

Adar Sheni 5779

Reminders for the days of Purim – 5779

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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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During the month of Adar:

1. It is customary to learn the *Halochois* (laws) associated with *Purim*, (on the website sichosonline.org there are a lot of details), in *Nigle* and in *Chassidus*.
2. We add in the giving of *Tzedoko*.
3. We make the necessary arrangements for “*Mivtza Purim*”.

What to prepare before *Purim*:

1. **Assorted foods** - for *Mishloach Manos* (even if one participates in communal baskets.)
2. **Kreplach** - for the *Purim Seuda*.
3. **A kosher Megillah** - if possible.
4. **Graggers** - and noisemakers for the children.
5. **Money** – for *Machatzis heshekel*, *Matanos Lo'evyonim* and those who deliver *Mishloach Manos*.
6. **A Ba'al Kriah** - if necessary, to read the *Megillah* at home by night and by day.
7. **Mivtza Purim** - Arrange where the family will perform “*Mivtza Purim*”.

Shabbos Zochor 9 Adar Sheni - The Frierdiker Rebbe arrived in the USA

Parshas Zochor:

- All males are obligated to hear *Parshas Zochor* being read in *Shul*.
- All women and girls should go to *Shul* to hear *Parshas Zochor*, for such is the *Minhag Yisroel*. However, women who generally don't go to *Shul* because they are tending to their young children and it's hard for them to arrange to go to shul, are not obligated to go to shul to hear *Parshas Zochor* being read. Instead they can read it in a *Chumash*. It is found at the end of *Parshas Ki Seitze (Dvorim 25, 17)*.

12 Adar Sheni– Tuesday Evening

- After one goes to sleep, even if he wakes up in middle of the night, he is not permitted to eat. If one wants to wake up before *Alos Hashachar*, to eat, he may do so but he must declare his intentions (before he goes to sleep) to wake early and eat. He has to (say *Birchois Hashachar* and) finish eating and drinking **before** *Alos Hashachar*, (see local calendar for the times).

13 Adar Sheni - Wednesday תענית אסתר - Fast of Esther

Fasting: One who is ill, and women who are pregnant or nursing (a child up to 24 months) etc. - do not have to fast.

Shacharis: 1. The *Chazan* says ענונו in *Chazoras Hashatz*. 2. After *Tachanun* (after the words מכל עוונותיו) סליחות and the long מליכנו are added. These are said even if one is not fasting. 3. We read the *Torah - Vaychal* and no *Maftir*. (חצי קדיש after *Krias Hatorah*, *Hagbo*, and then *Ashrei*, *Uvo Letzion* etc. is recited as regular).

Before Mincha:

- **Machatzis HaShekel:** Before *davening Mincha* one should give 3 *half-Shekel* coins for מחצית השקל. It is customary that a father also gives on behalf of his wife and their small children (and if the wife is pregnant – some give for the unborn child). Usually, the *Gabbai* of the *Shul* has the coins for "מחצית השקל". [If one forgot to do it today – see *Shacharis* of *Purim* below].
- On one occasion the Rebbe mentioned that children, with the assistance of the parents, should be encouraged to give *Machatzis Hashekel* from their own money.

Mincha:

1. **Krias HaTorah** - *Vaychal* and *Maftir/Haftorah*. Half-*Kadish* and the *Amidah*.
2. **Tachanun** - is not recited.

3. **Aneinu** - We add *Aneinu* in the *bracha* of "שומע תפלה". If one forgot, it can be said after "אלקי נצור" before the second "יהיו לרצון". One who is not fasting does not say *Aneinu*.
4. In *Chazoras Hashat"z*, the *Chazan* recites *Aneinu* after the *Brocho* of גואל ישראל and before שים שלום he recites the ברכת כהנים.
5. **Ovinu Malkeinu** - The long אבינו מלכנו is not recited.

In *Maariv*:

- **In the *Shemone Esrei* we add:**
***V'al Hanissim*:** We add "ועל הניסים". If one forgot, and remembered before he said the word "ה" of the *bracha* "הטוב שמך ולך נאה להודות" he should go back and say "ועל הניסים". If he remembered after saying the word "ה" he does not go back.
- ***Megillah*:** After *Shemone Esrei* (and *Kaddish Tiskabel*) the *Megillah* is read.
- We make noise by "*Haman*" only when it is accompanied by a title or description, such as "המן האגגי", "בן המדתא האגגי", or "המן הרע" etc.
- If during the *Megillah* reading, one finds a פסול in the *Megillah*, if most of the letters are *Kosher*, it is permissible בדיעבד to continue.
- After the *Megillah* reading, we say ואתה קדוש (*Kadish* without *Tiskabel*) and עלינו.

At Home:

Ensure that everyone, especially the women who did not go to *Shul*, hear the *Megillah* being read tonight.

1. **Reading the *Megillah***, for those who did not hear it in *Shul*:
 - a. If one was already *Yotzei* the *mitzvah* and is reading for someone else, one of the listeners recites the *Brachos*. If he is reading for women they recite "לשמוע מקרא מגילה" and the other two *Brochois*.
 - b. When the *Brochois* are recited, everyone must be standing, however, they may sit while the *Megillah* is being read.
 - c. The listeners should not respond Boruch Hu Uvoruch Shmo to the blessings.
 - d. If there is no *Minyan* present, the *Bracha* הרב את ריבנו (after the *Megillah*) is not recited, however we do recite יעקב שושנת יעקב.
2. ***Birchas Hamazon*:**
 - a. In the *Birchas Hamazon* of the evening meal, ועל הניסים is added.
 - b. If one forgot, and remembered before saying the word 'ה' in the *Bracha* "על הרחמן הוא יעשה לנו ניסים כמו שעשה לאבותינו בימים ההם בזמן הזה, בימי מרדכי וכו'". If he forgot and already finished *Bentching*, he doesn't repeat it.
 - c. We say *Magdil* as usual (not like *Yomtov* that we say *Migdol*).

14 Adar Sheni - Thursday, *Purim* - פורים

It is customary to wear a silk *Kapote* like on *Shabbos* and *Yom Tov*.

Shacharis:

1. **Tachanun** - is not recited.
2. **V'al Hanissim** - We add "ועל הניסים" in *Shemone Esrei*. If one forgot, and remembered before he said the word "ה" of the *Bracha* "נאה להודות" he should go back and say "ועל הניסים". If he remembered after saying the word "ה" he does not go back.
3. **Krias HaTorah** - If one did not hear *Parshas Zochoir*, he can fulfill his obligation through listening to this *Torah* Reading.
4. After *Krias hatorah*, *Chatzi Kadish* is recited. Then *Hagba* and *Gelila* are performed. The one who did *Hagba* (or he may appoint someone else) remains seated with the *Sefer Torah* for the reading of the *Megillah*.
5. **Machatzis Hashekel**: One who did not yet give *Machatzis Hashekel* should do so now before the reading of the *Megillah*.
6. Before the reading of the *Megillah*, it should be announced, that when the *Baal Kriah* says the *Bracha* of *Shehecheyanu* (before reading the *Megillah*), one should also have in mind the other three *Mitzvos* that are done on *Purim*: *Mishloach Monos*, *Matonos Loevyonim* and the *Seuda's*.
7. **The Megillah** is read.
8. After the *Megillah* is read we say the *Brocho* of *Harov Es Rivenu*, *Ashrei*, *Uvo Letzion*, *Kadish Tiskabel* and the *Torah* is returned to *Aron Koidesh*. *Davening* resumes as regular.

During the day of Purim:

* We go on *Mivtzoim* to ensure that other *Yidden* also perform the *Mitzvos* of the day.

There are four *Mitzvos* to be done on this day:

1. **Reading the Megillah**, for those who did not hear it in *Shul*.
 - a. Before the reading of the *Megillah*, they should announce that when saying the *Bracha* of *שהחיינו* everyone should also have in mind the other three *Mitzvos* of the day: *Mishloach Monos*, *Matonos Loevyonim* and the *Seuda*.
 - b. If one was already *Yotzei* the *mitzvah* and is reading for someone else, one of the listeners recites the *Brachos*. If he is reading for women they recite "לשמוע מקרא מגילה" and the other two *Brochois*.
 - c. When the *Brochois* are recited, everyone must be standing, however, they may sit while the *Megillah* is being read.
 - d. The listeners should not respond *Boruch Hu Uvoruch shmo* to the blessings.

- e. If there is no *Minyan* present, the *Brocho* הרב את ריבנו (after the *Megillah*) is not recited, however we do say יעקב יעקב.
2. ***Mishloach Manos***: A man to a man, a woman to a woman, or families to families, **and educate the children to do such**. Those who participated in “communal baskets” should nevertheless send at least two or three regular *Mishloach Manos*.
 3. ***Matonois Lo’evyonim***, to at least two poor people. If there are no poor people to give to, money should be given to the *Gabbai Tzedaka*, **and educate the children to participate as well**.
 4. ***Seuda*** – festive meal (see further for details).

The *Alter Rebbe* writes in *Torah Or* (and it is also brought in *Sefer Haminhogim*) that the joy of *Purim* is much greater than the joy of *Yom Tov*.

Mincha

1. It is customary to *daven* an early *Mincha* as many have the custom to eat the *Seuda* after *Mincha* (See below in the *Seuda* section).
2. ***Tachanun*** is not recited.
3. ***V'al Hanissim*** is added in *Shemone Esrei*. If one forgot, and remembered before he said the word ה' of the *Brocho* נאה להודות ולך טוב שמך ולך נאה להודות he should go back and say "ועל הניסים". If he remembered after saying the word ה' he does not go back.

Seuda (festive meal) –

- **Time** - One may eat the *Seuda* in the morning, but it is customary to *daven* an early *Mincha* in the middle of the day and to eat afterwards. One must wash and eat at least a *kezayis* before the *Shekia* (sundown).
- **We eat the *Kreplach***.
- If the *Seuda* continues into the night, ועל הניסים is said in *Birchas Hamazon* because the meal began during the day. [If one *davened Maariv* in middle of the meal, ועל הניסים is not said in *Birchas Hamazon*.]
- **Do not forget to daven *Maariv* after the meal.**
- The Rebbe's *Farbrengen* would take place after *Maariv*. Amongst other things, The Rebbe would encourage everyone to contribute towards *Magbis* and several times the Rebbe instructed to sing “*Hop Kozack*”.

15 Adar Sheni - Friday – *Shushan Purim* שושן פורים :

- ***Tachanun*** is not recited.
- ***Simcha and Maos Chitim***: We continue *Simchas Purim* and we start giving *Maos Chitim* (*Tzedaka* for the needy for *Pesach*).
- ***Matza and Hilchos Pesach***: *Matza* is not eaten until the night of the *Seder*, and we begin to learn the *Halachos* of *Pesach*.

כ"ה אדר 25 Adar Sheni

Birthday of our *Rebbetzin*.

May we merit to celebrate this Purim in the Bais Hamikdosh Hashlishi!

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