

הַרָה רְפּוּאָה שְׁלֵמָה מִן הַשָּׁמַיִם, יְהִי רְצוֹן מִלְּפְנֶיךּ ה׳ אֱילֹהֵינוּ וֵא׳לֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ שֶׁתִּשְׁלַח מְ רְפּוּאַת הַנֶּפֶשׁ וּרְפּוּאַת הַגּּוּף לִפְצוּעֵי הַמִּלְחָמָה, וּלְנִפְּנְעֵי מַעֲשֵׁי טֶרוֹר וְאַנְטִישֶׁמִיוּת בְּיִשְׂרָאֵל וּבְכָל מְקוֹם שֶׁהֵם – עם שְׁאָר 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 we are.



YERUSHALAYIM in/out times for CHAYEI SARA

November 14-15 ב"ד מרחשון היתשפ"ו • 25י

4:05PM PLAG 3:35PM • Y 1 5:18PM R' Tam 5:52PM



Shabbat M'vorchim

This Shabbat (Parshat Chayei Sara) we bench Rosh Chodesh.

Rosh Chodesh Kislev will be YOM HASHISHI, Friday, November 21st.

רֹאשׁ חֹדֶשׁ כִּסְלֵּוֹ יִהְיֶה בַּיוֹם הַשִּּשִׁי הַבָּא עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל לְטוֹבָה:

The molad is on Yom Chamishi, 13h 29m 9p.

הַמּוֹלֵד יִהְיֶה יוֹם חֲמִישִׁי, שְׁלֹשִׁים וּשְׁמוֹנֶה דַקוֹת וִתִשִּׁעָה חַלָּקִים אַחֲרִי אַחַת בַּצְהַרְיִם.

The molad of Kislev is on Thursday, 29 Marcheshvan (November 20th), 38 minutes and 9 chalakim after 1 in the afternoon. This corresponds to 13:03 Israel Winter Time.

In Rambam notation - ה' יט:תרצג

The actual (astronomical molad, New Moon) is on Thursday, 8:49am.

The Most Interesting Rosh Chodesh of the Calendar

This year, Rosh Chodesh is one day. This is so because Marcheshvan has 29 days.

Marcheshvan is one of two variable months. In our fixed calendar, months are assigned either 29 days or 30 days. Except for Marcheshvan and Kislev. Marcheshvan is regularly has 29 days, but in a SHALEIM year, it has 30 days.

Kislev regularly has 30 days, but in a CHASEIR year, it has only 29 days.

This year, 5786, is a K'SEDER year - Marcheshvan has 29 days and Kislev has 30.

The result of the variability of Marcheshvan's number of days, Rosh Chodesh Kislev can fall on a large variety of days of the week.

R"Ch Kislev can be:

Sunday, 21.92% of years; Tuesday, 10.23%; Thursday, 11.51%; Friday, 11.51%.

One day Rosh Chodesh - 55.17%

Sunday/Monday, 9.97%; Tuesday/Wednesday, 18.44%; Thursday/Friday, 16.52%.

Two days Rosh Chodesh - 44.93%

Notice that Rosh Chodesh Kislev can be on any day of the week - except for Shabbat.

We bench Rosh Chodesh Kislev on Shabbat Parshat Chayei Sara 68.11% of years. It is on Shabbat Parshat To-I'dot 31.89% of the time - when R"Ch is Sun or Sun/Mon and To-I'dot-M'vorchim is Machar Chodesh.

No other month has such a varied Rosh Chodesh. That's Kislev - but it is due to the sometimes yes, sometimes no - 30th of Marcheshvan.