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בס"ד

"וְהָיָה מִיָּדֵי זֶדְדֶשׁ בְּזֶדְדֶשׁוֹ, וּמִיָּדֵי שַׁבָּת בְּשַׁבָּתוֹ"  
*And it shall come to pass that from one New Moon to another,  
and from one Sabbath to another*  
(ישעיהו פרק סו פסוק כג)



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# Shvat 5778

January 17, 2018 – February 14, 2018

**The New Moon:** Wednesday night (16.1.18), at 2:25 a.m. and 2 *chalakim*

**Kiddush Levana (Sanctification of the Moon):**

from Saturday night, the eve of 5 *Shvat* (20.1.18) to Wednesday morning, 15 *Shvat* (31.1.18).

**Kiddush Levana** (according to Oriental communities): from Wednesday night, the eve of 9 *Shvat* (24.1.18)

Note: The end of time *Kiddush Levana* this month falls on Wednesday night, the 16th of *Shvat* at 8:47 p.m., but due to a lunar eclipse on Wednesday afternoon, *Tu B'Shvat*, we do not recite *Kiddush Levana* on Wednesday night, because the eclipse clearly indicates that half of the month passed (the eclipse will not be seen in Israel, because the moon will shine upon the completion of the eclipse).

**Wednesday, 1 Shvat (21.1.2015) – Rosh Chodesh Shvat:** *Rosh Chodesh* prayers.

## Candle Lighting Times For Shabbat - Friday, 3 Shvat, January 23, 2015

Shabbat begins		Shabbat ends		Shabbat begins		Shabbat begins			
Jerusalem	16:26	Jerusalem	17:40	New York	16:38	Melbourne	20:13	Madrid	17:47
Tel Aviv	16:41	Tel Aviv	17:42	Los Angeles	16:42	Johannesburg	18:40	Marbella	18:14
Beer Sheba	16:44	Beer Sheba	17:43	Paris	16:58	Buenos Aires	19:38	Toronto	16:44
Haifa	16:32	Haifa	17:40	London	15:58	Moscow	16:09	Warsaw	14:53
Eilat	16:36	Eilat	17:45	Amsterdam	16:33	Rome	16:38		

**Shabbat Parashat Bo, 4 Shvat (20.1.18)**

The *Haftara* is Jeremiah 46:13 until the end of the chapter.

**Mincha:** Three men are called up to read from *Parashat B'shalach*.

## Candle Lighting Times For Shabbat - Friday, 10 Shvat, January 30, 2015

Shabbat begins		Shabbat ends		Shabbat begins		Shabbat begins			
Jerusalem	16:32	Jerusalem	17:46	New York	16:46	Melbourne	20:09	Madrid	17:55
Tel Aviv	16:48	Tel Aviv	17:51	Los Angeles	16:49	Johannesburg	18:38	Marbella	18:21
Beer Sheba	16:51	Beer Sheba	17:49	Paris	17:09	Buenos Aires	19:34	Toronto	16:53
Haifa	16:39	Haifa	17:46	London	16:10	Moscow	16:23	Warsaw	15:05
Eilat	16:42	Eilat	17:50	Amsterdam	16:45	Rome	16:47		

**Shabbat, Parshat B'shalach, 11 Shvat (27.1.18)**

It is the custom to stand during the Torah reading of the Song of the Splitting of the Sea, and to recite each verse with the Chazan.

*Haftara:* Judges 4:4 to the end of Ch. 5. Some Sephardi communities also recite the verses that follow the song, from *Shmot*, chapter 15: 20 – 26. The *Haftara* is Judges 4:4 until the end of chapter 5.

**Mincha:** Three men are called to the Torah and read from *Parashat Yitro*.



## Wednesday, 15 Shvat (30.1.2018) – Tu Bishvat – The New Year for Trees

*Tachanun* is not recited, but *lamenatzeach* is said. It is custom to eat the fruits grown from fruit trees in Israel, to remember that today is the New Year of the Trees. Imported fruits need a qualified kosher certificate. The sefer *Pri Etz Hadar*, attributed to **Rabbi Binyamin HaLevi**, describes the *Tu Bishvat Seder* and festive meal, during which 30 different types of fruits growing in Eretz Israel are served, while reciting appropriate verses from the Torah, *Mishna*, and the Holy *Zohar* for each one.

## Candle Lighting Times For Shabbat - Friday, 17 Shvat, February 2, 2018

Shabbat begins		Shabbat ends		Shabbat begins		Shabbat begins			
Jerusalem	16:38	Jerusalem	17:52	New York	16:55	Melbourne	20:03	Madrid	18:04
Tel Aviv	16:54	Tel Aviv	17:54	Los Angeles	16:56	Johannesburg	18:35	Marbella	18:28
Beer Sheba	16:57	Beer Sheba	17:54	Paris	17:20	Buenos Aires	19:30	Toronto	17:02
Haifa	16:46	Haifa	17:52	London	16:22	Moscow	16:38	Warsaw	15:18
Eilat	16:48	Eilat	17:56	Amsterdam	16:58	Rome	16:56		

**Shabbat, Parshat Yitro, 18 Shvat (3.2.18)**

We read the Ten Commandments using the lower cantillation signs, and it is customary to stand when reading them.

It is a custom of Oriental Jewry to read the Ten Commandments using the upper cantillation signs when reading them in public.

*Haftara:* Isaiah 6:1 -7:6, followed by Isaiah 9:5-6.

**Mincha:** Three men are called up to read the Torah from *Parashat Mishpatim*.

### Candle Lighting Times For Shabbat - Friday, 24 Shvat, February 9, 2018

Shabbat begins		Shabbat ends		Shabbat begins		Shabbat begins			
Jerusalem	16:45	Jerusalem	17:58	New York	17:03	Melbourne	19:56	Madrid	18:12
Tel Aviv	17:01	Tel Aviv	17:59	Los Angeles	17:02	Johannesburg	18:31	Marbella	18:36
Beer Sheba	17:03	Beer Sheba	18:00	Paris	17:32	Buenos Aires	19:23	Toronto	17:12
Haifa	16:52	Haifa	17:58	London	16:35	Moscow	16:53	Warsaw	15:31
Eilat	16:54	Eilat	18:01	Amsterdam	17:11	Rome	17:05		

#### *Shabbat, Parshat Mishpatim, 25 Shvat (10.2.18) – Shabbat Shkalim*

Special prayers (piyutim) recited on *Parshat Shkalim*. Two Torah scrolls are brought out. Seven men are called up to read *Parshat Mishpatim* from the first scroll. Half *Kaddish* is recited, and then one man is called up to *Maftir* in the second scroll, from *Parshat Ki Tisa*, Shmot 30: 11-16. Haftara: II Kings 12:1-17.

We announce the New Moon which will fall on Thursday and Friday (15-16 of February). *Av Harachamim* is not recited.

#### **The Molad: Thursday (16.2.18), 3:09 a.m. and 3 chalakim**

**Mincha:** Three men are called up to read the Torah from *Parashat Truma*.

**Wednesday, 29 Shvat (14.2.18) – Eve of Rosh Chodesh Adar:** Prayers for *Yom Kippur Katan* are recited. *Tachanun* is not recited.

**Thursday, 30 Shvat (15.2.18) – the first day of Rosh Chodesh Adar:** *Rosh Chodesh* prayers.

**With best wishes for a Good Month!**

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