

SH'VAT

The *Molad*: Friday evening,
5:36 and 8 portions.

The moon may be sanctified
throughout Friday night, the 15th.

Rosh Chodesh is on Shabbos Parshas Va'eira.

In the **Morning Service**, we recite a half-*Hallel*, then a full *Kaddish*, the Song of the Day, *Barchi nafshi* (Psalm 104), and then the Mourner's *Kaddish*.

Two Torah scrolls are taken out. Seven men are given *aliyos* for the weekly reading from the first scroll, and a half-*Kaddish* is recited. The *Maftir* reading describing the Shabbos and Rosh Chodesh *Mussaf* offerings (*Bamidbar* 28:9-15) is read from the second scroll. For the *Haftorah*, we read *Koh amar Hashem hashamayim kis'ee* (*Y'shayahu*, chapter 66).

The laws that apply if one read another *Haftorah* are discussed in the section for Shabbos *Parshas Mikeitz*.

We do not recite *Av harachamim*.

In the *Mussaf Sh'moneh Esreh*, we recite the blessing *Atah yatzarta*. If, by mistake, a person recited the blessing *Tikanta Shabbos*, as is usually done, he must return and recite *Atah yatzarta* when he remembers. If he does not realize his error until after he completes the *Sh'moneh Esreh*, he must repeat the *Sh'moneh Esreh* again.

If a person recites *Atah yatzarta*, but concludes only *m'kadeish haShabbos*, omitting the words *v'Yisrael v'rashei chadashim*, he fulfills his obligation after the fact.

We recite the passage *V'lakachta so'les*, and then the Six Remembrances.

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

Sh'vat 8, Shabbos Parshas Bo.

The special practices associated with this Shabbos are outlined by The Rebbe in *Sefer HaMinhagim* (pp. 165-166).

Sh'vat 10, Monday.

This day marks the *yahrzeit* of the Previous Rebbe, **Rabbi Yosef Yitzchak Schneersohn**. He passed away in 5710 (1950), and is interred in New York.

On this day, **The Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson**, assumed the leadership of the

Chabad movement.

It is a day when *Anash* gather together to learn *Mishnayos* and have Chassidic *farbrengens*, recalling the life of the Previous Rebbe and dedicating themselves to the goals set by The Rebbe.

Tzedakah should be given generously to the Previous Rebbe's institutions.

The special practices associated with this day are outlined by The Rebbe in *Sefer HaMinbagim* (pp. 166-168).

Sh'vat 15, Shabbos Parshas B'shallach.

This day marks the **New Year for the Trees**.

This Shabbos is also referred to as **Shabbos Shirah** (because we read the song of celebration sung by the Jews after the crossing of the Reed Sea).

The congregation should stand while the song is being read from the Torah.

With regard to the conclusion of the Torah reading and the *Maftir* – the passage describing the battle with Amalek (*Sh'mos* 17:8-16) – The Rebbe instructed that the word זכר in the phrase זכר עמלק should be read twice: first with a *segol* (*zecher*) and then with a *tzeirei* (*zeicher*).

For the *Haftorah*, we read the Song of Devorah (*Shoftim* 4:4-5:31).

We do not recite the passage *Av harachamim*.

On this Shabbos, it is customary to eat black buckwheat, also known as *kasha*.

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

It is customary to eat fruit from a tree on this day.¹

Sh'vat 22, Shabbos Parshas Yisro.

We read the Ten Commandments using the *taam ha'elyon*, special cantillation notes. While the Ten Commandments are being read, the congregation should stand and face the Torah. For the *Haftorah*, we read *Y'shayahu's* vision of the Divine throne (*Y'shayahu* 6:1-13).

This day marks the *yahrzeit* of **Rebbetzin Chaya Mushka Schneerson**, daughter of the Previous Rebbe, Rabbi Yosef Yitzchak Schneersohn, and wife of The Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson. She passed away in 5748 (1988), and is

1. *Likkutei Sichos*, Vol. XXVI, footnote on p. 412.

interred in New York.

Sh'vat 29, Shabbos Parshas Mishpatim, Parshas Sh'kalim, and Shabbos M'varchim.

In the **Morning Service**, two Torah scrolls are taken out. Seven men are given *aliyos* for the weekly reading from the first scroll, and a half-*Kaddish* is recited. The *Maftir*, the passage from *Parshas Ki Sisa* (*Sh'mos* 30:11-16) which mentions the command to give the half-*shekel*, is read from the second scroll.

The *Haftorah* begins *Vayichros Y'boyada* (*II Melachim* 11:17-12:17); after that we add the first and last verses of the *Haftorah* beginning *Vayomer lo... machar chodesh* (*I Shmuel* 20:18 and 42).

The laws that apply if one read another *Haftorah* are discussed in the section for Shabbos *Parshas Mikeitz*.

We bless the month of Adar, announcing Rosh Chodesh, which falls on the coming Sunday and Monday.

We do not recite the passage *Av barachamim*.

In the **Afternoon Service**, *Tzidkas'cha* is not recited.

If the third Shabbos meal is continued past nightfall, those who ate a portion of bread the size of an olive (one ounce) both during the day and after nightfall should include both the passages *R'tzeh* and *Yaaleh v'yavo* in the Grace After Meals.

