

IYAR

The *Molad*: Wednesday morning,
7:48 and 11 portions.

The moon may be sanctified until
Thursday morning, the 15th, 2:10 a.m.

The first day of Rosh Chodesh is on Wednesday.

The second day of Rosh Chodesh is on Thursday.

Iyar 2, Friday.

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

Iyar 3, Shabbos Parshas Tazria-M'tzora.

The *Haftorah* begins *V'arbaah anashim* (II Kings 7:3-20).

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 5, Monday, the first of the three **B'HaB** fasts.

Iyar 8, Thursday, the second of the three **B'HaB** fasts. (See entry for Cheshvan 9.)

Iyar 10, Shabbos Parshas Acharei-K'doshim.

For the *Haftorah*, we read *Halo chiv'nei chushi'im* (*Amos* 9:7-15).

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

Iyar 12, Monday, the third of the three **B'HaB** fasts.

Iyar 13, Tuesday.

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

In the **Afternoon Service**, *Tachanun* is recited.

Iyar 14, Wednesday, Pesach Sheni.

Tachanun is not recited.

It is customary to eat *matzah* at the daytime meal.¹

Iyar 17, Shabbos Parshas Emor.

Tzidkas'cha is not recited in the **Afternoon Service**.

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

Iyar 18, Sunday, Lag B'Omer.

The *Hillula* of **Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai**.

1. The Rebbe's *Igras Kodesh*, Vol. II, p. 352.

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

It is customary to kindle many lights in the synagogue and mark the day with rejoicing,² as this is his wish. In many places in *Eretz Yisrael*, particularly in *Meron*, the resting place of Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai (the *Rashbi*), 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.

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 24, Shabbos Parshas B'har-B'chukosai, Shabbos M'varchim.

For the fifth *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 Friday. 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.



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