



Reminders



On Shabbos Chol Hamoed we lein Megillas Koheles.

Following a Yom Tov when carrying is allowed, one should check the pockets of his Shabbos clothing to avoid inadvertently carrying outside an Eiruv.

The final opportunity to say *Tashlich* is on *Hoshana Rabbah*.



Parshah in a Paragraph

Moshe Rabbeinu blesses each Shevet individually | Blessings for Bnei Yisrael as a whole | Hashem shows Moshe the land from afar | Moshe's passing, his burial place unknown to man | Klal Yisrael mourns for thirty days | Moshe's greatness and supremacy in prophecy.

Chazak! Chazak! Venischazeik!

For the Shabbos Table



"Hevel havalim, amar Koheles, hevel havalim, hakol hevel"

"Futility of futilities says Koheles, futility of futilities, all is futile". (Koheles 1:1)

The *Mashal Umalitzah* explains this pasuk with the following *mashal*. When a child first learns about the number zero, he might be confused as to the value of the number 0. After all, if it represents nothingness, what purpose does it serve? The

child has to be taught that though the number 0 doesn't represent any amount, when added to another number, it expounds it's value. For example, putting a '0' after the number '1' represent '10'. So to with material things. Their value lies in their potential to enable our service to Hashem. Whether serving delicacies for simchas Yom Tov, writing a check for charity, or using time wisely, opportunities abound to take all our "nothings" and turn them into gold with everlasting and eternal value.



Hoshana Rabbah

On leil *Hoshana Rabbah* many gather for Mishnah Torah. There is a custom to stay up to learn.

There is a minhag of *chibbut aravah*, to bang 5 *aravos* on the ground. This minhag applies to both men and women. One should shake the bundle prior to banging them. Women should fulfill this minhag as well. If necessary, one may use *aravos* that were previously used, provided that some leaves still remain. There is no reason to bang all the leaves off.

As *Hoshana Rabbah* is a Yom Tov, one should have a proper Yom Tov meal. It should be held before the tenth hour of the day (approximately 4:10 PM).

Shemini Atzeres



Yizkor is said on *Shemini Atzeres*. One should remember to light Ner Neshama according to his custom. *Shehecheyanu* is said on *Shemini Atzeres* and *Simchas Torah*. *Tefillas*

Geshem is said by Mussaf on *Shemini Atzeres*, which is when we begin saying *mashiv haruach*. On *Simchas Torah*, we no longer say *Ledavid*. In addition, we no longer use honey or round *challos* during the *seudos*. One who inadvertently said "*Chag Hasuccos*" instead of "*Chag Shemini Atzeres*" during *Shemoneh Esrei* need not repeat the *Tefillah*.

There are different opinions regarding eating in the *Succah*; if one does eat in the *Succah*, no *berachah* of *leishev* is said. In addition, the stringencies of only eating fruit, meat, etc. in the *Succah* are relaxed. Most have the minhag not to sleep in the *succah*. A special *Tefillah* of *Yetziah min HaSuccah* is said.



Tefillah

We begin saying *mashiv haruach* by mussaf on *Shemini Atzeres*. One who forgets *mashiv haruach* needs to repeat the *Tefillah*. However, if he instead said *morid hatal* he need not repeat *Shemoneh Esrei*. If he realized his error anytime before beginning "*V'Attah Kadosh*", he may immediately say "*mashiv haruach...*" and continue on from there. In the event that one is unsure, we assume he said what he was accustomed to previously reciting. In order to circumvent the issue, many have the practice of repeating the phrase "*Mechayei meisim...mashiv haruach...*" 90 times, which makes one halachically accustomed to saying it.

Tachanun is not said on *Isru Chag*. Some congregations do not say *Tachanun* until after *Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan*.

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