

TAMMUZ

The *Molad*: Shabbos morning,
9:16 and 13 portions.

The moon may be sanctified until
Sunday morning, the 15th, 3:38 a.m.

The summer solstice:
Shabbos morning, the 14th, 1:30 a.m.

The first day of Rosh Chodesh is on Shabbos Parshas Korach.

See the section for Shabbos Parshas Va'eira.

We recite the *Haftorah* for Shabbos Rosh Chodesh (*Y'shayahu*, chapter 66), and we then add the first and last verses from the *Haftorah Machar Chodesh* (*I Shmuel* 20:18 and 42).

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

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

The second day of Rosh Chodesh is on Sunday. Tammuz 3, Tuesday.

This day marks the 23rd *Hillula* of The Rebbe, the leader of our generation, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, in 5754 (1994).

The special practices associated with this day are outlined by The Rebbe in *Sefer HaMinhagim*, pp. 166-168.

Tammuz 7, Shabbos Parshas Chukas.

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

Tammuz 11, Wednesday.

We do not recite *Tachanun* in the Afternoon Service.

***Chag HaGeulah* – Tammuz 12-13 – 90 years.**

Tammuz 12, Thursday.

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).¹

Tammuz 13, Friday. On this day, he was formally released by the Soviet authorities.

These two days have been accepted by world Jewry 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 14, Shabbos Parshas Balak.

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

Tammuz 15, Sunday, the *yahrzeit* of Rabbi Chaim ibn Attar, the saintly author of the *Ohr HaChayim*, in 5503 (1743).

Tammuz 17, Tuesday, the fast commemorating the breaching of the walls of Jerusalem before the destruction of the Second Temple. See the laws governing a commemorative communal fast in the section describing the Fast of Gedaliah (Tishrei 3).

A person who is not fasting should not be called up to the Torah for an *aliyah*. If, however, he was called up to the Torah for an *aliyah* in the Afternoon Service, and declining it will cause embarrassment, he may accept it.

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; 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.

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

1. *Likkutei Sichos*, Vol. IV, p. 1315.

structure.²

Among the sources to be studied are the concluding chapters (i.e., from chapter 40 onward) of the Book of *Y'chezkel*, the tractate of *Middos*, and *Hilchos Beis HaB'chirah* from the *Rambam's Mishneh Torah*.³

Tammuz 21, Shabbos Parshas Pinchas.

We read the *Haftorah* beginning *Divrei Yirmeyahu* (*Yirmeyahu* 1:1-2:3).

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

Tammuz 28, Shabbos Parshas Matos-Mas'ei, Shabbos M'varchim.

We read the *Haftorah* beginning *Shim'u D'var A-donai*, concluding with the verses *Im tashuv... u'vo yis'ballalu* (*Yirmeyahu* 2:4-28, 4:1-2).

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

We do not recite the passage *Av barachamim*.

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



2. See *Sichos Bein HaMetzarim* 5736.

3. See publishers forward of *Kuntres hako'el Hilchos Beis HaB'chirah* for additional instructions of The Rebbe with regards to these days.