



יְהִי רָצוֹן מִלְּפָנֶיךָ ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְאֵלֵהֶי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ שֶׁתְּשַׁלַּח מְהֵרָה רְפוּאָה שְׁלֵמָה מִן הַשָּׁמַיִם,
רְפוּאָת הַנֶּפֶשׁ וְרְפוּאָת הַגּוּף לַפְּצוּעֵי הַמִּלְחָמָה, וּלְנִפְגְּעֵי מַעֲשֵׂי טְרוֹר וְאִנְטִישְׁמִיּוֹת
בְּיִשְׂרָאֵל וּבְכָל מְקוֹם שֶׁהֵם - עִם שְׂאֵר חוֹלֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל. אָמֵן.

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

YERU SHALAYIM

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for
Parshat

LECH L'CHA

י' מרחשון
ה'תשפ"ו

October 31
to
November 1
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Use the Z'MANIM link for other locales



This Tuesday evening, October 29th, at Maariv - which is Leil 7 Marcheshvan, we - in Israel - begin saying V'TEIN TAL UMATAR LIVRACHA in every weekday Amida. The words become an integral part of the BAREICH ALEINU b'racha, until and including Erev Pesach.

Check out the separate link on philotorah.co -

V'TEIN TAL UMATAR LIVRACHA

This is not an active link on this page - just on the website - so don't try to click here.

The practical details are on the linked file. Here, I would like to address another issue.

Even though the Torah commands us to daven daily (Rambam's opinion; Ramban says that T'fila is a mitzva d'rabbanan), the texts of our prayers are composed by Chazal.

This includes additions to the Amida for certain occasions and changes made in the text on certain occasions.

For example, Yaaleh v'Yavo is an addition to the Amida; HaMelech Ha-

Kadosh is a change.

And they made the rules for situations when a person messes up.

Sometimes, a mistake invalidates the Amida, requiring repeating it - and - sometimes it doesn't.

We sometimes (often) take these rules for granted (once we learn them), but they deserve a closer look.

Chazal could have said - about all additions and changes, that if you mess up, then repeat the Amida correctly. But they didn't say that.

The could have said - about all additions and changes, that if you mess up, just leave the Amida standing and be more careful next time. And they didn't say this either.

Each addition and change has its rule. And we have to follow them.

For example: A person is saying Birkat HaMazon after the Purim Seuda and he forgets AL HANISIM. He feels terrible. Once a year he has a Purim Seuda and he can't believe he forgot AL HANISIM. So he decides to repeat the Benching in honor of Purim and remember to say AL HANISIM this time around.

FOUL! Not correct. If you forget AL HANISIM on Purim or Chanuka in Benching or in Davening, you do NOT repeat. Doesn't have to make sense to us - you don't repeat the Amida.

For another example: Next week (when we in Israel are already asking for TAL UMATAR), you daven Mincha and say V'TEIN B'RACHA instead of T&M. As soon as you step back at the end of the Amida, you realize that you didn't ask for T&M. You figure that at least you asked HKBH to give a blessing. And you figure that Jews all over the world (except for Israel) and still saying V'TEIN B'RACHA. You further figure that repeating the full Amida of 19 brachot, rendering the first Amida that you said null and void in essence means that you said 19 B'RACHA L'VATALA, wasted brachot. So you figure that it is better to let your Amida stand (pun intended) and just remember T&M for the next davening. You would have figured wrong. Without T&M, your Amida is invalid and you have to repeat the Amida.

The point is that we don't make the rules. Chazal made the rules. We follow them. That's why you should see the file on PhiloTorah, so that you do the right thing.

Of course, it is better to say it right first time around, but some of us are human and occasionally make mistakes. So we need to know how to handle them. There are reasons and take-aways from each rule. Whether we agree with them or would have suggested otherwise if we were on the committee of Anshei Knesset

HaGedola for make the rules, we might have swayed the vote. But the rules were made a long time ago. So we learn them and follow them. And try to understand them.

For T&M, the rules - see the link - make two important points. One - rain is very important to us, and two - prayer is important and real. It isn't a game. It requires our words and our hearts and our minds.

May we be blessed with GISHMEI V'RACHA this year and every year.