

# PHILOTORAH לה"ו

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.



## YERUSHALAYIM times for TAZRI'A-M'TZORA

ה' אייר ה'תשפ"ה • May 2-3, '25

 **6:45PM** PLAG **5:56PM** •  **8:00PM** R' Tam **8:33PM**

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For Friday night, Leil Shabbat (May 2nd)

היום עשרים יום שהם שני שבועות וששה ימים לעומר יסוד שבתפארת



**Yom HaZikaron**  
Preponed to 2 Iyar  
Tuesday night & Wednesday



**YOM HAATZMA'UT**  
Preponed to 3 Iyar  
Wednesday night & Thursday





## 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.

Many shuls/people will say KL on Motza'ei Shabbat Parshat Tazria-M'tzora, May 3rd. Strict GR"A people will have said KL already (weather permitting) and strict 7-day-after-the-molad people have their first op on Sunday night after 9:06pm.

## Yom HaZikaron Yom HaAtzma'ut

In 1948, on Friday, the 5th of Iyar, May 14th, the State of Israel was established. In 1949, Yom HaAtzma'ut was on a Wednesday. In 1950, it was on a Friday. In 1951, in order to avoid Yom HaAtzma'ut festivities causing Chilul Shabbat, it was decided that when the 5th of Iyar falls on Shabbat or Friday, Yom HaAtzma'ut would be

preponed to Thursday, the 3rd or 4th of Iyar, as the case may be.

Meanwhile, memorial services for fallen IDF soldiers were held on Yom HaAtzma'ut day itself. In 1951, it was decided that the day before Yom HaAtzma'ut would be Yom HaZikaron (L'chal'lei Maarachot Yisrael). In 1963, Yom HaZikaron was 'expanded' to include civilian victims of terror. In 2023, a new policy was introduced that Yom HaZikaron should include victims of antisemitic terror outside of Israel, as well.

In 2004, it was decided that when 5 Iyar fell on a Monday, Yom HaAtzma'ut would be postponed to Tuesday, so that Yom HaZikaron would be on Sunday night & Monday, rather than starting on Motza'ei Shabbat - thus avoiding Chilul Shabbat.

Bottom line: The 5th of Iyar can fall on a Monday, Wednesday, Friday, or Shabbat. However, when 5 Iyar is Monday, Yom HaAtzma'ut is on Tuesday, the 6th of Iyar and Yom HaZikaron is on Monday, 5 Iyar. When 5 Iyar is Friday or Shabbat, Yom HaAtzma'ut is on Thursday, the 3rd or 4th of Iyar and Yom HaZikaron is on Wednesday, the 2nd or 3rd of Iyar. Only when the 5th of Iyar is on Wednesday is Yom HaAtzma'ut actually on the 5th of Iyar.

With 5 Iyar never falling on a Thursday, Yom HaAtzma'ut is on

Thursday almost 40% of the time. And with 5 Iyar never falling on a Tuesday, Yom HaAtzma'ut is Tuesday over 30% of the time. Yom HaAtzmaut is on 5 Iyar (only when it is a Wednesday, less than 30% of years.

I salute the decisions to move the dates in order to honor Shabbat, and the decision to have the religious observances with the national observance, rather than keeping the festive davening and Hallel on 5 Iyar. This was motivated by a desire to unify the people, whether their main celebration of the Establishment of Medinat Yisrael is a mangal (which ironically is a Turkish word - AL HA-EISH or MATZLEH should be our preferred name for BBQ), bopping people on the head with a blue & white inflated plastic hammer, or the saying of Hallel and other special elements of the davening.

We are one nation with one homeland - and what joins us should always be more important than what divides us.