

Rosh Hashanah Guide to Tefillah at Home and Halachic Times

Friday, September 18th; Erev Rosh Hashanah

- Candle lighting should take place 18 minutes before sundown, at 7:02pm. The beracha should conclude **טוב ושל יום טוב** **להדליק נר של שבת**. We also say the bracha of Shehecheyanu.
- Weekday Mincha should be completed before sundown: 7:20pm.

First Day of Rosh Hashanah

Friday Night

- An abridged **שבת קבלת** is recited that begins with **ליום השבת**. **מזמור שיר לדליקין** should also be omitted.
- Both **ושמרו** and **תקעו בחדש שופר** are recited before the Amidah.
- Ma'ariv Amidah for Rosh Hashanah with proper insertions for Shabbat. Please include the insertions into the Amidah that are recited throughout Aseret Yemei Teshuva, as can be seen in any Rosh Hashanah machzor (ie "*Zochreinu, Mi Kamocha, HaMelech Hakadosh*, etc).
- Vayechulu is recited after the Amidah (omitting the beracha "Magen Avot") followed by **לדוד מזמור** and then Aleinu.
- Kiddush for Rosh Hashanah with proper Shabbat insertions. Kiddush begins with **יום הששי**. Shehecheyanu is recited.
- The traditional symbolic foods (simanim) are eaten on the first night together with their respective **יהי רצון**.
- Birkat HaMazon should include *R'tzeh* for Shabbat and *Yaaleh V'Yavo* for Rosh Hashanah.
- If Ma'ariv was recited before nightfall (7:54pm), Keriat Sh'ma should be repeated after nightfall.

Saturday

- On Rosh Hashanah, the **שיר של יום** and **לדוד ה' אורי** are recited at the beginning of davening. Shir HaYichud and Shir HaKavod are omitted when davening without a minyan.
- Shir HaMa'alot (Psalm 130) is recited after Yishtabach.
- Birchot Keriat Sh'ma for Shabbat (**הכל יודוך**). We omit all piyutim in Birchot Keriat Shema
- Shacharit Amidah for Rosh Hashanah with the proper insertions for Shabbat. Avinu Malkeinu is omitted on Shabbat.
- The Torah reading for the first day is Bereishit 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 Shabbat.
- One should wait until the third hour 10:11am to recite Mussaf. If a minyan in the community is reciting Mussaf earlier, one may recite Mussaf once they have started.
- Mussaf Amidah for Rosh Hashanah with proper insertions for Shabbat.
- Those who are davening without a minyan are encouraged to study and recite the piyutim that are added to Chazarat HaShatz, particularly **ונתנה תוקף**.
- Mincha Amidah for Rosh Hashanah with insertions for Shabbat. Earliest Mincha is 1:45 pm. Mincha should be recited before shekiyah (sunset) which is at 7:19 pm.
- Seudah Shlishit should ideally be eaten before the tenth hour (4:16 pm) and preferably after reciting Mincha. If one did not do so, one may eat seudah shlishit until sunset.
- Preparations for the second day may not begin until nightfall (7:59 pm).

Second Day of Rosh Hashanah

Saturday Night

- Candle lighting must be performed after nightfall, ie after 7:59 pm.
The bracha over candle lighting is **להדליק נר של יום טוב**. We also say Shehecheyanu.
- Ma'ariv should be recited after nightfall.
- Ma'ariv for Rosh Hashanah includes ותודיענו.
- Kiddush for Rosh Hashanah includes Meorei Ha'Eish, Havdalah and Shehecheyanu (יקנה"ז). The new fruit should be placed on the table before Kiddush and is eaten after Kiddush. If one does not have a new fruit or new clothing, one still recites Shehecheyanu.

Sunday

- On Rosh Hashanah, the **שיר של יום** and **לדוד ה' אורי** are recited at the beginning of davening. Shir HaYichud and Shir HaKavod are omitted when davening without a minyan.
- Shir HaMa'alot (Psalm 130) is recited after Yishtabach.
- Birchot Keriat Sh'ma for weekday (**המאיר לארץ**). We omit all piyutim during Birchot Keriat Shema
- Shacharit Amidah for Rosh Hashanah.
- The Torah reading for the second day is Bereishit 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 berachot (**לשמוע קול שופר** and **שהחיינו**) should ideally be recited by one of the listeners. If the listeners are all women, the ba'al toke'a may not recite the berachot; they must be recited by one of the women.
 - If the listeners are spread out across a large area, 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 (2:14pm), 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 Chazarat HaShatz, particularly **ונתנה תוקף**.
- Mincha Amidah for Rosh Hashanah. Earliest Mincha is 1:44 pm.
Mincha should be recited before shekiyah (sunset) which is at 7:18pm.
- Traditionally Tashlich is recited on Rosh Hashanah afternoon (not on Shabbat) 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 Hoshana Rabba.

Motzaei Yom Tov/Tzom Gedaliah

- Maariv: Weekday Amidah should be recited including Atah Chonantanu and the special insertions for Aseret Yemei Teshuva, as noted in your siddur.
- Havdalah consists of two berachot: HaGafen and HaMavdil (no besamim nor eish).
- The fast begins at 6:00am on Monday morning, September 21st and ends at 7:52 pm