

PHILOTORAH

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; 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.



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על כל-קרבנך תקריב מלוח:

YERUSHALAYIM in/out times for **VAYIKRA**

ג' ניסן ה'תשפ"ו • March 20-21, '26

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CAI NOTES

Kiddush L'vana

The molad of Nisan is/was on Wednesday afternoon, March 18th. First opportunity for Kiddush L'vana according to Minhag Yerushalayim is Motza'ei Shabbat Parshat Vayikra, March 21st.

First op for those who wait seven full days after the molad is on Wednesday night, March 25th.



The bracha is said only once a year, during the month of Nissan, on fruit trees in blossom.

It is not said on flowering trees that do not bear fruit.

Say the bracha ONLY if you are sure that the trees are fruit-bearing.

It is not said on fruit trees that already have fruit; only on fruit trees when they display the flower blossoms that precede their fruit.

It is preferable to say the bracha on at least two trees.

The bracha should be said with a sense of awe, appreciation, admiration, and joy of HaShem and the world He created for us.

We specifically acknowledge Him in the existence of fruit trees which delight our senses with their floral displays, even before they provide us with their tasty fruit. We realize that this is an extra-special gift from G-d to us.

We already know that trees are special - we had TU BISHVAT, the Rosh HaShana for Trees.

The Torah tells us, KI HAADAM EITZ HASADEH, for the human being is like the tree of the field.

Trees provide us with nourishing and delicious fruit. DAYEINU! That would be enough to thank HaShem for. And we do, every time we eat a fruit and say BOREI P'RI HA'EITZ. And when the fruit is the first of the season, we are so excited that we say an additional bracha: SHEHECHEYANU. Many fruits also have a pleasant fragrance. That's a bonus. An extra gift from G-d for our enjoyment. And we have a b'racha for that too: HANOTEIN REI'ACH TOV BAPEIROT (which is said if you are only smelling the fruit - if you are eating it, its pleasant smell is considered incidental and does not get its own bracha). There is also a b'racha for seeing a magnificent forest: SHEKACHA LO B'OLAMO. And that HaShem provided us with a beautiful, fragrant display of flowers BEFORE the tree yields its fruit - an extra bonus, which we acknowledge once a year with BIRKAT HA-ILANOT.