**TAMMUZ**

The Molad: Wednesday morning, 6:48 and 3 portions.

The moon may be sanctified until Thursday, the 15th, 1:10 a.m.¹

The summer solstice: Friday, the 9th, 7:30 a.m.

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

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

**Tammuz 3, Shabbos Parshas Korach.**

This day marks the **Hilula** of The Rebbe, the leader of our generation, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, in 5754 (1994).

The special practices associated with this Shabbos are outlined by The Rebbe in *Sefer HaMinhagim*, pp. 165-168.

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

**Tammuz 10, Shabbos Parshas Chukas.**

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

**Tammuz 11, Sunday.**

*Tefillat HaNefesh* is not recited in the Afternoon Service.

**Chag HaGeulah – Tammuz 12-13.**

**Tammuz 12, Monday.**

This day marks the birthday of the Previous Rebbe, Rabbi Yosef Yitzchak Schneersohn, in 5640 (1880).

***On this day,*** in 5687 (1927), he was informed that he would be released from exile (after having been imprisoned for his efforts to spread Jewish observance throughout Communist Russia, and released from prison on Tammuz 3).²

**Tammuz 13, Tuesday.**

On this day he was formally released by the Soviet authorities.

These two days have been accepted by world Jewry

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¹. The times for sanctifying the moon are based on Jerusalem Standard Time.

as days of rejoicing, and by Chabad Chassidim in particular as days of thanksgiving, celebration, and dedication to the Rebbeim’s purposes and values. Tachanun is not recited on both these days.

(On Tammuz 12, 5576, the Shulchan Aruch of the Alter Rebbe was sent to press for the first time.)

**Tammuz 15, Thursday.**

This day marks the yahrzeit of Rabbi Chaim ibn Attar, the saintly author of the Or HaChayim. He passed away in 5503 (1743) and is interred on the Mount of Olives.

**Tammuz 17, Shabbos Parshas Balak.**

We recite the sixth chapter of Pirkei Avos following the Afternoon Service.

**Tammuz 18, Sunday, the Fast of the Seventeenth of Tammuz.** one of the five commemorative communal fasts (postponed due to Shabbos).

See the laws governing a commemorative communal fast in the sections describing the Fast of Gedaliah (Tishrei 3) and Teves 10.

The Morning Service follows the pattern of other commemorative communal fast days, and likewise the Afternoon Service.

Since this fast was ordained because of the destruction of Eretz Yisrael, it is appropriate to give tzedakah to support the Jewish community of Eretz Yisrael on this day.

In the three weeks between this fast and the fast of Tishah B’Av, several customs reflecting a state of mourning are observed:

a) We do not hold weddings. It is however, permitted to make engagements even on Tishah B’Av itself, and it is permitted to hold an engagement party without dancing until Rosh Chodesh Av.

b) We do not cut our hair. Cutting nails in honor of Shabbos is permitted, even on the Friday before Shabbos Chazon.

c) We do not recite the blessing Shehecheyanu on new fruits or new garments, even on Shabbos. However, when Tammuz 17 occurs on Shabbos, and the fast is therefore postponed, there are authorities who permit the recitation of the blessing Shehecheyanu on that Shabbos.

Since these three weeks are associated with the
destruction of the Temple, The Rebbe instructed that they be dedicated to the study of the Temple's structure. Among the sources to be studied are chapters 40-48 of the Book of Y'chezkel, the tractate of Middos, and Hilchos Beis HaB'chirah from the Rambam's Mishneh Torah.

**Tammuz 24, Shabbos Parshas Pinchas, Shabbos M'varchim.**

For the Haftorah, we read the passage beginning Divrei Yirm'yahu (Yirm'yahu 1:1-2:3).

We bless the month of Menachem Av, announcing Rosh Chodesh, which falls on the coming Friday.

We do not recite the passage Av harachamim.

We recite the first chapter of Pirkei Avos following the Afternoon Service.

**Tammuz 29, Thursday, Erev Rosh Chodesh.**

Tachanum is not recited in the Afternoon Service.

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3. See Sichos Bein HaMetzarim 5736.
4. See publisher’s foreword to Kuntres Hakolel Hilchos Beis HaB’chirah for additional instructions of The Rebbe regarding these days.