

Halachos of Erev Tishah B'av on Shabbos and Tishah B'av on Motzei Shabbos(Av 5785)

Dear All,

This year, the ninth day of Av is on Sunday. As such, the following are unique *halachos* to be mindful of:

Shabbos Chazon and Erev Tishah B'av (August 2nd)

1. We eat regular Shabbos meals, sing regular *zemiros*, and do not exhibit any signs of mourning.
2. Learning Torah on Shabbos after midday is permitted (*Mishna Berurah siman* 593:10)
3. The prayer *Tzidkosecha L'tzedek* is not recited at *Mincha* on Shabbos (*Ramo siman* 552:12)
4. The classic *seudah hamafsekes* which includes bread, and a hardboiled egg is not eaten (*Shulchan Aruch siman* 552:10)
5. *Seudah shlishis* is eaten as usual but eating and *bentching* must be finished before **sunset at 8:18pm** when the fast begins (*Mishna Berurah siman* 552: 24)

Motzei Shabbos (Saturday evening August 2nd)

1. Maariv will commence at 9:30 PM to give everyone ample time to get to Shul following the conclusion of Shabbos at 9:04 PM
2. Care should be taken so that no preparations for after Shabbos should happen on Shabbos.
3. Following the conclusion of Shabbos, no earlier than 9:04, one should recite the phrase "*baruch hamavdil bein kodesh l'chol*", "blessed is the separation between holy and profane", to allow one to engage in weekday activities including driving to Shul. (*Mishna Berurah siman* 556: 2).
4. One should don non-leather shoes after the conclusion of Shabbos before coming to shul. (*Shemiras Shabbos K'Hilchasa* chapter 28 footnote 189).
5. In *maariv*, *atah chonantanu* is recited in *shmoneh esrei* even though the full *havdalah* is not recited that night (*Mishnah Berurah siman* 557:2).

6. The prayers of *Veyehi noam* and *Viyiten lecha* are not recited at *maariv* (*Mechaber* and *Ramo siman* 559:2).
7. *Havdala* is not recited, only the *beracha* of *borei meorei ha'esh* is recited. We will also make this *beracha* prior to reciting *Eicha* in Shul (*Mishna Berurah siman* 597:1).
8. One who is sick, nursing, or pregnant and cannot fast, must recite Havdalah before eating at any point that one breaks the fast. Under these circumstances, hadalah consists of the *berachah* over the wine, grape Juice, (or substitute beverage like orange juice or coffee if need be) the *berachah* over the candle (if it was not yet made) and the *berachah* of *hamavdil*. All other parts of Havdalah are omitted.
9. One who must drink water, but can otherwise fast, or one who eats less than one fluid ounce in less than nine minutes does not recite Havdalah.

Motzei Tishah B'av (Sunday evening August 3rd)

1. One should not eat until Havdalah is recited.
2. One may use wine or grape juice, and an adult may drink the wine. (*Mishnah Berurah* 556:3)
3. The *berachos* over the candle and *besamim* are not recited (*Mechaber siman* 597).
4. The opening verses of *havdala* are omitted.

Motzei Tishah B'av (Monday Morning August 4th)

5. One is prohibited to partake of meat and wine before *chatzos* (midday, 1:13pm) on Monday afternoon the 10th of Av (*Shulchan Aruch* and *Ramo siman* 598:1)
6. One should not take a haircut, shave, launder clothing, listen to music, and bathe until midday, 1:13pm, on Monday the 10th of Av. (*Mishna Berurah* *ibid* 4).

May the fulfillment of the halachos, our sincere tefillos, and our desire for a world infused with the glory and presence of Hashem be the conduit to bring the Beis HaMikdash speedily in our days!

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