

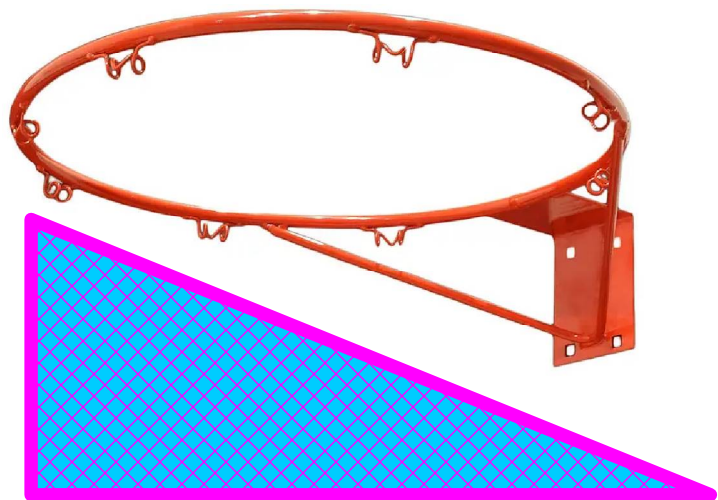
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יהי רצון מלפניך ה' אלהינו וא'להי אבותינו שתשלח מהרה רפואה שלמה מן השמים, רפואת הנפש ורפואת הגוף לפצועי המלחמה, ולנפגעי מעשי טרור ואנטישמיות בישראל ובכל מקום שהם - עם שאר חולי ישראל. אמן.

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, may He end this war with total success and peace for Medinat Yisrael and Klal Yisrael wherever they are.



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YERUSHALAYIM

in/out times for

KI TISA (PURIM)

March 14-15, '25 • ט"ו אדר ה'תשפ"ה



5:11PM

PLAG

4:32PM



6:24PM

R' Tam

6:59PM

Use the Z'MANIM link for other locales and other times

ליהודים היתה אורה ושמחה וששון ויקר



Kiddush L'vana

The last opportunity for Kiddush L'vana for this month is all night, Thursday to Friday, March 13-14.

That's after Taanit Esther and the night we all read Megila.

Obviously, we are talking about a situation of cloudy skies throughout the time period for KL and the last opportunity is Megila night.

If that is so, it is preferable to say KL after Megila. This increases the atmosphere of joy, appropriate for Kiddush L'vana. It also avoids saying KL while still fasting from Taanit Esther. If KL is said after Megila reading, people should first break their fast. (Hamantashen not required - but suggested.)

IF HOWEVER, if the Moon is in and out of the clouds on this night, and it is as likely as not that the Moon won't be visible later, then KL should be said before Megila reading.

Purim on Friday and Purim M'shulash

There is a separate link to an 8-page Purim Review on the webpage - see there. But here are the main points:

- Thursday: Taanit Esther for all.

- Megila is read on Thursday night and Friday morning - for everyone.

- People out of Jerusalem have their full Purim on Friday. AL HANISIM, Torah reading before Megila in the morning, MATANOT LA-EVYONIM, MISHLO'ACH MANOT, SE'UDA. Shabbat is "just" Shabbat out of Jerusalem. Parshat Ki Tisa. Haftara of Ki Tisa.

- People in Yerushalayim do not say AL HANISIM on Thursday night or Friday. No Torah reading before Megila on Friday. MATANOT LA-EVYONIM is to be given on Friday.

AL HANISIM on Friday night and Shabbat. Parshat Ki Tisa in the first Torah. The Purim Torah reading is Maftir on Shabbat from a second Torah. Haftara is the same as last week's Zachor (not the Ki Tisa haftara).

MISHLO'ACH MANOT and SE'UDA on Sunday. No AL HANISIM on Sunday.

See the PURIM REVIEW for much more detail. (And a MICRO-ULPAN lesson about triangles in honor of Purim M'shulash.)

STATS - This year's Purim situation occurs 11.51% of the time. 7.64% the Shabbat is Ki Tisa; 3.87% of the time, Shabbat is Parshat Tzav.

Friday Purim & Purim M'shulash always are hand-in-hand with the Seder being on Motza'ei Shabbat.

HAFSAKA

Good riddle but too easy at this time of the year. Save it for another time and maybe it will be more challenging.

When (and where - that's a big hint; use it if you have to) do we read from two or more Torahs, five Shabbatot in a row?

The answer is in Yerushalayim, there are years (like this one) when we have three Torahs for Sh'kalim, two for Zachor, two for Purim, two for Para, and two for HaChodesh - five Shabbatot in a row.

I mention the riddle because there is always one, sometimes two, HAFSAKOT, breaks in the sequence of the Four special Shabbatot.

Just so happens that it doesn't feel like a HAFSAKA for us in Jerusalem, but it is an official HAFSAKA, between ZACHOR and PARA.

There are four different configurations for the Four Parshiyot - based on different days of the week that the first of Adar falls on. This year we have the ZAYIN-TET/VAV, meaning that when the first of Adar is Shabbat (ZAYIN), we read SH'KALIM on that day; ZACHOR is the following Shabbat, then a HAFSAKA on the 15th of Adar (TET/VAV), then PARA and HACHODESH on the following Shabbatot.