

## Guide for Rosh HaShanah 5781/2020

### Erev Rosh Hashanah

- **Hatarat Nedarim** (nullification of vows) is ideally recited on Erev Rosh HaShanah. It can be done either in small socially distanced groups with masks or by video calling in to a Beit Din of three Jewish men (we will try to arrange for this setup – more details as we get closer). For those not able to do it on Erev Rosh HaShanah, it can be done at a later point, but one should try to have it done at the latest before Yom Kippur begins.
- Candle lighting should take place 18 minutes before sundown at **7:03pm**. The blessing should conclude *L'Hadlik Ner Shel Shabbat V'Shel Yom Tov*.
- Weekday Mincha should be completed before sundown, which is at **7:21pm**.

### First Day of Rosh Hashanah

#### Friday Night

- An abridged Kabbalat Shabbat is recited that begins with *Mizmor Shir L'Yom HaShabbat. Bameh Madlikin* should also be omitted.
- Both *V'Shamru* and *Tik'u BaChodesh Shofar* are recited before the Amidah.
- Ma'ariv Amidah for Rosh Hashanah with proper insertions for Shabbos. There are a number of insertions into the Amidah that are recited throughout Aseres Yemei Teshuva (Ten Days of Repentance).
- Vayechulu is recited after the Amidah (omitting the blessing "*Magen Avot*") followed by *L'David Mizmor* and then *Aleinu*.
- Kiddush for Rosh Hashanah with proper Shabbos insertions. Kiddush begins with Yom HaShishi. Shehechyanu is recited.
- The traditional symbolic foods (simanim) are eaten on the first night together with their respective prayers (*Yehi Ratzon*).
- Birkas HaMazon should include the insertions for Shabbos and Rosh Hashanah.
- If Ma'ariv was recited before nightfall (**7:59pm**), the three paragraphs of Shema should be repeated after nightfall.

#### Daytime

- On Rosh Hashanah, the Shir Shel Yom (Song of the Day) and L'David HaShem Ori are recited at the beginning of davening. Shir HaYichud and Shir HaKavod are omitted when davening without a minyan.
- Shir HaMa'alot is recited after Yishtabach.
- Birchos Kerias Sh'ma for Shabbos (HaKol Yoducha).
- Shacharit Amidah for Rosh Hashanah with the proper insertions for Shabbos.
- The Torah reading for the first day is Bereishis 21:1-34, the maftir is Bamidbar 29:1-6 and the haftarah is from Shmuel I 1:1-2:10.
- The shofar is not blown on Shabbos.
- Mussaf Amidah for Rosh Hashanah with proper insertions for Shabbos.
- Those who are davening without a minyan are encouraged to study and recite the piyutim that are added to Chazaras HaShatz, particularly U'Netaneh Tokef.
- Mincha Amidah for Rosh Hashanah with the proper insertions for Shabbos. Mincha should be recited before shekiyah (sunset) which is at **7:20pm**.
- Seudah Shlishis should ideally be eaten before the tenth hour (**4:16pm**) and preferably after reciting Mincha. If one did not do so, one may eat seudah shlishis until sunset.
- Preparations for the second day may not begin until nightfall (**7:57pm**).

## Second Day of Rosh Hashanah

### Saturday Night

- Candle lighting after nightfall. The blessing should conclude *L'Hadlik Ner Shel Yom Tov*.
- Ma'ariv should be recited after nightfall (7:57pm).
- Ma'ariv for Rosh Hashanah includes *Vatodi'einu*.
- Kiddush for Rosh Hashanah includes Meorei Ha'Eish, Havdalah and Shehechyanu (יקנה"ט). The new fruit should be placed on the table before Kiddush and is eaten after Kiddush. If one does not have new fruit/clothing, one may still recite Shehechyanu.

### Second Day (Daytime)

- On Rosh Hashanah, the Shir Shel Yom (Song of the Day) and L'David HaShem Ori are recited at the beginning of davening. Shir HaYichud and Shir HaKavod are omitted when davening without a minyan.
- Shir HaMa'alos is recited after Yishtabach.
- Birchos Kerias Sh'ma for weekday (Ha'Me'ir La'Aretz).
- Shacharit Amidah for Rosh Hashanah.
- The Torah reading for the second day is Bereishis 22:1-22:24, the maftir is Bamidbar 29:1-6 and the haftarah is from Yirmiyahu 31:1- 31:19.
- If someone davening at home can blow shofar on his own, he should blow the first thirty sounds before Mussaf. The second thirty sounds should not be blown during the silent Amidah. One may blow 70 additional sounds after the Amidah, but there is no requirement to do so.
- If someone else is blowing on behalf of others:
  - If the ba'al toke'a (shofar blower) already fulfilled his mitzvah, the blessings (L'Shmoa Kol Shofar and Shehechyanu) should ideally be recited by one of the listeners. If the listeners are all women, the ba'al toke'a may not recite the blessings; they must be recited by one of the women.
  - If listeners are spread out, each person can recite his/her own beracha.
  - Only 30 sounds are blown.
  - If one is going to hear the shofar before the seventh halachic hour of the day (2:13pm), one should wait to recite Mussaf until after hearing the shofar.
- Mussaf Amidah for Rosh Hashanah.
- Those who are davening without a minyan are encouraged to study and recite the piyutim that are added to Chazaras HaShatz, particularly U'Netaneh Tokef.
- Mincha Amidah for Rosh Hashanah. Mincha should be recited before shekiyah (sunset) which is at 7:18pm.
- Traditionally **Tashlich** is recited on Rosh Hashanah afternoon (not on Shabbos) next to a body of water. If this cannot be performed with proper social distancing measures, one can recite it any time until Yom Kippur. If it was not done before Yom Kippur, there is still some benefit in reciting it until Hoshanah Rabbah.

### Motzaei Yom Tov/Tzom Gedaliah

- It is preferable not to recite Maariv until nightfall (7:56pm).
- Weekday Amidah should be recited including Atah Chonantanu and the special insertions for Aseres Yemei Teshuva (Ten Days of Repentance).
- Havdalah consists of two blessings: HaGafen/wine & HaMavdil (no spices or fire).
- The fast begins at 5:54am. The fast ends at 7:54pm.