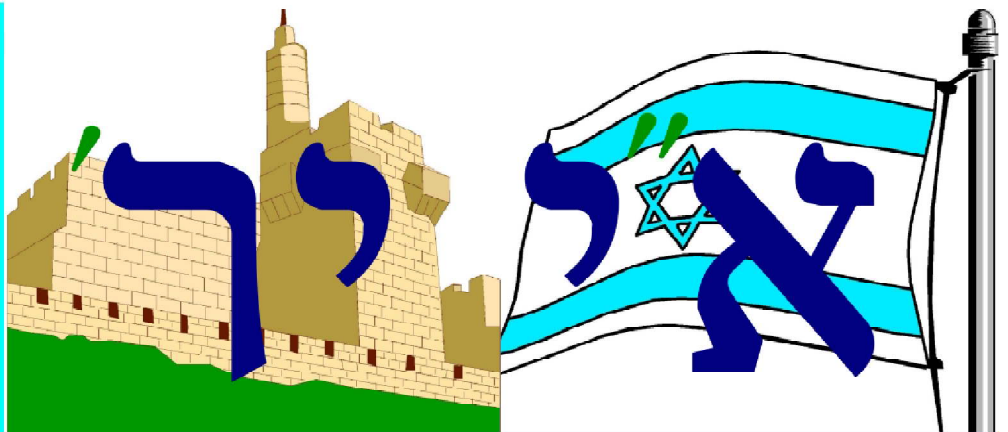


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יהי רצון מלפניך ה' אלהינו ואי להי אבותינו שתשלח מהרה רפואה שלמה מן השמים, רפואת הנפש ורפואת הגוף לפצועי המלחמה, ולנפגעי מעשי טרור ואנטישמיות בישראל ובכל מקום שהם - עם שאר חולי ישראל. אמן.

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.



יהי רצון מלפניך ה' אלהינו ואי להי אבותינו, שכשם שזכינו לאתחלתא דגאולה, כן נזכה לשמע קול שופרו של משיח במהרה בימינו



Yom HaZikaron - Monday night - Tuesday, April 24-25  
Yom HaAtzma'ut - Tuesday night - Wednesday, April 25-26


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## YERUSHALAYIM <sup>times for</sup> TAZRI'A-M'TZORA-R"Ch


א' אייר ה'תשפ"ו • April 17-18, '26

 **6:34PM** PLAG **5:48PM** •  **7:48PM** R' Tam **8:22PM**


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**Yom HaSho'ah v'haG'vura**  
27 Nisan (April 13-14)  
Monday night & Tuesday



**Last opportunity for Birkat Hallanot this year**  
- FRI, 30 Nisan (April 17)





## Shabbat Rosh Chodesh

There's an old riddle, which you might ask at your Shabbat table this Shabbat.

Rosh Chodesh is always on the first of a month and on the thirtieth (when there is one). But when is Rosh Chodesh on the fifteenth?

The answer is this coming Shabbat, the first day of Iyar, the second day of Rosh Chodesh Iyar. And it coincides with the fifteenth of the Omer. And if you think the riddle was misleading, go back and read it carefully. When is Rosh Chodesh on the fifteenth? It did not say 'of the month'. The riddle is harder when you ask it any other day, so asking it on the day that is the answer might make it too easy. But maybe not.

- We have Shabbat-R"Ch either twice or thrice each year. To be statistically specific, there are two Shabbat-R"Ch in 52.33% of years, and three in 47.67% of years. Remember that for these stats, R"Ch can be Friday-Shabbat, Shabbat alone, or Shabbat-Sunday.

On most Shabbat-R"Ch, we have two Torahs, and for Shabbat-R"Ch Tevet (Shabbat Chanuka), Shabbat-R"Ch

Adar and Adar Bet (Sh'kalim), and Shabbat-R"Ch Nisan - we have three Torahs.

Note that when Rosh HaShana is on Shabbat-Sunday, then that is technically Shabbat-R"Ch Tishrei, but I'm not including Tishrei in these stats because the Rosh Chodesh aspect of Rosh HaShana is hardly noticeable.

Also note that R"Ch Kislev and R"Ch Sivan are never on Shabbat.

## Kiddush L'vana

Minhag Yerushalayim is to say KL at the first opportunity, following three full days from the molad. The molad this month is early Friday morning, April 17th. This means that the first op for KL is Monday night, April 20th, after dark - leil 4 Iyar.

Those who follow the seven-days-after-the-molad opinion, will have their first op on Motza'ei Shabbat, Acharei-K'doshim, April 25th.

Those who say Kiddush L'vana on Motza'ei Shabbat will have their first op on that same night - Motza"Sh Parshat Acharei-K'doshim, April 25th.

[Everyone covered? We hope so.](#)

## Yom HaZikaron

The day before Yom HaAtzmaut is YOM HAZIKARON, the day on which we mourn and remember our fallen soldiers and all lives lost by terror.

This year, Yom HaZikaron begins on Monday evening, April 20th - sirens at 8:00pm - and continues through Tuesday the 21st (4 Iyar) - sirens at 11:00am.

**At the time I'm writing this, I don't know if there will be any change as to sirens, because of the war we are in or not.**

The seriousness of the day points out the great cost The State of Israel and the Jewish People have paid for its independence and sovereignty, but also adds deep meaning and significance to Yom HaAtzma'ut, the celebration of the establishment of the State - a great gift from HKBH.

## **Yom HaAtzma'ut**

HEI (5) IYAR can fall on a Monday, Wednesday, Friday, or Shabbat.

(LO AGaH - like the 7th day of Pesach.)

However, if 5 Iyar falls on Friday or Shabbat, Yom HaAtzmaut is pulled back (preponed) to Thursday (the 3rd or 4th of Iyar). And, if it falls on a Monday, it is postponed to Tuesday, the 6th of Iyar.

Only when 5 Iyar is a Wednesday - as it is this year - does Yom HaAtzmaut remain on the 5th of Iyar.

The moving of Yom HaAtzmaut is done to avoid Chilul Shabbat during its celebrations and ceremonies (or those of Yom HaZikaron) around the country.

The decision of the Chief Rabbinate of Israel to keep the religious observances on the same day as the national observances should be seen as an act of ACHDUT of AM YISRAEL, to unify the Jewish People in their HAKARAT HATOV to HKBH for the Jewish State and its significance for all of the Jewish People. May the Medina be a significant milestone on the road to the GEULA SH'LEIMA.

The State of Israel is not perfect (yet). And from a Torah perspective it is further from perfect. BUT...

We have so, so, very much to thank HKBH for what we have. My personal number one is the fact that with the establishment of the State, Jews anywhere in the world have a place - The Place - to come to, to be welcomed like part of the family, like we all belong - for the first time in almost 2000 years. And there is much more.

Shabbat is the national day of rest.

Chagim are national holidays.

Kashrut is the norm.

Remember: Not there yet, but on the way. For all of it.

The official exchange of greetings encapsulates the specialness of the day:

**MO'ADIM L'SIMCHA**

**LIG-ULA SH'LEIMA**