

The *Molad*: Thursday afternoon, 2:08 and 13 portions.

The moon may be sanctified until Monday, the 14th, 8:30 a.m.¹

The first day of Rosh Chodesh is on Friday.

On this day, we complete the annual cycle of *Rambam's Mishneh Torah*, as ordained by The Rebbe, three chapters per day, for the 42nd time, and one chapter per day, for the 14th time.

The second day of Rosh Chodesh is on Shabbos Parshas Tazria-M'tzora.

The laws regarding Shabbos Rosh Chodesh are explained in the section on Shabbos Parshas Mikeitz.

We recite the *Haftorah* for Shabbos Rosh Chodesh (*Y'shayahu*, chapter 66: 1-24 and 23 again).

We recite the second chapter of *Pirkei Avos* following the Afternoon Service.

Iyar 2, Sunday.

This day (*Tiferes sheb'tiferes*) marks the birthday of the **Rebbe Maharash**, in 5593 (1833).

Iyar 8, Shabbos Parshas Acharei-K'doshim.

For the *Haftorah*, we read *Halo chiv'nei Chushiyim* (*Amos* 9:7-15).

If there is a circumcision on Shabbos during the weeks of the Counting of the *Omer*, we do not recite *Av harachamim*.

We recite the third chapter of *Pirkei Avos* following the Afternoon Service.

Iyar 10, Monday, the first of the **B'HaB** fasts.

Iyar 13, Thursday, the second of the **B'HaB** fasts.

This day marks the *yahrzeit* of **R. Yisroel Aryeh Leib**, in 5712 (1952). His brother is **R. DovBer**. They are The Rebbe's brothers.

In the **Afternoon Service**, *Tachanun* is recited.

Iyar 14, Friday, Pesach Sheni.

Tachanun is not recited.

It is customary to eat *matzah* at the daytime meal.²

Iyar 15, Shabbos Parshas Emor.

1. The times for sanctifying the moon are based on Jerusalem Standard Time.

2. The Rebbe's *Igros Kodesh*, Vol. II, p. 352.

We recite the fourth chapter of *Pirkei Avos* following the Afternoon Service.

Iyar 17, Monday, the third of the *B'HaB* fasts.

Tachanun is not recited in the **Afternoon Service**.

Iyar 18, Tuesday, Lag B'omer.

This day marks the *Hilula* of **Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai** (the Rashbi).

This is an **auspicious day**. *Tachanun* is not recited.

It is customary to kindle many lights in the synagogue and to mark the day with rejoicing,³ as this is the Rashbi's wish. In many places in *Eretz Yisrael*, particularly in Meron, the resting place of Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai, bonfires are lit in his honor.

It is customary to eat carobs, recalling the carobs which Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai and his son, Rabbi Elazar, ate while they were hiding in the cave.⁴

On this day, Rabbi Akiva's students stopped dying.

In *Eretz Yisrael*, it is customary to gather at the resting place of the holy *tanna* Rashbi, in Meron, to beg for **mercy from heaven** for all of *Klal Yisrael*, and in particular for those supporting *Eretz Yisrael* via the Charities of Rabbi Meir Baal Haness.

Iyar 22, Shabbos Parshas B'har-B'chukosai.

For the fifth *aliyah*, the reader ascends to the Torah without being called. He recites the blessings before and after the Torah reading.

For the *Haftorah*, we read *A-donai uzi* (*Yirm'yahu* 16:19-17:14).

We recite the fifth chapter of *Pirkei Avos* following the Afternoon Service.

Iyar 29, Shabbos Parshas Bamidbar, Shabbos M'varchim.

For the *Haftorah*, we read the passage beginning *Vayomer lo... machar chodesh* (*I Shmuel* 20:18-42).

(The laws that pertain should one err and recite another *Haftorah* are explained in the section for Shabbos Parshas Mikeitz.)

We bless the month of Sivan, announcing Rosh Chodesh, which falls on the coming Sunday.

In contrast to other Shabbosim on which the

3. See the explanation of this custom in the works of the *Chida* and in *Likkutei Sichos*, Vol. IV, p. 1304.

4. See *Sicha* of Shabbos Parshas Tazria-M'tzora 5742 (*Hisvaaduyos* 5742, vol. 3, p. 1395).

coming month is blessed, we recite the passage *Av harachamim*. We do not, however, recall souls who have passed away by reciting the passage *E-l malei rachamim*, unless they were interred that week.

In the **Afternoon Service** on Shabbos, and similarly on Monday and Thursday of the coming week, we conclude the Torah reading at *Bamidbar* 4:33.⁵

Tzidkas'cha is not recited in the **Afternoon Service**.

We recite the sixth chapter of *Pirkei Avos* following the Afternoon Service.

If the third Shabbos meal is continued past nightfall, those who ate a portion of bread the size of an olive (approximately one ounce) both during the day and after nightfall should include both the passages *R'tzeh* and *Yaaleh v'yavo* in the Grace After Meals.

On Motzaei Shabbos, we do not say *Vibi noam* or *V'Atah kadosh*.



5. Following the Ashkenazic custom. (Some communities conclude at 4:37.)