

## IYAR

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The *Molad*: Shabbos afternoon,  
2:10.

The moon may be sanctified until  
Sunday, the 14th, 8:32 a.m.<sup>1</sup>

**The first day of Rosh Chodesh is on Sunday.**

**The second day of Rosh Chodesh is on Monday.**

**Iyar 2, Tuesday.**

This day (*Tiferes sheb'tiferes*) marks the birthday of the **Rebbe Maharash**, in 5593 (1833).

**Iyar 6, Shabbos Parshas K'doshim.**

The *Haftorah* begins *Vay'bi d'var A-donai... halidrosh osi atem ba'im...* (*Y'chezkel* 20:2-20).

When there is a circumcision on Shabbos during the weeks of the Counting of the *Omer*, we do not recite *Av harachamim*.

We recite the second chapter of *Pirkei Avos* following the Afternoon Service.

**Iyar 8, Monday**, the first of the **B'HaB** fasts.

**Iyar 11, Thursday**, the second of the **B'HaB** fasts.

**Iyar 13, Shabbos Parshas Emor.**

This day marks the *yahrzeit* of **R. Yisroel Aryeh Leib**, in 5712 (1952). His brother is **R. DovBer**. They are The Rebbe's brothers.

In the **Afternoon Service**, *Tzidkas'cha* is recited. We recite the third chapter of *Pirkei Avos* following the Afternoon Service.

**Iyar 14, Sunday, Pesach Sheni.**

*Tachanun* is not recited.

It is customary to eat *matzah* at the daytime meal.<sup>2</sup>

**Iyar 15, Monday**, the third of the **B'HaB** fasts.

**Iyar 17, Wednesday.** We do not recite *Tachanun* in the **Afternoon Service**.

**Iyar 18, Thursday, Lag B'Omer.**

The *Hilula* of **Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai** (the **Rashbi**).

This is an **auspicious day**. *Tachanun* is not recited.

It is customary to kindle many lights in the

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1. **The times for sanctifying the moon are based on Jerusalem Standard Time.** One should therefore calculate the time for sanctifying the moon according to his location.

2. The Rebbe's *Igros Kodesh*, Vol. II, p. 352.

synagogue and to mark the day with rejoicing,<sup>3</sup> as this is his wish. In many places in *Eretz Yisrael*, particularly in Meron, the resting place of Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai, bonfires are lit in his honor.

It is customary to eat carobs, recalling the carobs which Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai and his son, Rabbi Elazar, ate while they were hiding in the cave.<sup>4</sup>

On this day, Rabbi Akiva's students stopped dying.

In *Eretz Yisrael*, it is customary to gather at the resting place of the holy *tanna* Rashbi, in Meron, in order to beg for **mercy from heaven** for all of *Klal Yisrael*, and in particular for those supporting *Eretz Yisrael* via the Charities of Rabbi Meir Baal Haness.

### **Iyar 20, Shabbos Parshas B'har.**

For the *Haftorah*, we read *Vayomer Yirmeyahu... eretz zavas chalav u'd'vash* (*Yirmeyahu* 32:6-22).

We recite the fourth chapter of *Pirkei Avos* following the Afternoon Service.

### **Iyar 27, Shabbos Parshas B'chukosai, Shabbos M'varchim.**

For the third *aliyah*, the reader ascends to the Torah without being called. He recites the blessings before and after the Torah reading.

We bless the month of Sivan, announcing Rosh Chodesh, which falls on Tuesday. In contrast to other Shabbosim on which the coming month is blessed, we recite the passage *Av harachamim*. We do not, however, recall souls who have passed away by reciting the passage *E-l malei rachamim*, unless they were interred that week.

We recite the fifth chapter of *Pirkei Avos* following the Afternoon Service.




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3. See the explanation of this custom in the works of the *Chida*, and in *Likkutei Sichos*, Vol. IV, p. 1304.

4. See *Sicha of Shabbos Parshas Tazria-Metzora 5742* (*Hisvaaduyos* 5742, vol. 3, p. 1395).