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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.



YERUSHALAYIM times for SH'MINI (m)

כ"ח ניסן ה'תשפ"ה • April 25-26, '25



6:40PM PLAG

5:53PM •



7:55PM R' Tam

8:28PM

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For Friday night, Leil Shabbat (April 25th)

היום שלשה עשר יום שהם שבוע אחד וששה ימים לעומר יסוד שבגבורה



Yom HaSho'ah v'haG'vura
Preponed to 26 Nisan
Wednesday night & Thursday



Last opportunity for
Birkat Ha'llanot this year
- MON, 30 Nisan (April 27)





הַמּוֹלַד יִהְיֶה בְּלַיִל שְׁנֵי, שְׁלוֹשִׁים דְּקוֹת
וּשְׁנַי חֲלָקִים אַחֲרֵי שְׁמוֹנָה.

BIRKAT HA-ILANOT

Time is running out for this special bracha, for this year. This bracha (see its own link on PhiloTorah) can be said anytime during Nissan, but you need to find fruit trees in blossom in order to say the bracha.

YOM HASHO'AH

Its full name is YOM HAZIKARON LASHO'AH V'-LAG'VURA. Holocaust Remembrance Day is usually on the 27th of Nisan. However, when that would be on Friday (as it is this year), it is preponed (yes, it is an actual English word, although not in common use) to Thursday, in order to avoid encroaching on Shabbat.

SHABBAT M'VORCHIM

This Shabbat (Sh'mini) we bench Rosh Chodesh Iyar, which will be on Monday and Tuesday. Since Nissan always has 30 days in our fixed calendar, Rosh Chodesh Iyar is two days.

רֵאשׁ חֹדֶשׁ אֵיָר יִהְיֶה בְּיוֹם שְׁנֵי וּבְיוֹם שְׁלִישִׁי
הִבָּא עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל לְטוֹבָה:

The molad of Iyar is Sunday night, 30 minutes and 2 chalakim after 8.

Note that Sunday evening is referred to, in the announcement of the molad, as LEIL SHEINI, the night of Monday.

In Rambam notation: BET (for Monday), BET (for 2 hours after 6:00pm, that is 8:00pm), TAV-KUF-MEM-BET (that is 542 chalakim).

Remember that the Rambam counts hours of the day from 6:00pm rather than from midnight. And he does not use minutes, but only chalakim. 30 minutes is $30 \times 18 = 540$ chalakim, plus two more, 542.

The molad in clock-time is 9:07pm Israel Summer Time.

The actual (astronomical) molad (the New Moon) is 10:32pm on Sunday night, April 27th.

KIDDUSH L'VANA

With the molad at 9:07pm on Sunday, the first opportunity for Kiddush L'vana would be at 9:07pm on Wednesday evening, April 30th, Leil Yom HaAtzma'ut.

This means that it is too soon right after Maariv for KL - one would have to wait until after 9:07pm. The Moon will set at 9:48pm, which means it might be too low in the sky to be seen. If so, first op is Thursday night, May 1st.