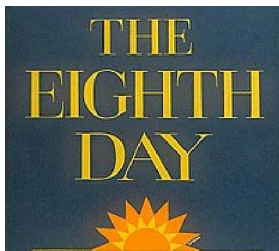


# PHILOTORAH

יְהִי רְצוֹן מִלְּפָנֶיךָ ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְאֱלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ שֶׁתְּשַׁלַּח מְהֵרָה רְפוּאָה שְׁלֵמָה מִן הַשָּׁמַיִם,  
רְפוּאָת הַנְּפֹשׁ וְרְפוּאָת הַגּוּף לְפְצוּעֵי הַמִּלְחָמָה, וּלְנִפְגְּעֵי מַעֲשֵׂי טְרוּר וְאַנְטִי־שִׁמְיוּת  
בְּיִשְׂרָאֵל – וּבְכֹל מְקוֹם שֶׁהֵם, עִם שְׂאֵר חוּלֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל. אָמֵן.

**May HaShem protect our soldiers and the hostages; may He send Refu'ah Sh'leima to the many injured; may He console the bereaved families and all of Israel, and may He end this war with success and peace for Klal Yisrael.**

## שמינו - החודש



**Yerushalayim** in/out times for **Sh'mini-HaChodesh**

**Shabbat M'vorchim R"Ch Nisan** (which is Tue, Apr 9)

כ"ח אדר ב' ה'תשפ"ד • April 5-6, '24

 **6:26PM** PLAG  **5:43PM** •  **7:40PM** R' Tam **8:20PM**

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## Rosh Chodesh Benching

This Shabbat, we bench Rosh Chodesh Nisan, which will be on Tuesday, April 9th. R"Ch Nisan is one day, because the Adar right before Nisan has only 29 days.

רֹאשׁ חֹדֶשׁ נִסָּן יִהְיֶה בְּיוֹם שְׁלִישִׁי  
הַבָּא עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל לְטוֹבָה:

The molad of Nisan is Monday (Apr 8), 22 hours 57 minutes and 7 chalakim.

This corresponds to 11:38pm in Israel - adjust this time (but not the announced molad) for your locale.

הַמּוֹלַד יִהְיֶה לַיִל שְׁלִישִׁי, חֲמִישִׁים וְשֶׁבַע דְּקוֹת וְשִׁבְעָה חֲלָקִים אַחֲרֵי עֶשְׂרֵי בְּלִילָה.

In Rambam notation - ג' ד:תתרלג

The actual (astronomical) molad of Nisan is Monday (April 8th), 9:22pm Israel Summer Time.

## The SH'MINI Story

In all PLAIN years (P'shuta, 1 Adar, 12 months), SH'MINI is the Shabbat right after Pesach That covers 63.16% of the years. 12 of every 19 years.

Among the 7 different year-types of M'UBERET (2 Adar, 13 months) years, sometimes Sh'mini is Para (20.51%)

and sometimes it's HaChodesh - as it is this year - (16.32%).

## The HaCHODESH Story

HaChodesh can be paired with Vayakhel-P'kudei (41.81% of the time), P'kudei alone (3.31%), or Vayikra (18.05%). Those are the occurrences in a SHANA P'SHUTA. In a SHANA M'UBERET, Para can be paired with Sh'mini (16.32%) or Tazri'a (20.51%).

Parshat HaChodesh is the Shabbat of or before Rosh Chodesh Nisan.

When HaChodesh is on Rosh Chodesh Nisan (that happens 28.03% of the time), we bench Rosh Chodesh on Shabbat Parshat Para. When HaChodesh is the Shabbat before Rosh Chodesh Nisan (like this year), then we bench R"Ch on Shabbat Parshat HaChodesh (71.97%, this year included).

## On R"Ch Nisan...

- Mordechai overheard the plot of Bigtan and Teresh and got the word to Achashveirosh - via Esther - on Rosh Chodesh Nisan.
- Ezra and his followers left Bavel for Yerushalayim on R"Ch Nisan.
- Chizkiyahu HaMelech began the re-consecration of the Beit HaMikdash on R"Ch Nisan, the anniversary of the official date of the Mishkan's consecration