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Reminders for the Last Days of Sukkos – 5782 – Shnas Hashmitah

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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'ana 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 on Hoshana'ana Rabbah.
2. **Kreplach:** prepare Kreplach for the Seudah on Hoshana'ana Rabbah.
3. **Honey:** Ensure that there is honey to be used for Hamotzi.
4. **Wine –** for the Kos that we drink on Hoshana Rabba, and for Kidush for the next two days of 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 *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 flame is inadvertently turned off...
6. **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 (as there is a *Shailo* whether you are permitted to remove the metal washer on Yom Tov.)
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. **Flags and/or Sifrei Torah:** for the children to hold during *Hakofeis*.

(*Hosha'ana Rabbah night/day*)

Hosha'ana Rabbah – at night (Sunday 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.

- **Simchas Beis Hashoeiva:** We participate in *Simchas Bais Hashoeiva* even though time is limited.
- **Devorim:** Before *Chatzos*/midnight (see local calendar) the men (and older boys) say the whole *Chumash Devarim* (which is called *Mishneh Torah*.) This may be said at home or in the *Sukkah* (it takes an average of 1½ to 2½ hours).
- **Tehillim:** After *Chatzos* (see local calendar. In 770 – at 1 am) the men (and older boys) go to *Shul* to say the whole *Tehillim* (The *Arizal* explains the reasons why tonight we recite *Chumash Devarim* and the *Tehillim*).
- In Lubavitch they stayed up the whole night of *Hoshaana Raba*.
- **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 – Monday —21 Tishrei

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

Shacharis

- Inform the family that today *Davening* will take at least a half hour longer than the other days of *Chol Hamoed* because of *Hosha'anos*.
- Take the *Talis*, *Daled Minim* and the *Hosha'anos* (and *Tzedoko* money) to *Shul*.
- 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. [The father or mother help the little children to do it].
- After one is finished with the ד' מינים, 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 (1):** We add in giving *Tzedaka* - especially to those who need necessities for *Yom Tov*.
3. **Tzedaka (2):** Since there are two days of *Yom Tov*, prepare enough *Tzedaka* to be given before candle lighting for both days.
4. **Flags and Sifrei Torah:** Prepare “flags” and/or “*Sefer Torahs*” for the children to hold during *Hakofois*.
5. **Shabbos Clock:** Set the “*Shabbos* clock” for the two days of *Yom Tov*.
6. **Tevila:** The men go to the *Mikvah* on *Erev Yom Tov*.

The Seudah

- We dip the *Hamotzi* in honey (for the last time this *Tishrei*.) Salt is also placed on the table.
- We eat *Kreplach*.
- Drink a *Kos* of wine (like every day of *Chol Hamoed*).

(*Hosha'ana Rabbah day/Shmini Atzeres evening*)

Mincha

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

Evening of *Shmini Atzeres*:

At the start of *Yom Tov*

- Ensure that the *Lulav* was put away so there is no question 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. In Chabad we do not have the custom to light a "*Yizkor*" candle.
2. 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!]
3. **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.
4. *Tzedaka* is given for two days.
5. The two *Brochos* said are: **1.** להדליק נר של יום טוב. **2.** שהחיינו.
6. [A man that lights candles, does not recite the *Brocho* of *Shehecheyonu*, he will do so at *Kidush*].

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

The night *Seudah*

- We eat in the *Sukkah*.

(Shmini Atzeres evening/day)

- **Kiddush:** The order is: *Askinu* (of *Yom Tov*), *Hagofen*, *Kidush*, *Shehecheyonu*.
- [If a woman makes *Kidush*, she does not say *Shehecheyonu* as she did so at candle lighting].
- 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 did not yet begin the next *Brocho*, he says the ...ברוך אשר נתן. which is in the *Siddur*. However if one already began the next *Brocho*, he returns to the beginning of *Birchas Hamozoin*.)
 - *Horachamon* for *Yom Tov*;
 - We **don't** say *Horachamon* for *Sukkos*.

Shmini Atzeres by day (Tuesday):

- **Tevila:** The men go to the *Mikvah*.
- **Birchas Kohanim:** 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*.
- **Hallel:** The *Rabbeim* were always punctilious about being up to *Hallel* when the *Minyan* recited it on *Yom-Tov*.

* **Yizkor:** Is said before *Musaf*.

1. In *Chabad* we do not have the custom to light a "Yizkor" candle.
2. *Minhag* of *Chasidim* is to also mention the names of the *Rabeim*.
3. Those that are unable to go to *Shul* for *Yizkor* may recite it at home.
4. Mourners, in their first year, stay inside the *Shul* for *Yizkor* but they do not recite it.

* In *Musaf* we begin saying "משיב הרוח ומוריד הגשם".

1. 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"
2. If one accidentally said "מוריד הטל" he does not have to go back.

* **Birchas Kohanim:** Towards the end of *Musaf* is *Birchas Kohanim*.

Seudah

- The *Seudah* is eaten in the *Sukkah*.
- **Kiddush:** The order is: *Askinu* (of *Yom Tov*), *Eile Moadei*, *Hagofen*. However the *Brocho* of לישב בסוכה is NOT recited.
- 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 – see yesterday).
 - *Horachamon* for *Yom Tov*;
 - We **don't** say *Horachamon* for *Sukkos*.

During the day

- We are מעביר סדרה – מזאת הברכה לס שנים מקרא ואחד תרגום.

(Shmini Atzeres day/Eve of Simchas Torah)

- 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*). *Tzidkoscho* is not recited. We recite *Oleinu*.

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 – Tuesday night

- After *Tzeis Hakochovim*/nightfall - see local calendar - (we daven *Ma'ariv* and then) it is permitted to begin preparing for the meal.
- **The order of the night:** *Ma'ariv* (until 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".

[*Chasidim* say: The ninth "*Ushpizin*" is the Rebbe. As a matter of fact, we see that the day that the Rebbe was the most "*Behisgalus*" and physically with the *Chassidim*, was *Simchas Torah*: It started with *Maariv*, then there was a *Farbrengen* from approx. **8-9:00 pm** until midnight (to give the *bochurim* a chance to come back from the night *Tahalucha* and be able to participate in the Rebbe's *Hakofois*). At **12:45-1 am** *Hakofois* started which lasted until around **4 am**. Then everyone went to eat *Seudas Yom Tov*. (Until 5725) at around **5:00 am** the Rebbe returned to teach a new "*Nigun*" (and distribute *Lechaim* to all those that take upon themselves an extra shiur in the learning of *Chassidus*) until around **6:00 am**. At **10:00 am** was *Shacharis* with *Hakofois*, *Krias Hatorah*, *Choson Torah*, *Choson Bereishis* etc. which lasted until around **3:00 pm**. At approx. **5:30 pm** was *Mincha* followed by a *Farbrengen* that lasted past midnight. Then was *Maariv* with *Havdalah* and *Kos Shel Brocho* which lasted until about **4:00 am!!** In total: **over 23 hours together with the Rebbe!** !!!אשרי עין זכתה לכל אלה!!!]

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*. Many have the custom to light the candles right 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.**

(*Simchas Torah evening/day*)

Kiddush and the evening Seudah

- **Kiddush:** *Askinu* (of *Yom Tov*), *Hagofen*, *Kidush*, *Shehecheyonu*.
- [If a woman makes *Kidush*, she does not say *Shehecheyonu* as she did so at candle lighting].
- We dip the *Challah* in salt (and not in honey).
- In *Birchas Hamozoin* we add:
 - יעלה ויבוא (If one forgot – see yesterday).
 - *Horachamon* for *Yom Tov*.

* **Krias Shma sheal Hamita:** In *Sefer Hasichos* 5704 the Frierdiker Rebbe says: *It is known, that when one says Shma Yisroel in the Krias Shma Sheal Hamita of Simchas Torah, he has to take upon himself the total devotion to spread Torah with Mesirus Nefesh, in body, spirit and soul, and this has to be his whole essence!*

Simchas Torah by day - Wednesday:

- **Tevila:** The men go to the *Mikvah*.
- **Birchas Kohanim in Shacharis:** Those who send their children to *Shul* for *Birchas Kohanim* should remember that today it takes place 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...
- **Hallel:** Like yesterday.
- After *Shacharis* (and *Kidush*) we do *Hakofois* and then *Krias Hatorah* (including *Chosson Torah* and *Chosson Bereishis*) *Maftir* and *Musaf*. **Keep the Simcha going throughout the year!**

Seudah

- **Kiddush:** : *Askinu* (of *Yom Tov*), *Eile Moadei*, *Hagofen*.
 - 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 – See yesterday).
 - *Horachamon* for *Yom Tov*.

During the day

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

Mincha

* *Korbonois*, *Ashrei*, *Uvo Letzion*, the *Amidah* for *Sholosh Regolim*, *Oleinu*.

Before *Shkiah*/sundown

- **Farbrengen:** The Rebbe usually starts the *Farbrengen* before *Shkia* (Sundown). The Rebbe requests that everyone should wash and have *Hamotzie*; the Rebbe says many *Sichos*, a *Maamor* etc. The Rebbe would remind everyone about *Mivtzoim* and “*Keren Hashono*” (THIS YEAR THERE ARE 384 DAYS), “*Kinus Torah*” (that takes place the day after *Simchas Torah*), *Chitas* 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 recited.

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 announce on *Motzoei Simchas Torah*

ויעקב הלך לדרכו

***Tachanun:** is not recited until the end of the month.

* **Kinus Torah:** We participate in the *Kinus Torah* that takes place on *Isru Chag* (generally after *Mincha*).

Shabbos Bereishis

- *Shabbos* morning the entire *Tehillim* is recited just like every *Shabbos Mevorchim*.
- In *davening* we ‘*Bentch* the *Chodesh*’. *Rosh Chodesh* is on Wednesday and Thursday.
- The *Molad* is on Wednesday afternoon at 12 noon and 11 minutes and 12 *chalokim*.
- *Ov Horachamim* is not recited.
- On *Shabbos Bereishis* the *Gabai* gets up on the *Bimah*, puts on a *Shtreimel*, says a “*Dvar Torah*” and sells the “*Mitzvois*” for the whole year.
- In *Mincha* – *Tzidkoscho* is not recited.
- 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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Times for the for the last days of *Sukkos*

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Monday *Erev Yom Tov*:

Alos Hashachar: 5:23 am. **Latest *Shema*** 9:45 am. ***Chatzos***: 12:46 pm. **Candle lighting time**: 6:26 pm. ***Tzeis Hakochovim***: 7:12 pm.

Tuesday, First day of *Yom Tov (Shmini Atzeres)*:

Latest *Shema*: 9:45 am. ***Shkia***: 6:42 pm. **Second evening (*Simchas Torah*)**: earliest candle lighting: 7:26 pm.

Wednesday, Second day of *Yom Tov (Simchas Torah)*:

Latest *Shema*: 9:46 am. ***Shkiah***: 6:41 pm. ***Motzoei Yom Tov***: 7:26 pm.