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## Reminders for the Last Days of Sukkos – 5779

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Experience has shown that it is best if both husband and wife review it 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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### **Before Hoshana Rabbah**

Ensure that you have all the following items:

1. **Arovois for Hoshana'anos:** Ensure that everyone (even young children) have *Arovois* to use for *Hoshana'anos* the next day (*Hoshana Rabbah*).
2. **Kreplach:** prepare *Kreplach* for the *Seudah* on *Hoshana Rabbah*.
3. **Honey:** Ensure that there is honey to be used for *Hamotzi*.
4. **Long-lasting candles** (like *Yahrzeit licht*) – If one does not have a gas fire lit for the duration of *Yom Tov*, buy 2 *Yahrzeit Licht* (or one *Licht* 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* etc. 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....
5. **Candles and glass holders:** Ensure that you have enough candles for both days of *Yomtov*. 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*.
6. **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*.
7. **Flags and/or Sifrei Torah:** for the children to hold during *Hakofois*.

### **Erev Hoshana Rabbah – Motzoei Shabbos - at night**

**Ushpizin:** The *Ushpizin* tonight and tomorrow are Dovid Hamelech and the Rebbe Rashab. The commonality between them is *Sefiras Hamalchus*; Dovid **Hamelech**, and the Rebbe Rashab was born in the year שנת כתר"א.

- **Devorim:** Before *Chatzos*/midnight (see local calendar) the men say the whole *Chumash Devarim* (which is called *Mishneh Torah*.) This may be said at home (it takes an average of 1 ½ to 2 ½ hours).

- **Tehillim:** After *Chatzos* (see local calendar) the men go to *Shul* to say the whole *Tehillim* (The *Arizal* explains the reasons for this).
- **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*).

### **Hosha'anah Rabbah – Sunday—21 Tishrei**

- **Netilas Lulav** – We *bentch* with the מינים 'ד' in the morning in the *Sukkah* (if possible; if not - in the house or in *Shul*).

### **Shacharis**

- Take the *Daled Minim* and the *Hosha'anos* to *Shul*.
- *Davening* today will take at least a half hour longer than the other days of *Chol Hamoed* because of *Hosha'anos*.
- Before *Hallel* we take off the two upper rings on the *Lulav*. After *Hallel* we say *Hoshaanos* and then we “*Klap Hosha'anos*.”
- Those who daven at home can “*Klap Hosha'anos*” 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, it 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*.
5. **Tzedoko:** Since there are two days of *Yom Tov*, prepare enough *Tzedaka* to be given before candle lighting for both days.

### **The Seudah**

- We dip the *Hamotzi* in honey (for the last time this *Tishrei*.)
- We eat *Kreplach*.
- Drink a *Kos* 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* was put away so there is no problem with *Muktzah*.
- 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 also light that candle as a precaution.
- Ensure that the “shabbos clock” has been set.

## Candle lighting

1. Candle lighting time is 18 (or 23) minutes before *Shkiah* (sundown) – 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 two days.
4. The two *Brochos* said are: 1. שהחיינו 2. להדליק נר של יום טוב.

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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 *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.

## ***Ma’ariv***

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

## The night ***Seudah***

- We eat in the *Sukkah*.
- *Kiddush*: The order is: יין, קידוש, שהחיינו.
- We **do not** say the *Brocho* of 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 Hamozoin*.)
  - *Horachamon* for *Yom Tov*;
  - We **don’t** say *Horachamon* for *Sukkos*.

## ***Shmini Atzeres* by day - Monday:**

- 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* is recited before *Musaf*.

- Those who cannot come to Shul for *Yizkor* can say it at home
- By *Musaf* we begin saying “משיב הרוח ומוריד הגשם”. Those who are *davening* at home should assume the time when the *Shul* is *davening Musaf*, and then *daven* and say “משיב הרוח ומוריד הגשם” (If you accidentally said "מוריד הטל" you do not have to go back).

### Seudah

- The *Seudah* is eaten in the *Sukkah*.
- **Kiddush**: בורא פרי הגפן, אלה מועדי, בורא פרי הגפן, אלה מועדי. However the *Brocho* of לישיב 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 *Brocho*, return to the beginning of *Birchas Hamozoin*.)
    - *Horachamon* for *Yom Tov*;
    - We **don't** say *Horachamon* for *Sukkos*.

### During the day

- We are מזאת הברכה of שנים מקרא ואחד תרגום – מעביר סדרה
- It is not permitted to prepare on one day of *Yom Tov* for the next. All the preparations for the night *Seudah* start after *Tzeis Hakochovim* (see local calendar).
- In Lubavitch it is customary to go on “*Tahalucha*”.

### Mincha

- The *Amidah* said is for *Sholosh Regolim*. 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 the night:** *Ma'ariv* (till before *Aleinu*), *Kiddush* and *Farbrengen* (in *Shul* or in a house but not in the *Sukkah*), *Hakofois* (and then *Aleinu*).
- **Ushpizin:** הוא היום התשיעי, "לעיני כל ישראל".

### Ma'ariv

- We start from “*Shir Hama'alos*”.
- The *Amidah* is for *Sholosh Regolim*. [The *aveilim* say *Mishnayos* and *Kadish Derabonon* after *Kadish Tiskabel*].
- Before *Aleinu* we break for *Kiddush* and *Hakofois*. After *Hakofois* we recite “*Oleinu Leshabeach*”.

### Candle lighting

- We light the *Yom Tov* candles at home after *Tzeis Hakochovim* or before *Kiddush*.
- **Only light from a pre-lit flame.**
- The two *Brochos* said are: 1. שהחיינו 2. של יום טוב.

### Before the Seudah

- **Make sure all the women (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 Seudah

- **Kiddush:** יק"ז - יין, קידוש, זמן (שהחיינו)
- We dip the *Challah* in salt (and not in honey).
- In *Birchas Hamozoin* we add:
  - יעלה ויבוא (If one forgot and already began the next *Brocho*, return to the beginning of *Birchas Hamozoin*).
  - *Horachamon* for *Yom Tov*.

### Simchas Torah by day - Tuesday:

- ***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 can 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*. **Keep the Simcha going throughout the year!**

### Seudah

- **Kiddush:** אתקינו, אלה מועדי גו', בורא פרי הגפן .
  - 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 Hamozoin*).
  - *Horachamon* for *Yom Tov*.

### During the day

\* **Chitas:** The *chitas* of today is: פרשת וזאת הברכה from שלישי and until the end of the *Parsha*, and בראשית from the beginning of the *Parsha* till (and including) *Shlishi*. However, this should not replace the dancing... It should be done in the time when **anyway** one is not dancing....

### Mincha

\* The *Amidah* is for *Sholosh Regolim*.

### Motzoei Simchas Torah – Tuesday evening

#### Before Shkiah/sundown

- The Rebbe usually starts the *Farbrengen* before *Shkia* (Sundown). The Rebbe requests that everyone should wash and have *Hamotzie*, there are many *sichos*, a *Maamor* etc. The Rebbe would remind

everyone about *Mivtzoim* and “*Keren Hashono*” “*Kinus Torah*” etc. At the end of the *Farbrengen* there was *Birchas Hamozoin*, *Maariv*, *Havdolo* and the Rebbe would distribute *Kos Shel Brocho* etc. which would last till the early hours of the morning....

### **Motzoei Simchas Torah**

In *Maariv*:

- In the *Amidah* we add 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.
- ויהי נועם and ואתה קדוש are not said.

### **Havdalah**

- *Havdalah* is as usual but without בשמים nor the candle. We do NOT say לך ויתן.

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

**In Lubavitch they used to announce  
on Motzoei Simchas Torah**

**ויעקב הלך לדרכו**

### **Shabbos Bereishis**

- Shabbos morning the entire *Tehillim* is recited just like every *Shabbos Mevorchim*.
- In *davening* we ‘*Bentch the Chodesh*’. *Rosh Chodesh* is on Tuesday and Wednesday.
- The *Molad* is on Tuesday evening at 9 pm and 1 minute and 11 *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!**

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

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