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Shabbos

27 Marcheshvan, 5781 | Parshas Chayei Sarah, Shabbos Mevarchim Chodesh Kislev

☰ Things to do

Tehillim

- Early in the morning we gather in *shul* to recite the entire Tehillim with a *minyan*. Following Tehillim, a *maamar* (that can be understood by everyone) should be studied for around an hour, followed by *davening*.¹
- For more on saying Tehillim on Shabbos Mevarchim, see below, "*Hosafos*."

"Make sure to study a parshah of Chumash with Rashi every day, to say Tehillim every day, and to complete the Tehillim on Shabbos Mevarchim. It is crucial for you, your children, and your grandchildren."

(*Hayom Yom, 25 Shevat*)

Blessing the New Month

- It is proper to know when the *molad* will be before blessing the new month.² This month, the *molad* will be on Sunday afternoon, at 4:07 p.m. and 1 *chelek*.³
- The *chazzan* stands,⁴ holding a Sefer Torah,⁵ and leads the congregation with *Mi shebeirach*. It is

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customary for the congregants to stand as well.⁶

- Rosh Chodesh **Kislev** will be on Tuesday.
- We don't say Av Harachamim.

Farbrengens

- Shabbos Mevarchim is a day to *farbrenge*, ideally in *shul*.⁷ For more on Shabbos Mevarchim *farbrengens*, see below, "*Hosafos*."

Monday

29 Marcheshvan, 5781

☰ Things to do

- On Erev Rosh Chodesh (known as Yom Kippur Katan), give extra *tzedakah*⁸ and increase in *davening* and learning.⁹
- At Minchah we don't say Tachanun.
- Say Yaaleh Viyavo during Maariv tonight. See below, "*Hosafos*," for the laws that apply if you forgot to say Yaaleh Viyavo.

1 ספר המנהגים ע' 30.

2 סידור אדה"ו. ולכן נהגו להכריז זאת באותה שעה ברבים, ראה ליקוטי מהרי"ח (בראש ח"ג, בהשטות לח"ב פחב), ושערי-רחמים על השערי-אפרים שער י"ס"ק מז.

3 לוח כולל חב"ד.

4 זכר לקידוש החודש, שבו ראש ב"ד עומד ואומר 'מקודש' וכל העם עונים אחריו (מג"א סי' ת"ז ס"ק א).

5 קצות השלחן סי' פג בבדה"ש ס"ק ז, משערי אפרים שער י"ס"ו.

6 שערי-רחמים על השערי-אפרים שער י"ס"ק מג.

7 ספר המנהגים ע' 30.

8 ת"מ תשמ"ו ח"ג עמ' 593. תשמ"ז ח"ב עמ' 160.

9 שיחות-קודש תשל"ו עמ' 663, ועוד.

Tuesday

1 Kislev, Rosh Chodesh, 5781

On this day

Today marks the date (in 5738) when the Rebbe returned home for the first time after the heart attack. Chassidim mark this day with rejoicing and *farbrengens*. For more on Rosh Chodesh Kislev, visit <http://www.chabad.org/k17982>.

Things to do

- Say Yaaleh Viyavo in Shemoneh Esrei. See below, "Hosafos," for the laws that apply if you forgot to say Yaaleh Viyavo.
- After Shemoneh Esrei, Half Hallel is recited, followed by Kaddish Shalem. For more on Hallel, see below, "Hosafos."
- Hallel is followed by Shir Shel Yom and Barchi Nafshi.
- This is followed by *krias hatorah*. Next, say Ashrei and Uva Letzion. The *chazzan* concludes Uva Letzion quietly, and the Sefer Torah is returned to the *aron kodesh*.
- Next, remove Rashi's *tefillin*, don Rabbeinu Tam's *tefillin*, and say Shema, *Kadesh li chol bechor*, and the Sheish Zechiros. After removing Rabbeinu Tam's *tefillin*, we *daven* Musaf. The *chazzan* should recite a chapter of Tehillim before saying the Chatzi Kaddish that precedes Musaf.¹⁰
- If you are wearing *tefillin* when the *minyán* reaches Kesser, cover the *shel rosh* when responding.¹¹

Bentching

- It is a mitzvah to enhance today's meal in honor of Rosh Chodesh.¹²
- Say Yaaleh Viyavo and the Harachaman for Rosh

Chodesh. Additionally, replace the word *Magdil* (in the *possuk Magdil yeshuos malko*) with *Migdol*.

- See below, "Hosafos," for more on *bentching* and for the laws that apply if you forgot to say Yaaleh Viyavo.
- When saying a Berachah Acharonah Mei'ein Shalosh (e.g., Al Hamichyah), add the addition for Rosh Chodesh. (However, there is no need to repeat the *berachah* if it was omitted.)¹³

Minhagei Rosh Chodesh

- It is customary for women to refrain from performing certain types of work on Rosh Chodesh (see note).¹⁴
- It is customary to refrain from taking a haircut and cutting nails on Rosh Chodesh.¹⁵
- The Frierdiker Rebbe cites an "ancient custom" to study another *possuk* from the *kapitel* corresponding to one's age each Rosh Chodesh, along with Rashi's explanation (and additional commentaries).¹⁶ For Tehillim with Rashi, visit www.chabad.org/16222.
- If there are less than twelve *pesukim* in your *kapitel* (or less than thirteen in a leap year), when you finish the *kapitel*, learn it a second time. If there are more than twelve (or thirteen) *pesukim* in your *kapitel*, study enough *pesukim* each Rosh Chodesh to finish the *kapitel* over the course of the year.¹⁷
- The Rebbe encouraged arranging *farbrengens* (in *shul*¹⁸) on Rosh Chodesh.¹⁹

Chodesh Kislev

- Chodesh Kislev includes many auspicious dates, causing the entire month to be like Yom Tov.²⁰ The

13 מג"א סי' רח סק"ח.

14 שו"ע ורמ"א סי' תז"א, שהפרטים תלויים במנהג המקום. יש מקומות שאסרו תפירה [בתורת מנחם - התועודיות] תשד"מ ח"ב עמ' 948 מודגשת מלאכה זו, וצוין לתשב"ץ ח"ג סי' רמד], סריגה, כיבוס (דיני), וניהוץ שלא לצורך היום (ראה שם: שיערי-תשובה ס"ק ג. כף-החיים ס"ק ללב. אשל-אברהם להרה"צ מבוטשאטש). ובערוך-השולחן שם סי' כתב ש"אצלנו" נשים העוסקות באומנות - עושות מלאכה, שלא קיבלו עליהן להפסיד פרנסתן (ואצ"ל ביחס למלאכות הקשורות בחינוך, ראה סי' חול-המועד כהלכתו, פרק ו, סעיף עה).

15 צוואת רבי יהודה החסיד אות מח. שו"ע אדה"י סי' רס ס"א.

16 ספר-המנהגים עמ' 36.

17 שם.

18 היום יום לי ניסן. וראה שה"ש תש"ג שבהערה הבאה.

19 ספר-השיחות התש"ג ח"ב עמ' 539. וראה אנ"ק כ"ק אדמו"ר מהור"צ ח"ז עמ' שכד, עיי"ש. תורת מנחם כרך ת, עמ' 178.

20 שה"ש תשמ"ט ח"א עמ' 78 ובהערה 1.

10 אנ"ק ח"כ עמ' רפג.

11 מאסף לכל המחנות' סי' כה סוף ס"ק קלו, ובלקט-הקמח החדש שם ס"ק קה.

12 שו"ע אר"ח סי' תיט.

Rebbe referred to this month as a *chassidische chodesh*,²¹ as well as *Chodesh Hageulah*²².

- The Rebbe writes that in general, Kislev is a more successful month than the months of Marcheshvan and Teves.²³
- In 5749, the Rebbe instructed that everyone should learn one additional concept in Chassidus during each day of Chodesh Kislev. Even better, learn a concept from the Baal Shem Tov, the Maggid and the Alter Rebbe. If you can, learn a teaching from each of the other Rebbeim as well.²⁴
- *Farbrengens* should be held throughout the month, especially on the dates marking *chassidische Yomim Tovim*.²⁵

Hosafos

Shabbos Mevarchim Chodesh Kislev

Tehillim

- It is not our custom to recite the *pesukim* printed before and after the Tehillim.²⁶
- At the conclusion of Tehillim, an individual whose parents have passed recites Kaddish Yasom. If a *chiyuv* (an individual commemorating a *yahrzeit* or an *avel*) is present, Kaddish is recited at the end of each *sefer*. In such a case, the *Yehi Ratzon* following each *sefer* should be recited beforehand (at least by the one reciting Kaddish).²⁷
- If you did not finish reciting Tehillim before *davening*, finish it as soon as possible (after Minchah, on Sunday,²⁸ or on the following Shabbos²⁹).

Farbrengens

- Continue the Shabbos Mevarchim *farbrengen* at home during the Shabbos meal, by discussing with your family the general idea of Shabbos Mevarchim and the special dates of the upcoming month (e.g., Rosh Chodesh Kislev, Tes and Yud Kislev, Yud-Daled Kislev, Yud-Tes and Chof Kislev, and Chanukah).³⁰
- Women and girls should arrange their own *farbrengens*, either on Shabbos or on *motzoei Shabbos*.³¹

Rosh Chodesh Kislev

Yaaleh Viyavo When Davening

- If you forgot to say Yaaleh Viyavo during Maariv and remembered after saying Hashem's name at the end of the *berachah*, do not go back to repeat it.³²
- If you forgot to say Yaaleh Viyavo during Shacharis or Minchah and remembered after saying Hashem's name at the end of the *berachah*, finish the *berachah* and say it before Modim.³³ If you already began saying Modim, go back to Retzei.³⁴ If you already said the second *Yihiyu l'ratzon* at the end of Shemoneh Esrei, go back to the beginning of Shemoneh Esrei.³⁵
- If you forgot to say Yaaleh Viyavo during Shacharis and only remembered after *davening* Musaf, do not repeat the Shemoneh Esrei of Shacharis.³⁶
- If you forgot to say Yaaleh Viyavo during Minchah and only remembered at night, *daven* Maariv twice, once for Maariv and the second time as a voluntary *tefillah*. However, since it is no longer Rosh Chodesh, do not say Yaaleh Viyavo during either Shemoneh Esrei.³⁷
- All the above also applies if you are unsure whether you have said Yaaleh Viyavo.³⁸

21 ספר-השיחות תשמ"ט ח"א עמ' 97.

22 ספר-ה"ש תשנ"ב עמ' 125.

23 מענה לעניין קביעת זמן לטיפול רפואי - לקוטי-שיחות כרך כ ס"ע 569.

24 ספר-השיחות תשמ"ט ח"א עמ' 85 ואילך, וע"ש בעמ' 98.

25 ספר-השיחות תשמ"ט ח"א עמ' 86, ובעמ' 97 ואילך.

26 ראה צילום כ"ק בכפר חב"ד' גיליון 789 עמ' 11, ומשם ב'התקשרות' גיליון תמוה, וגיליון תפד עמ' 17 ואילך.

27 ספר המנהגים ע' 30.

28 היכל מנחם ח"ג ע' רסו.

29 דעם רבינ'ס קינדער' ע' תלד.

30 לקר"ש חט"ז ע' 523.

31 לקר"ש שם.

32 שו"ע ס' תכב ס"א ובמג"א שם סק"א.

33 שו"ע ס' תכב ס"א. ראה באריכות ב'התקשרות' גיליון ת"ת.

34 שם.

35 שם.

36 שו"ע אדה"ז ס' קכו ס"ג.

37 שו"ע אדה"ז ס' קח ס"ז.

38 מג"א ס' תכב סק"ד. וראה משנ"ב ס' תכב סק"י, ע"ש.

Hallel

- If you are saying Hallel without a *minyan*, say the *berachos* at the beginning and end.³⁹ When saying the *berachah* at the end of Hallel, the word *al* is omitted.⁴⁰
- Many are accustomed to saying these *berachos* even when saying Hallel with a *minyan*.⁴¹ If doing so, say the *berachos* before or together with the *chazzan*, and do not answer amen on the *chazzan's berachah*.⁴²
- Repeat the *possuk* of *Hodu* after each of the three *pessukim* of *Yomar na* (even when saying Hallel without a *minyan*⁴³).
- With regard to interrupting for *devarim shebikdushah*, Hallel shares the laws of *birchos krias shema*.⁴⁴ (To elaborate: With Kaddish, you may interrupt for *Yehei Shmei Rabba* and the amen of *da'amiran be'alma*. With *Kedushah*, you may interrupt for *Kadosh*, *Boruch*, and *Yimloch*. With *Modim*, you may say the words *Modim anachnu lach*. You may interrupt for *Borchu* and for the amen of *Hakel hakadosh*, *Shomei'a tefillah* and *birchos hatorah*.⁴⁵)

Bentching

- The one leading the *bentching* raises his voice when saying the words *zachreinu Hashem Elokeinu bo letovah, u'fakdeinu vo levrachah, vehoshi'einu vo lechaim tovim*, and those listening answer amen after each phrase. However, if they are in the middle of *bentching* as well, they may only answer if they are between *berachos*.⁴⁶
- If you forgot to say *Yaaleh Viyavo* and remembered after saying Hashem's name at the end of the *berachah* but before starting the *berachah* of *Hatov Vehameitiv*, say the added paragraph for *Rosh Chodesh* printed in the *bentcher* or *siddur*. If you remembered after starting that *berachah*,

do not go back.⁴⁷

39 ספר-המנהגים עמ' 36.

40 ספר-המנהגים עמ' 36.

41 ראה שיחות-קודש תשמ"א ח"ד עמ' 322 ס"ז.

42 ראה בארוכה ב'התקשרות' גיליונות: שלח עמ' 17, תמוז עמ' 17, תמוז עמ' 19 הע' 47.

43 היום יום, ל' תשרי.

44 ראה 'התקשרות' גיליון תמא ובס' הפסק בתפילה ספ"ד ובמילואים שם.

45 ד'יני ומנהגי ר"ח - חב"ד פ"ח ס"ב.

46 לקוטי-שיחות חכ"ד עמ' 380.

Rambam

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Shabbos

הלכות כלאים, פרק ז-ט

Sunday

הלכות כלאים, פרק י-יב

Monday

הלכות כלאים, פרק יג-טו

Tuesday

הלכות מעשר, פרק א-ג

Wednesday

הלכות מעשר, פרק ד-ו

Thursday

הלכות מעשר, פרק ז-ט

Friday

הלכות מעשר, פרקי-יב

פרק אחד ליום

Shabbos

הלכות שבת, פרק כ

Sunday

הלכות שבת, פרק כא

Monday

הלכות שבת, פרק כב

Tuesday

הלכות שבת, פרק כג

Wednesday

הלכות שבת, פרק כד

Thursday

הלכות שבת, פרק כה

Friday

הלכות שבת, פרק כו

ספר המצוות

כז מל"ת קלג קלד

כח מל"ת קלה קלו

כט מל"ת קלז

א מ"ע קכז

ב מ"ע קכז

ג מ"ע קכז

ד מ"ע קכז

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