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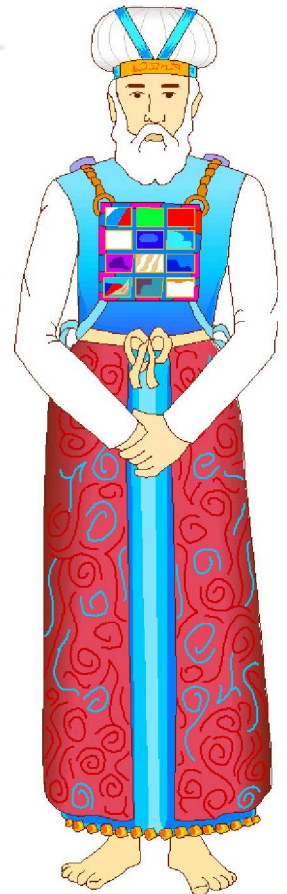
לה"י

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.



אמור



YERUSHALAYIM in/out times for **EMOR**

ט"ו אייר ה'תשפ"ו • May 1-2, '26

6:44PM PLAG 5:56PM • 7:59PM R' Tam 8:32PM

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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 was early Friday morning, April 17th. This means that the first op for KL was Monday night, April 20th, after dark. Those who follow the seven-days- after-the-molad opinion, will have their first op on Motza'ei Shabbat, Acharei-K'doshim, April 25. Those who say Kiddush L'vana on Motza'ei Shabbat had their first op on that same night - Motza"Sh Parshat Acharei-K'doshim, April 25th. which means by now everyone should have said KL. If you have not, the last op is this Thursday night, Leil 14 Iyar, April 30th - all night. If one still hasn't said KL by then, the last op (not ideal, but no choice) is Friday night 'til 12:15am.

Pesach Shenit

This coming Friday - Erev Shabbat Parshat Emor, is Pesach Shenit.

In the time of the Beit HaMikdash - past and future, people who were TAMEI or distant from Jerusalem or for whatever other reason they had (even intentional, spiteful) - and weren't part of CHAVURA for the Korban Pesach, were commanded to bring a Korban Pesach (Shenit) on the

14th of Iyar in the afternoon.

To commemorate that event, we mark Pesach Shenit by not saying Tachanun (some hold that you do).

Some have the minhag to eat matza on Pesach Shenit, because the Korban was eaten with matza and maror.

Some eat matza on the evening following Pesach Shenit (Friday night, this year), because the Pesach was eaten on the night following the bringing of the Korban.

Some make it a point to have matza on both the 14th of Iyar in the afternoon and on the eve of the 15th.

In addition to matching the eating of matza with Pesach Shenit, some explain the minhag to eat matza on this day because the original supply of matza, hastily baked as we were leaving Egypt a month earlier, ended. That makes 14 Iyar the end of the Pesach season, in a way. This was followed, in that first year we left Egypt, by three days of hunger and then the manna was given to us by HaShem on the 18th of Iyar - Lag BaOmer.

A Takeaway from Pesach Shenit

The answer to those who expressed their disappointment in missing the opportunity to bring that first annual Korban Pesach in the Midbar because they were still Tamei on the 14th of Nisan, could have been met with -

Sorry, but KP is only brought on the 14th of Nisan in the afternoon. Anyone who misses it - for whatever reason - misses it. That's the way it works with Korbanot - AVAR YOMO... Its day passes, no extension.

If a person is sick on Yom Kippur and cannot fast and observe the day properly, there is no makeup.

If it rains the entire seven days of Sukkot, thus preventing the observance of the mitzva of dwelling in the Sukka, there is no makeup. That's how it is with time-related mitzvot.

The one noteworthy exception is Korban Pesach. It is a unique Torah-given second chance. Even one who was Tahor and in Jerusalem but refused to be part of Korban Pesach - a refusal that can carry the horrifying punishment of Kareit, is given a second chance to bring the KP and remove the death-sentence from his head.

True, Pesach Sheni is an exception to the rule. But it should remind us of something important. The concept of Second Chance. This is what T'shuva is - a second (and third and fourth...) chance to change for the better. The time-related mitzvot are exactly that - they come with time constraints. But the possibility and opportunity of T'shuva gives us that priceless Second Chance. It is there for the taking. Take it!