas:** The *chitas* of today is: *Shishi* and *Shvi'i* of וזאת הברכה and until *Shvi'i* of פרשת בראשית. However, this should not replace the dancing... It should be done in the time when **anyway** one is not dancing....
- Those who made an *Eiruv Tavshilin* should prepare all food necessary for *Shabbos* early in the day so that there is enough time to eat the food – **including the Cholent** - before *Shabbos*.

Mincha

- We do not say *Hudu* like every Friday afternoon before *Mincha*, but we do say *Posach Eliyohu* and *Yedid Nefesh*.
- *Korbonois*, *Ashrei*, *Uvo Letzion*, the *Amidah* for *Sholosh Regalim*, *Oleinu*.

Motzoei Simchas Torah – Friday evening

Before Sh'kiah

- Until תשמ"ח the Rebbe would make a *Farbrengen* which began before *Sh'kiah*. After תשמ"ח the Rebbe would make one *Farbrengen* on *Shabbos* afternoon (like every *Shabbos Mevorchim*) and another one at the end of the day (before *shkiah*) as “a continuation to *Simchas Torah*” (see below).

Candle Lighting

- Candle lighting is 18 (23) minutes before sunset like every *Erev Shabbos* (see local calendar).
- **Light only from a pre-existing flame.**

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- We say one *bracha*: להדליק נר של שבת קודש.
- **Those who are not eating at home should remember to light the candles at home 18 (23) minutes before sunset and derive some benefit from the candles or should arrive at their hosts early enough to light candles at the proper time.**

Kabolas Shabbos and Maariv

- Begin from מזמור לדוד.
- In ברינה ובצהלה we say בואי בשלום.
- [Those that sing the *Lecho Doidi* with the tune of “*Vesomachto*” and then they continue to sing after *Bo’i Vesholom*, should not sing it with the words of “*Vesomachto*” rather with the words of “*Uforatzto*”]
- The *Amidah* is like every *Shabbos*.
- Don’t forget to say משיב הרוח ומוריד הגשם (If you forgot you don’t need to go back).

Kiddush and the Meal

- It is customary to use the *Challah* from the *Eiruv Tavshilin* as part of לחם משנה but not to eat it until tomorrow.
- *Sholom Aleichem*, *Eishes Chayil*, *Askinu* and *Kiddush* are recited as a regular *Shabbos*.
- Some have the custom to eat the cooked dish of the *Eiruv Tavshilin* tonight and some eat it tomorrow.

Shabbos Bereishis

* *Shabbos* morning the entire *Tehillim* is recited just like every *Shabbos Mevarchim*.

*In davening we ‘*Bentch the Chodesh*’. *Rosh Chodesh* is next Friday and *Shabbos*.

* The *molad* is Friday afternoon at 12 o’clock and 12 minutes and 17 *chalokim*.

* I suggest to learn the FIRST *Sicha* in *Likutei Sichos (Chelek alef)*, which is also available in English where the Rebbe has a beautiful explanation regarding the following quote:

ווי מען שטעלט זיך אוועק שבת בראשית, אזוי פירט זיך א גאנץ יאר!

Kiddush and the Meal

- *Kiddush* is that of regular *Shabbos*.
- It is customary to use the *Challah* from the *Eiruv Tavshilin* as לחם משנה. There are those that eat it at this meal and those that save it for *Seuda Shlishis* (the *Farbrengen* – see below).
- Those who have not yet eaten the cooked item of the *Eiruv Tavshilin*, they eat it at this *Seudah* or later at the *Farbrengen* – see below.

Mincha

- Like every *Shabbos* (we do not recite *Tzidkoscho*).

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Farbrengen

- We Wash for this *Farbrengen* [if the *Challah* of the *Eruv Tavshilin* was not eaten yet, it is eaten now].
- When *Shabbos Bereishis* would occur right after *Simchas Torah* (like this year), there would be two *Farbrengens*; one after *Davening Musaf* (at 1:30 pm) just like every *Shabbos Mevorchim*, and one before *Shkiah* as a 'continuation of *Simchas Torah*', and it would extend till the early hours of the morning.... The Rebbe would say many *Sichos*, a *Maamor*, a *Sicha* devoted to the "Kinus Torah" which took place the next day in 770 and would remind everyone about "Chitas", "Mivtzoim" and "Keren Hashana". Then they would *Daven Ma'ariv*, the Rebbe would recite *Havdolo* and distribute *Kos Shel Brocho* until the wee hours of the morning.....

Motzoei Shabbos Bereishis

In *Maariv* we say:

- משיב הרוח ומוריד הגשם (if one forgot he does not need to repeat the *Amidah*).
- אתה חוננתנו.
- We still say "ותן ברכה" for a few more weeks.
- ואתה קדוש and ויהי נועם are both said.

Havdalah

- *Havdalah* is as usual with בשמים and a candle. ויתן לך is recited as regular.

בברכה שבשנה זו נזכה לרקוד בביהמ"ק השלישי תומ"י ממ"ש.

**In Lubavitch they used to announce on *Motzoei Simchas Torah*
(and in a year like this year – on *Motzoei Shabbos Bereishis*)**

ויעקב הלך לדרכו

Kinus Torah: On Sunday we participate in the "Kinus Torah".

Tachanun: We do not say *Tachanun* until *Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan*.

With Best wishes that this year we should dance *Simchas Torah* in the *Bais Hamikdosh Hashlishi!!*

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