



יהי רצון מלפניך ה' אֵלֵהֵינוּ וְאֵלֵהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ שֶׁתְּשַׁלַּח מְהֵרָה רְפוּאָה שְׁלֵמָה מִן הַשָּׁמַיִם,
רְפוּאָת הַנַּפְשׁ וְרְפוּאָת הַגּוּף לְפְצוּעֵי הַמִּלְחָמָה, וְלַנִּפְגְּעֵי מַעֲשֵׂי טְרוֹר וְאוֹטִישְׁמִיּוֹת
בְּיִשְׂרָאֵל וּבְכֹל 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 end these wars with
total success and peace for Medinat Yisrael and Klal Yisrael wherever we are.



YERUSHALAYIM in/out times for

VAYAKHEL-P'KUDEI HACHODESH (m)

March 13-14, '26 • כ"ה אדר ה'תשפ"ו

 **5:10PM**  **4:32PM** •   **6:23PM** R' Tam **6:58PM**

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Shabbat M'vorchim

This Shabbat we bench R"Ch Nisan which will be next Thursday, March 19th. Since the Adar right before Nisan always, in our fixed calendar, has 29 days, R"Ch Nisan is one day.

רֵאשׁ חֹדֶשׁ נִסָּן יִהְיֶה בְּיוֹם חֲמִישִׁי
הַבֹּא עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל לְטוֹבָה:

The molad of Nisan is on Wednesday, March 18th, 34 minutes and 13 parts (chalakim) after 4 in the afternoon.

הַמּוֹלַד יִהְיֶה בְּיוֹם רְבִיעִי, שְׁלֹשִׁים וְאַרְבַּע דְּקוֹת
וְשִׁלְשָׁה-עָשָׂר חֲלָקִים אַחֲרֵי אַרְבַּע אַמֵּר הַצְּהָרִים.

This translates to 4:22pm Israel Winter Time. In Rambam notation, the molad is ד' כב:תרכה

With Parshat HaChodesh, we see that R"Ch Nisan is not just a Rosh Chodesh. Nisan is ROSH CHODASHIM - the first of the months of the year.

VPH - Vayakhel- P'kudei - HaChodesh

There are 14 year-types in our calendar. Seven of them are 12-month years (SHANA P'SHUTA) and seven are 13-month years (SHANA M'UBERET).

In six of the seven year-types of SHANA P'SHUTA (12-month, one

Adar years), VP are combined and are always joined by a special maftir - Parshat HaChodesh, 42% of all years - as it is, this year, and with Parshat Para 18% of the time. VP is combined about 60% of years and read separately 40% of the time.

When they are read separately, one or the other is joined by a special haftara - specifically, Sh'kalim. And in the rarest year-type of them all, V and P are read separately and both are joined by a special maftir - Para and HaChodesh. (That happened last year.)

Calendar trivia. The sedras from Mishpatim through Tazri'a are sometimes within the range of the Shabbatot of the Four Parshiyot. Among these ten sedras, only P'kudei is always within the Four Special Shabbatot, sometimes with a Maftir and sometimes as a Hafsaka.

There are seven pairs of sedras that sometimes combine and sometimes are read separately. VP is the second longest of the double-sedras at 214 p'sukim. Even with the 20 added p'sukim for the maftir of HaChodesh, it remains in second place, behind Matot-Mas'ei's 244 p'sukim. Contrast that with Nitzavim-Vayeilech's 70 p'sukim.

Four of the pairs - including VP handle the extra Shabbatot during a SHANA M'UBERET. The other three pairs serve different functions.