

## SPECIAL HALACHOS FOR THIS SHABBOS AND YOM TOV

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1). Please note that this Motzoi Shabbos when we make the Yom Tov Kiddush we are also making Havdalah for Shabbos. This requires a Havdalah candle but no Besamim. However, since we are not allowed to *extinguish* the Havdalah candle, it is not advisable to use a traditional Havdalah candle. One way to do this is to use a “Yaknahaz candle,” which is available in most Judaica stores and even some Jewish supermarkets. It has two wicks, which fulfills the requirement of lighting an *avukah*, but can be left in a safe holder to burn out in the same amount of time as the Yom Tov candles. It is also acceptable to light a candle and hold it next to another one, but one must be very careful not to extinguish one candle with the other. Also, please be very careful not to make Yom Tov Kiddush earlier than 9:24 P.M., since until then it is still Shabbos and the Havdalah candle cannot be lit.

2). It is permissible to sleep on Shabbos afternoon in order to be able to stay up all night but one should not say specifically that one is doing so for that purpose (Mogen Avrohom 290).

3). Those that are up night should make sure to hear Berachos from someone who has slept, which is usually available at the Netz Minyan which will take place iyH at 4:50 A.M. If they missed the person who said berachos for everyone, they may recite Elokei Neshanah and Hamaavir Sheinah anyway (Shulchan Aruch 46:8). Also, if someone fell asleep for half an hour during the night or even Erev Yom Tov, he may make all the Berachos himself (Shulchan Aruch 4:16; Bais Yosef 231; Rav Shmuel Kamenetzky shlita, Kobetz halachos, page 149). They should also wash *negel vaser* (3 or 4 times on each hand) but not make a bracha unless they have used the bathroom.

4). The Minhag is to eat milichig (dairy) on Shavuos (Rama 494:3). Some people do this first, wash out their mouth and drink something and then have a fleshig (meat) meal. One should also wash one's hands between the dairy and meat (Yoreh Deah 89:2). One should also be careful not to have hard cheese if they are planning to have meat immediately. It is also acceptable to have only dairy at this meal.

**HAVE A WONDERFUL YOM TOV**