

# PHILOTORAH

יְהִי רְצוֹן מִלְּפָנֶיךָ ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְאֱלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ שֶׁתְּשַׁלַּח מְהֵרָה רְפוּאָה שְׁלֵמָה מִן הַשָּׁמַיִם,  
 רְפוּאָת הַנַּפְשׁ וְרְפוּאָת הַגּוּף לְפָצוּעֵי הַמִּלְחָמָה, וְלַנִּפְגְּעֵי מַעֲשֵׂי טְרוּר וְאַנְטִישְׁמִיּוֹת  
 בְּיִשְׂרָאֵל – וּבְכֹל מְקוֹם שָׁהֵם, עִם שְׂאֵר חוֹלֵי 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.**



**YERUSHALAYIM** in/out times for **KORACH - R"Ch**

ל' סיון ה'תשפ"ד • July 5-6, '24

 **7:14PM** PLAG (earliest) **6:20PM** •  **8:31PM** R' Tam **9:06PM**

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## TAMUZ

We all know that the 17th of Tamuz until the 29th of the month are mournful days for the Churban of the Beit HaMikdash, the first and the second. These last 13 days of Tamuz are followed by the first 9½ days of Av, together, known as the Three Weeks.

Because of events associated with 17 Tamuz, the whole month is treated as a 'dangerous' month for the Jewish People.

But there is another side to Tamuz.

According to our tradition, the 3rd of Tamuz is the date when Yehoshua invoked a unique miracle:

*Then Yehoshua spoke to HaShem on the day when HaShem delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, SHEMESH B'GIVON DOM, V'YAREI'ACH B'EMEK AYALON - "Sun, stand still upon Giv-on, and Moon in the valley of Ayalon" (Yehoshua 10:12).*

How can that have been? Would that not mess up the orbits of the Moon around the Earth and the orbit of the Earth-Moon around the Sun?

It definitely would. If we were talking about the laws of planetary motion, which is part of the natural way of the world.

But we are talking about a Divine suspension of the Laws of Nature by the One who created the world, and its Laws

## Shabbat Rosh Chodesh

Rosh HaShana (which is the unstated R"Ch of Tishrei) can fall on Shabbat.

Rosh Chodesh on Shabbat, possible for:

Marcheshvan (Friday & Shabbat)

Kislev (never)

Tevet (Shabbat & Sunday)

Sh'vat (Shabbat)

Adar (Friday & Shabbat) - the one Adar, the first Adar, the second Adar

Nissan (Shabbat)

Iyar (Friday & Shabbat)

Sivan (never)

Tammuz (Shabbat & Sunday) like this year

Menachem Av (Shabbat)

Elul (Shabbat & Sunday)

## Kiddush L'vana

With the molad of Tammuz on Shabbat morning, the first opportunity for Kiddush L'vana according to Minhag Yerushalayim (three full days after the molad) is Tuesday night, July 9th.

For 7-days-after-the-molad people, first op is Motza'ei Shabbat Parshat Chukat, July 13th. That same night will be popular for shuls/communities/people who usually say KL on Motza"Sh.

**of Nature.**

**However you want to explain the miracle recorded in Yehoshua, the fact of the matter is that G-d's miracles come in two types - part of nature and beyond/above nature.**

**We need to ponder these miracles and appreciated G-d for them. But we must also ponder and learn about nature - in this case, to learn about the Sun and the Moon when they behave 'normally', and appreciated the Creator all the more.**

**And this sets a different tone for Tamuz.**

**And don't forget Zechariya's prophecy that will see the sad day of 17 Tamuz (and the other three fasts based on Churban Beit HaMikdash) become a festive day, when the Beit HaMikdash will be rebuilt.**