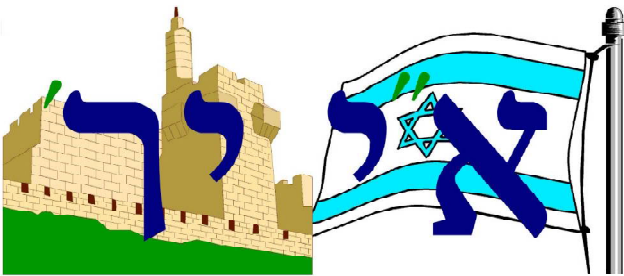


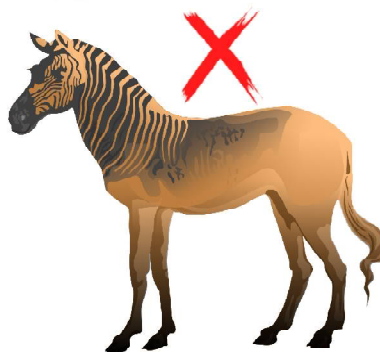
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May HaShem protect our soldiers; may He send Refu'ah Sh'leima to the many injured; may He console the bereaved families and all of Israel; may He end these wars with total success and peace for Medinat Yisrael and Klal Yisrael wherever we are.



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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. (You might want to wait for Leil Yom HaAtzma'ut rather than saying KL on Leil Yom HaZikaron - or not.)

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.

The Rarest Haftara

I have always liked the Jewish Calendar and enjoyed knowing its ins and outs. And then, back in the late 70s, I got into the world of PCs (not Petty Cash nor Politically Correct nor even Phil Chernofsky) and taught myself Basic programming. I wrote a program about the Calendar and was able to tweak it to answer some questions that came up.

Then someone asked how rare the haftara of the second Shabbat Chanuka is. It occurs 18% of the time. The person asked if it the rarest haftara. After another run of the program I found that the regular haftara of Mikeitz is even rarer - 10%. But it isn't the rarest. And then I discovered the following...

The regular haftara of Acharei is from the book of Yechezkeil, we'll call it HATISHPOT. The regular haftara of K'doshim is from Amos - HALO CHIVNEI CHUSHIYIM - we'll call it HALO (the HA is not like hay, but lot hot withoiut the t). In all one-Adar years, Acharei and K'doshim are combined and HALO is the haftara. As it is this year.

In two-Adar years, the sedras are read separately, but...

Sometimes, K'doshim is Rosh Chodesh. In which case, K'doshim gets the Shabbat-R"Ch haftara and Acharei gets HALO.

Sometimes, Acharei is Shabbat HaGadol and gets the special haftara for HaGadol, and K'doshim gets HALO.

Sometimes, in Israel, K'doshim is Machar Chodesh and gets a special haftara. For Acharei, in those years, the haftara is HALO.

In those same years, in Chutz LaAretz, Acharei is Machar Chodesh

and K'doshim gets its HALO. Get the picture so far? In none of the years described, HATISHPOT is not read.

And, finally, there is one year-type when Acharei and K'doshim are read separately and neither is a special Shabbat. In such case, Acharei finally gets its haftara, HATISHPOT and K'doshim gets its HALO. That year occurs 5.8% of the time, making HATISHPOT rarer than Mikeitz's regular haftara. That happened two years ago and isn't scheduled again until 5801, 15 years from now.

But now look at what happens in Yerushalayim. The minhag is to read HALO for both Acharei and K'doshim, resulting in the Yechekeil haftara of Acharei - HATISHPOT - never being read. The reason given for this Jerusalem custom is that the haftara of Acharei is very negative towards Yerushalayim and so it was decided to skip it, in favor of HALO, reading it two weeks in a row. I think that makes HATISHPOT the rarest possible haftara in Jerusalem.

(Question: When else is the same haftara read on consecutive Shabbatot in Yerushalayim?)