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REMINDERS FOR THE YOM TOV OF SHAVUOS 5773

- **Tachanun** is not recited from *Rosh Chodesh* until 12 Sivan.
- **Haircuts:** Our *Minhag* is not to take any haircuts prior to *Erev Shavuos*.

TO REMEMBER AND PURCHASE:

1. **Dairy Foods:** On the first day of *Yom Tov* we eat dairy foods. There are many ways to do so, and each should act according to his custom, and be especially careful in the *kashrus* laws pertaining to separation of milk and meat.
2. **Pareve Knife:** If one does not have one already, purchase a separate **pareve** knife to be used only for cutting onions and other fruits and vegetables as cutting onion etc. with a *Milchig* or *Fleishig* knife can lead to serious *shailos*.
3. **Aseres Hadibros:** Ensure that one has help, if necessary, to be able to bring **all** the children to shul to hear the *Aseres Hadibros*. Infants and newborn babies should also be brought to shul if it will not affect their health. (And, if possible, to be present at *Birchas Kohanim* after *Musaf*).
4. **Yartzeit Licht:** Those who do not have a gas flame lit over *Yom Tov* should light a *yartzeit licht* to be able to light candles on the second night of *Yom Tov*. However, those who have household help should light one even if there is a gas flame lit, for sometimes the maid turns off the flame.
5. **Neironim:** If one uses glass holders for the *Shabbos/ Yomtov* candles that must be cleaned in between each use, make sure there are enough to use for two days of *Yom Tov* (as there is a *shailo* whether you are permitted to remove the metal washer on *Yomtov*).
6. **Tikun Leil Shavuos:** purchase one (if you don't have

one) and insert the corrections that are mentioned in *Likutei Sichos* vol. 28 page 315.

PREPARATIONS FOR THE MILCHIG (DAIRY) MEAL OF THE FIRST DAY OF YOMTOV:

PLEASE – Do not use either a dairy nor a meat knife to cut onions or other vegetables (or bread) because this can cause kashrus questions to arise. Use only a separate pareve knife (during the year as well.)

- **Oven:** If one only has a single oven that is used for meat, and wants to use it to bake dairy foods, please contact the *Rav*.
- **Dairy meal:** The custom to eat dairy foods is only on the first day of *Shavuos* (except for those who have a personal family custom, etc.)

TUESDAY, ה' ט"ו EREV SHAVUOS:

Haircuts may be taken.

BEFORE YOM TOV BEGINS:

1. **Fires:** If it is necessary—make sure the appropriate fires are lit.
2. If there is no lit gas flame—light a *Yahrtzeit Licht*.
3. **Shabbos Clock:** Ascertain that the *Shabbos* clock is set for two days of *Yom Tov*.
4. **Tzedaka:** The Rebbe instructed that on *Erev Shavuos*, prior to the candle lighting, we give *Tzedaka* for both days of *Yom Tov*.
5. **Lighting Candles:** The correct time to light candles is 18 minutes before sunset (NY: 7:46 pm) However, if one missed the correct time they may light later than that, but only from a pre-existing flame. If one generally takes in *Shabbos* early, it is not done so on *Shavuos* (because of counting the *Omer*.)
6. **Those who will not be eating in their own homes should not forget to light candles!! If one forgot, call a Rav after Yom Tov to see what must be done.**
7. The *Brachos* said are: **שהחיינו** and **להדליק נר של יום טוב**.

The Friedike Rebbe writes in a letter:

“Shavuos is an opportune time to do everything for the benefit of learning Torah and Avodah with Yiras Shomayim; and also to do תשובה in regards to Torah without interference from the שטן, similar to the time

of תקיעות on Rosh Hashono and the day of Yom Kippur.”

The Rebbe added to this: **“This letter must be learned, and publicized amongst those who do not know about it.”**

ONCE YOM TOV BEGINS:

1. One must wait until nightfall (In NY: 8:42) to *daven Ma'ariv* because we have to ascertain that there are “seven complete weeks” for *Sefiras Haomer*. Therefore, if one generally takes in *Shabbos* early, it is not done so on *Shavuos*.
2. *Ma'ariv* is for *Sholosh Regolim (Yom Tov)* and it starts with “*Shir Hama'alos*”.

THE YOM TOV MEAL

1. **Before the meal begins, ensure that all the women and girls have lit candles. If there are not enough candles, do not rely on lighting after the meal, rather borrow candles from a neighbor so that all the women and girls can light candles before beginning the meal.**
2. For those who usually take in *Shabbos* early, today (*Shavuos*) they may not do so and *Kiddush* may not be recited before nightfall. (In NY: 8:42).
3. *Kiddush* for *Yom Tov* with *Shehecheyanu*.

IN BIRCHAS HAMOZON

1. **יעלה ויבא:** We add “יעלה ויבא” in *Birchas Hamozon*. If one forgot and remembered after beginning the following *Bracha* (even if he only said “ברוך”) one must return to the beginning of *Bentching*. However, if he remembered before beginning the following *Bracha*, he should say the text printed in the *Siddur*: **ברוך..אשר נתן..”**
2. **הרחמן:** Towards the end of *Birchas Hamozon* we add “הרחמן הוא ינהילנו ליום שכולו טוב”.

TIKUN LEIL SHAVUOS

- The men remain awake all night and say *Tikkun Leil Shavuos* and then they go to the *Mikvah* (After 4:01 a.m.). It is our custom that even if you are awake all night you wash *negel vasser* it's preferable to use the men's room before reciting the morning *Brochos* like every morning. And you and you recite the entire *Brochos* in the proper order as printed in the *Siddur*. Those who want to *daven* early should be careful to recite the *Shma* or putting on the *talis* no earlier than 4:44 a.m., and in the same

vein not to start the Amida - Shmona Esrei before 5:43 a.m.. Those who will go to rest before Shachris should remember that the end time for reciting the morning Shma is 9:13 a.m..

WEDNESDAY, ג' ט"ו, FIRST DAY OF SHAVUOS - YAHRTZEIT OF THE BAAL SHEM TOV (253 YEARS):

1. **Krias Shma:** Latest time for *Krias Shma*: In NY: 9:13 am.
2. **Aseres Hadibros:** Prepare all the children, even the babies (if it will not affect their health), to attend *Shul* to hear *Aseres Hadibros* during the reading of the *Torah* (and after that – if possible - *Birchas Kohanim*, which is done towards the end of *Musaf*).
3. **Hallel:** After the *Amida* for *Sholosh Regolim* the entire *Hallel* is recited.

THE YOMTOV MEAL

1. **Kiddush:** *Kiddush* at the start of the meal is that of *Sholosh Regolim*, beginning from "אתקינו וכו' אלה מועדי".
2. We eat dairy foods (each one according to his custom). The Lubavitch custom is to make *Kiddush* and to have a dairy meal of *Mezonos* and then we recite the *al hamicyo* (על המחלי) *those who drank a reviiis wine they should recite al hamichyo val hagefen* (על המח"י ועל הגפן). After we finish eating dairy, we wait an hour to eat a *fleishig* meal (and we wash for *Hamotzi* and drink a *reviis* wine) in honor of *Yom Tov*.

BIRCHAS HAMOZON:

יעלה ויבא: We add "יעלה ויבא" in *Birchas Hamozon*. If one forgot and remembered after beginning the following *Bracha* (even if he only said "ברוך") must return to the beginning. However, if he remembered before beginning the following *Bracha*, he should say the text printed in the *Siddur*: "ברוך..אשר נתן..".

הרחמן: At the end of *Birchas Hamozon* we add "הרחמן הוא ינחילנו ליום שכולו טוב".

- **During the day:** One may cook food on *Yom Tov* as permitted, but during the first day of *Yom Tov* one may not prepare anything for the second day of *Yom Tov*.
- **Tahalucha:** The custom in Lubavitch is to go on "תהלוכה" during the first day of *Yom Tov*.

Mincha: קרבנות, אשרי, ובא לציון ותפלת שלש רגלים.

SECOND NIGHT OF YOM TOV:

1. **Ma'ariv:** Is that of *Sholosh Regolim* starting with *Shir Hamaalos*.
2. **Preparations for the meal:** Preparations for the meal may commence after nightfall (NY: 8:37).
3. **Candle Lighting:** Candles may be lit after 8:37 in NY.
4. Candles must be lit from a **pre-existing flame**. If one is bringing a flame from a neighbor, he should ascertain that it is well protected from the wind etc.
5. **Brachos** said are: שהחיינו נר של יום טוב and להדליק נר של יום טוב.
6. **Those who will not be eating in their own homes should not forget to light candles!! If one forgot, call the Rav after Yom Tov to see what must be done.**

YOM TOV SEUDA (MEAL):

Before the meal begins, ensure that all the women have lit candles. If there are not enough candles, do not rely on lighting after the meal, rather borrow candles from a neighbor so that all the women can light candles before beginning the meal.

- **Kiddush:** *Kiddush* is that of *Sholosh Regolim* (*Yom Tov*), and שהחיינו.
- In *Birchas Hamozon* we add "יעלה ויבא" (If one forgot – see yesterday) and "הרחמן הוא ינחילנו ליום שכולו טוב".

THURSDAY, ז' ט"ו, SECOND DAY OF SHAVUOS

1. Arrange for the children to attend *Birchas Kohanim* which will take place towards the end of *Mussaf*.
 2. *Aseres Hadibros* are read only on the first day of *Yom Tov*.
 3. **Shacharis** is like the first day of *Yom Tov*, however, before *Musaf* we also add "**Yizkor**". Those who have to say *Yizkor* and cannot attend *Shul*, may say it at home. If possible, they should try to say it at the approximate time when it is being said in *Shul*.
 4. Towards the end of *Musaf* there is *Birchas Kohanim*.
 5. **Kiddush** is like the first day of *Yom Tov*. (but our custom is not to eat a dairy meal on the 2nd day of *Yom Yov*.)
 6. In *Birchas Hamozon* we add "יעלה ויבא" (If one forgot – see yesterday) and "הרחמן הוא ינחילנו ליום שכולו טוב".
- **Mincha** is of *Sholosh Regolim* (*Yom Tov*) like yesterday

- **Farbengen:** The *Rebbe* would start the *Farbrenge* before the *Shkia* (sunset). The *Rebbe* would wash for *Hamotzie*, eat *Challah*, say *Lechayim*, many *Sichos* (a *Maamor*) and continues through the night. During the *Sichos* the *Rebbe* would also remind everyone about ***Chita's*** - חת"ת and its connection to *Shavuos*: *Chumash* – *Moshe Rabeinu*; *Tehillim* – *Dovid Hamelech*; *Tanya* – the *Baal Shem Tov*. A special *Sicha* was devoted to the “*Kinus Torah*” that would take place the day after *YomTov*. At the conclusion of the *Farbrenge* the *Rebbe* would say *Birchas Hamozon*, daven *Maariv*, recite *Havdalah* and distribute *Kos shel Brocho*. Sometimes it would last almost until 3-4 am!
- This *Seuda* is a “*Simcha shel Mitzva*” – just like when a child goes into *Cheder* we celebrate with a *Seudas Mitzvah*, so too, *Klal Yisroel* started going to *Cheder* on *Shavuos*....

AT THE END OF YOMTOV

The end of *Yos Tov* is 8:54 PM

- In *Maariv* we recite “*Ato Chonantonu*”.
- We recite *Havdalah*, however, we do not use *Bsomim* nor the *Havdolo-candle* and we do not say *Veyiten Lecho*.
- The day after *Shavuos* is called “*Yom Tovuach*” (the day they brought some of the *Korbonois* connected to *Shavuos*).
- We do not say *Tachanun* until after 12 of *Sivan*.

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*May we merit this Shavuos
(and even prior to that) to receive the
"Torah Chadosh Me'iti Tetze"
ולקבלת התורה בשמחה ובפנימיות.*

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