

PHILOTORAH

יְהִי רְצוֹן מִלְּפָנֶיךָ ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְאֱלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ שֶׁתְּשַׁלַּח מְהֵרָה רְפוּאָה שְׁלֵמָה מִן הַשָּׁמַיִם,
רְפוּאָת הַנַּפְשׁ וְרְפוּאָת הַגּוּף לְפְצוּעֵי הַמִּלְחָמָה, וּלְנִפְגְּעֵי מַעֲשֵׂי טְרוּר וְאֲנִטֵּי שְׂמִיּוֹת
בְּיִשְׂרָאֵל – וּבְכֹל מְקוֹם שֶׁהֵם, עִם שְׂאֵר חוֹלֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל. אָמֵן.

May HaShem protect our soldiers and the hostages; may He send Refu'ah Sh'leima to the many injured; may He console the bereaved families and all of Israel, and may He end this war with success and peace for Klal Yisrael.



YERUSHALAYIM in/out times for Shabbat Parshat **CHUKAT**

ז' תמוז ה'תשפ"ד • July 12-13, '24

 **7:12PM** PLAG (earliest) **6:19PM** •   **8:28PM** R' Tam **9:04PM**

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Kiddush L'vana

With the molad of Tammuz last Shabbat morning, the first opportunity for Kiddush L'vana according to Minhag Yerushalayim (three full days after the molad) is Tuesday night, July 9th.

For 7-days-after-the-molad people, first op is Motza'ei Shabbat Parshat Chukat, July 13th.

That same night will be popular for shuls/communities/people who usually say KL on Motza"Sh.

TAMUZ

We all know that the 17th of Tamuz until the 29th of the month are mournful days for the Churban of the Beit HaMikdash, the first and the second. These last 13 days of Tamuz are followed by the first 9½ days of Av, together, known as the Three Weeks.

Because of events associated with 17 Tamuz, the whole month is treated as a 'dangerous' month for the Jewish People.

But there is another side to Tamuz.

According to our tradition, the 3rd of Tamuz is the date when Yehoshua invoked a unique miracle:

Then Yehoshua spoke to HaShem on the

day when HaShem delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, SHEMESH B'GIVON DOM, V'YAREI'ACH B'EMEK AYALON - "Sun, stand still upon Giv-on, and Moon in the valley of Ayalon" (Yehoshua 10:12).

How can that have been? Would that not mess up the orbits of the Moon around the Earth and the orbit of the Earth-Moon around the Sun?

It definitely would. If we were talking about the laws of planetary motion, which is part of the natural way of the world.

But we are talking about a Divine suspension of the Laws of Nature by the One who created the world, and its Laws of Nature.

However you want to explain the miracle recorded in Yehoshua, the fact of the matter is that G-d's miracles come in two types - part of nature and beyond/above nature.

We need to ponder these miracles and appreciated G-d for them. But we must also ponder and learn about nature - in this case, to learn about the Sun and the Moon when they behave 'normally', and appreciated the Creator all the more.

And this sets a different tone for Tamuz.

And don't forget Zechariya's prophecy that will see the sad day of 17 Tamuz (and the other three fasts based on Churban Beit HaMikdash) become a festive day, when the Beit HaMikdash will be rebuilt.

More in TAMUZ

According to the Book of Jubilees, Yaakov and family arrived in Goshen on the first of Tamuz. Thus, it is the anniversary of the first Jewish community in Chutz LaAretz. On the first of Tamuz in 1940, a moshav - appropriately called SHE'AR YASHUV - was established in Eretz Yisrael.

A petition by Rabbi Menashe ben Yisrael for official permission to practice Judaism in England was granted by the Council of State, 1656. This had wide-spread ramifications throughout the British Empire. *Ed. note: Sounds crazy, no? That a Jew should need permission to practice Judaism. Food for thought.*

4 Tamuz - Yahrzeit of Rabbeinu Tam (Yaakov ben Meir), 1171. One of the most renowned Ashkenazi Jewish rabbis and leading French Tosafists, a leading halachic authority in his generation, and a grandson of Rashi. Known as RABBEINU (our teacher), he acquired the Hebrew suffix TAM, meaning straightforward; it was originally used in Parshat To-l'dot to describe his biblical namesake, Yaakov Avinu.

5 Tamuz was designated as a fast day in memory of approx. 50,000 Ukrainian Jews who were killed in Uman and other cities, 1768. On the same date in 1788, a further massacre of Oman's Jews occurred.

6 Tamuz - 24 wagonloads of talmudic volumes and 200 other rabbinic manu-

scripts were burned in Paris , 1242.

6 Tamuz - the Hebrew date of the Rescue at Entebbe, July 4th, 1976.

7 Tamuz - The Jewish Brigade, attached to the British army in World War II, was formed 1942. 23 years later, Moshe Sharett, second Prime Minister of the State of Israel, died (1965). He was involved in the formation of the Jewish Brigade.