

KISLEV

Bakesh Shalom V'rodfei'hu – Seek Peace and Pursue It

While there are many fascinating lessons to be learned from the interactions of Jacob and Esau, the narrative in parshat *Vayishlah* is particularly instructive. When Jacob returns to Israel, he is afraid, for Esau and his troops are fast approaching. While prepared for battle, Jacob initially focuses on diplomacy. He even bows to Esau, although the Zohar says that the bow was really directed towards God. Perhaps the Zohar is suggesting that even when taking seemingly difficult steps towards peace, we are still honoring God.

1 <i>Rosh Hodesh Kislev</i> Wed	Nov 18	16 Thu	Dec 3
2 Thu	Nov 19	17 Fri	Dec 4
3 Fri	Nov 20	18 <i>VA'YISHLAH</i> Sat	Dec 5
4 <i>TOL'DOT</i> Sat	Nov 21	19 Sun	Dec 6
5 Sun	Nov 22	20 Mon	Dec 7
6 Mon	Nov 23	21 Tue	Dec 8
7 Tue	Nov 24	22 Wed	Dec 9
8 Wed	Nov 25	23 Thu	Dec 10
9 Thu	Nov 26	24 <i>Hanukkah</i> Fri 1 st Candle	Dec 11
10 Fri	Nov 27	25 <i>VA'YEISHEV – Hanukkah</i> Sat 2 nd Candle <i>Mevarekhim ha'Hodesh</i>	Dec 12
11 <i>VA'YETZEI</i> Sat	Nov 28	26 <i>Hanukkah</i> Sun 3rd Candle	Dec 13
12 Sun	Nov 29	27 <i>Hanukkah</i> Mon 4 th Candle	Dec 14
13 Mon	Nov 30	28 <i>Hanukkah</i> Tue 5 th Candle	Dec 15
14 Tue	Dec 1	29 <i>Hanukkah</i> Wed 6 th Candle	Dec 16
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ROSH HODESH

Throughout *Rosh Hodesh*, in *Birkat ha'Mazon*, the Blessing After Meals, **ADD** *Ya'aleh ve'Yavo* (762/233/340) and the *Ha'Rahaman* designated for *Rosh Hodesh* (768/235/343).

Tuesday Evening
November 17

MA'ARIV. As usual; however, in the *Amidah*, **ADD** *Ya'aleh ve'Yavo* (216/145) for *Rosh Hodesh*.

Wednesday
November 18

SHAHARIT. During the *Amidah* **ADD** *Ya'aleh ve'Yavo* (114/41). **OMIT** *Tahanun* and immediately recite the abbreviated *Hallel* (380/50), **OMITTING** those sections not recited on *Rosh Hodesh*. Continue with the full *Kaddish* (392/56) and the Torah service (138/65). We read four *aliyyot* from *Parashat Pinehas*: Numbers 28:1-15 (1-3, 3-5, 6-10, 11-15). Recite the abbreviated *Kaddish*, *hagbahah* and *gellilah*, return the Torah to the ark (150/76) and recite *Ashrei* (152/78). **OMIT** *la'Menatze'ah* (Ps. 20) and recite *U'va le'Tziyon* (156/80).

MUSAF. *Tefillin* are **REMOVED**. Recite the abbreviated *Kaddish* (428/103) and continue with the *Musaf Amidah* for *Rosh Hodesh* (486/104), including, in the repetition, the *Kedushah* designated for weekdays (488/105). Recite full *Kaddish* (506/82). Conclude as usual but, after *Aleinu* and *Shir Shel Yom*, **ADD** *Barekhi Nafshi* (Ps. 104, 34/90) followed by a Mourner's *Kaddish*.

MINHAH. As usual on weekdays; however, in the *Amidah*, **ADD** *Ya'aleh ve'Yavo* for *Rosh Hodesh* (178/127). **OMIT** *Tahanun*.

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SHABBAT PARASHAT TOL'DOT

Saturday
November 21

SHAHARIT
Torah: Annual, Genesis 25:19 – 28:9
Triennial, Genesis 27:28 - 28:9
(i) 27:28-27:30 (ii) 31-33 (iii) 34-37 (iv) 38-40 (v) 41-46 (vi) 28:1-28:4 (vii) 5-9
(m) 28:7-28:9
Haftarah: Malakhi 1:1 - 2:7

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SHABBAT PARASHAT VA'YETZEI

Saturday
November 28

SHAḤARIT

Torah: Annual: Genesis 28:10 – 32:3

Triennial: Genesis 31:17 - 32:3

(l) 31:17-31:21 (ii) 22-24 (iii) 25-35 (iv) 36-42 (v) 43-45 (vi) 46-50 (vii) 31:51-32:3 (m) 32:1-32:3

Haftarah: (a) Hosea 12:13 – 14:10 (others 11:7 – 14:10)

(s) Hosea 11:7 – 12:12 (others 11:7 – 13:5)

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SHABBAT PARASHAT VA'YISHLAḤ

Saturday
December 5

SHAḤARIT

Torah: Annual, Genesis 32:4 – 36:43

Triennial, Genesis 35:16 - 36:43

(i) 35:16-35:26 (ii) 27-29 (iii) 36:1-36:8 (iv) 9-19 (v) 20-30 (vi) 31-39 (vii) 40-43 (m) 34:40-34:43

Haftarah: Ovadiah 1:1-21

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Saturday Evening
December 5

MA'ARIV. As usual for after Shabbat. **NOTE**: However, **BEGINNING THIS EVENING**, we recite the phrase "Ve'ten tal u'matar li'vrakah" in *Birkat ha'Shanah*, *Me'varekh ha'Shanim*, in every weekday *Amidah* (214/144).

HANUKKAH: 25 KISLEV thru 2 TEVET

On *Hanukkah*, at funerals, we omit formal eulogies and the recitation of *Tzidduk ha'Din*.

CANDLE LIGHTING — Each night of *Hanukkah*, the procedure is to first light a *Shammash* [a candle distinguished from the other candles or oil and wicks by its placement in the *hanukkiyyah* — the *menorah* or candelabra]. The *Shammash* is then used to light the appropriate number of candles, e.g., one the first night, two the second and so forth until eight candles (plus the *Shammash*) are lit on the eighth and last night. Candles or oil should be sufficient to burn for at least one-half hour after dark. The candles — or oil and wicks — are placed in the *hanukkiyyah* from right to left — that is, the first candle is placed on the extreme right. The candles or oil are then lit from left to right — that is, lighting the newest candle first. Each night, after lighting the *Shammash* but before lighting the candles or oil, two basic *berakhot*, blessings, are said: (i) "Barukh Attah... asher kiddeshanu be'mitzvotav.....le'hadlik ner shel *Hanukkah*" and then (ii) "Barukh Attah ... she'asah nissim la'avoteinu ba'yamim ha'hem uva'zeman ha'zeh". On the first night that candles are lit, we **ADD** the *berakah* of *She'Heḥeyanu* (242/192/307). In the synagogue, the *hanukkiyyah* (which is placed along the southern wall of the room being utilized for prayer) is lit before *Ma'ariv*. In the home, the *hanukkiyyah* (which is placed so that it is visible to those passing by outside) is lit as soon as possible after dark. While lighting the *hanukkiyyah* recite *Ha'Nerot Halalu* followed by *Ma'oz Tzur* (242/193/308). [See below for modifications on Friday nights, December 11 and 18 and Saturday night December 12.]

SHABBAT – On the 1st night, Friday, December 11 and the last Friday night, December 18, the *hanukkiyyah* is lit prior to *Shabbat* and before lighting *Shabbat* candles which are lit, as each week, at least 18 minutes before sunset. The size of the candles or amount of oil must last at least one-half hour after dark; therefore, as a practical matter, the candles or oil must be sufficient to last at least 1½ hours. On the 2nd night, Saturday, December 12, there are varying customs. The prevailing custom is that: (i) in the synagogue, the *hanukkiyyah* is lit immediately before *Havdalah*; however, (ii) in the home the *hanukkiyyah* is lit immediately after *Havdalah*.

MEALS – We refrain from fasting on *Hanukkah*. It is customary to eat foods fried in oil, including *latkes* (*levivot*, potato pancakes) and donuts (*sufganiyyot*). Throughout the eight days of *Hanukkah*, we **ADD** *Al ha'Nissim* (758/231/338) in the *Birkat ha'Mazon* (the Blessing After Meals) as well as in each *Amidah*.

Friday Evening, December 11	1 candle plus <i>Shammash</i>
Saturday Evening, December 12	2 candles plus <i>Shammash</i>
Sunday Evening, December 13	3 candles plus <i>Shammash</i>
Monday Evening, December 14	4 candles plus <i>Shammash</i>
Tuesday Evening, December 15	5 candles plus <i>Shammash</i>
Wednesday Evening, December 16	6 candles plus <i>Shammash</i>
Thursday Evening, December 17	7 candles plus <i>Shammash</i>
Friday Evening, December 18	8 candles plus <i>Shammash</i>

SHABBAT PARASHAT VA'YEISHEV
HANUKKAH First Day
MEVAREKHIM HA'HODESH

Throughout *Rosh Hodesh*, in *Birkat ha'Mazon*, the Blessing After Meals, **ADD** *Al ha'Nissim* (758/231/338) as well as *Ya'aleh ve'Yavo* (762/233/340) and the *Ha'Rahaman* designated for *Rosh Hodesh* (768/235/343).

25 Kislev
 Friday Evening
 December 11

MA'ARIV AND KABBALAT SHABBAT. As usual for Friday evening; however, during the *Amidah* **ADD** *Al ha'Nissim* (300/37). After *Aleinu* and Mourner's *Kaddish*, **ADD** *Mizmor Shir Hanukkat ha'Bayit* (Psalm 30, 50/81) and Mourner's *Kaddish* (52/82).

Saturday
 December 12

SHAHARIT
Torah: Annual, Genesis 37:1 – 40:23
 Triennial, Genesis 39:1 - 40:23
 (i) 39:1-6 (ii) 7-10 (iii) 11-18 (iv) 19-23 (v) 40:1-40:8 (vi) 9-15 (vii) 16-23
Maftir: Numbers 7:1-7:17
Haftarah: Zekhariah 2:14 – 4:7

As usual for *Shabbat*, however, during the *Amidah* **ADD** *Al ha'Nissim* (362/119).

After the *Amidah* and full *Hallel* (380/133), continue with the full *Kaddish* (392/138) and Torah service (394/139). **Two Torah scrolls** are taken from the ark. A minimum of seven *aliyyot* are read from the weekly portion, *Parashat Va'Yeishev*, in the first scroll. After completing the reading from the first Torah, the second scroll is placed on the desk and the abbreviated *Kaddish* is recited. The *hagbahah* and *gelilah* are called for the first scroll. The next *aliyyah*, the *Maftir* section (the daily reading for *Hanukkah*), is read from the second scroll (Numbers 7:1-17) and the *hagbahah* and *gelilah* are called after the reading from the second Torah. The *Haftarah* is special for the first *Shabbat* of *Hanukkah* (*Zekhariah* 2:14-4:7).

MEVAREKHIM HA'HODESH (418/150). After Torah reading but before returning the Torah to the ark, announce *Rosh Hodesh*, the beginning of the new month of *Tevet*, which begins *ba'yom ha'hamishi u'va'yom ha'shishi* (Thursday and Friday). **OMIT** *Av ha'Rahamim* (420/151) even in synagogues whose tradition it is to recite this on *Shabbat*. Return the Torah scrolls.

MUSAF. Recite the abbreviated *Kaddish* (428/155) and continue with the *Musaf Amidah* for *Shabbat* (430/156). During the *Amidah* **ADD** *Al ha'Nissim*, (438/160). Conclude as usual but, after *Aleinu* (510/183) and *Shir Shel Yom*, (32/72) **ADD** *Mizmor Shir Hanukkat ha'Bayit* (Ps. 30, 50/81) and Mourner's *Kaddish* (52/82).

MINHAH. As usual, with the Torah reading from the beginning of *Parashat Mi'ketz*. In the *Amidah*, **ADD** *Al ha'Nissim* (582/238/182). **OMIT** *Tzidkat'kha Tzedek* (584/239/183).

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Saturday Evening
December 12

HANUKKAH Second Day

MA'ARIV. As usual. As on every *motzei Shabbat* in the *Amidah* include *Attah Honantanu* (212/287/143). Remember to **ADD** *Al ha'Nissim* (218/290/146). The prevailing custom is: **IN THE SYNAGOGUE**, the *hanukkiyyah* is placed along the southern wall of the room being utilized for prayer and lit immediately before *Havdalah*. Light two candles plus the *shammash*. **IN THE HOME**, the *hanukkiyyah* is lit immediately after *Havdalah*. After *Aleinu* and Mourner's *Kaddish* **ADD** *Mizmor Shir Hanukkat ha'Bayit* (Psalm 30, 50/81/14) and Mourner's *Kaddish* (52/82/16).

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HANUKKAH Days 2-5

Tefillin are put on each weekday from Sunday through Friday and on the seventh day of Hanukkah, the first of Tevet.

Sunday
December 13
through
Wednesday
December 16

SHAḤARIT. In the synagogue it is customary to light the *hanukkiyyah* (which is placed along the southern wall of the room being utilized for prayer) prior to *Shaḥarit*. The candles are lit in the same manner as the evening before; however, we **OMIT** the blessings. *Shaḥarit* as usual on weekdays; however, in the *Amidah*, **ADD** *Al ha'Nissim* (116/42). **OMIT** *Tahanun*. **RECITE** whole *Hallel* (380/50), the abbreviated *Kaddish* (390/56) and then the Torah service (138/65). Three *aliyyot* are read, as noted below. After Torah reading recite the abbreviated *Kaddish* (146/71) and raise, dress and return the Torah as usual. Recite *Ashrei* (152/78) and **OMIT** *la'Menatze'ah* (Psalm 20). Continue with *U'va le'Tziyon* (156/80) and full *Kaddish* (158/82). After *Aleinu* and Mourner's *Kaddish* **ADD** *Mizmor Shir Hanukkat ha'Bayit* (Psalm 30, 50/14) and Mourner's *Kaddish* (52/15).

<u>Day</u>	<u>Torah Reading</u>	<u>Aliyyot</u>
Sunday, December 13	Numbers 7:18-29	18-20, 21-23, 24-29
Monday, December 14	Numbers 7:24-35	24-26, 27-29, 30-35
Tuesday, December 15	Numbers 7:30-41	30-32, 33-35, 36-41
Wednesday, December 16	Numbers 7:36-47	36-38; 39-41; 42-47

MINḤAH. As usual. During *Amidah* (168/122) **ADD** *Al ha'Nissim* (180/128). **OMIT** *Tahanun* (192/132).

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ROSH ḤODESH – Hanukkah – Day 6

Throughout *Rosh Ḥodesh*, in *Birkat ha'Mazon*, the Blessing After Meals, **ADD** *Al ha'Nissim* (758/231/338) as well as *Ya'aleh ve'Yavo* (762/233/340) and the *Ha'Rahaman* designated for *Rosh Ḥodesh* (768/235/343).

Wednesday Evening
December 16

MA'ARIV. In the synagogue, light the *hanukkiyyah* (which is placed along the southern wall of the room being utilized for prayer) before *Ma'ariv*; in the home, the *hanukkiyyah* is lit as soon as possible after dark (For the appropriate procedure see page 36-38). *Ma'ariv* as usual on weekdays but, in the *Amidah*, **ADD** *Ya'aleh ve'Yavo* (216/145) for *Rosh Ḥodesh* as well as *Al ha'Nissim* (218/146). After *Aleinu* and Mourner's *Kaddish* **ADD** *Mizmor Shir Hanukkat ha'Bayit* (Psalm 30, 50/14) and Mourner's *Kaddish* (52/15).

Thursday
December 17

SHAHARIT. In the synagogue it is customary to light the *hanukkiyyah* (which is placed along the southern wall of the room being utilized for prayer) prior to *Shaharit*. The candles are lit in the same manner as the evening before; however, we **OMIT** the blessings. *Shaharit* is as usual; however, in the *Amidah* **ADD** *Ya'aleh ve'Yavo* (114/41) and **ADD** *Al ha'Nissim* (116/42). After the *Amidah* **OMIT** *Tahanun* and immediately recite whole *Hallel* (380/50). Continue with the full *Kaddish* (392/56) and the Torah service (138/65). Because it is also *Rosh Hodesh*, **two Torah scrolls** are taken from the ark. In the first scroll, we read three *aliyyot* from *Parashat Pinehas*: Numbers 28:1-15 (1-5, 6-10, 11-15). The second Torah is placed on the desk and individuals are called for *hagbahah* and *gelilah* for the first scroll. From the second scroll, we read the daily reading for *Hanukkah* as one *aliyyah*, Numbers 7:42 - 47. Individuals are called for *hagbahah* and *gelilah* for the second scroll. Recite the abbreviated *Kaddish*, return the Torah scrolls to the ark (150/76) and recite *Ashrei* (152/78). **OMIT** *la'Menatze'ah* (Ps. 20) and recite *U'va le'Tziyon* (156/80).

MUSAF. *Tefillin* are **REMOVED**. Recite the abbreviated *Kaddish* (428/103) and continue with the *Musaf Amidah* for *Rosh Hodesh* (486/104), including, in the repetition, the *Kedushah* designated for weekdays (488/105). **ADD** *Al ha'Nissim* (500/108). Recite full *Kaddish* (506/82). Conclude as usual but, after *Aleinu* and *Shir Shel Yom*, **ADD** *Barekhi Nafshi* (Ps. 104, 34/90) followed by a Mourner's *Kaddish* and *Mizmor Shir Hanukkat ha'Bayit* (Ps. 30, 50/14) followed by a Mourner's *Kaddish* (52/15).

MINHAH. As usual on weekdays; however, in the *Amidah*, **ADD** *Ya'aleh ve'Yavo* for *Rosh Hodesh* (178/127) as well as *Al ha'Nissim* (180/128). **OMIT** *Tahanun*.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Torah Reading</u>	<u>Aliyyot</u>
Thursday, December 17	First scroll Numbers 28:1-15	1-5, 6-10, 11-15
	Second scroll Numbers 7:42-47	one <i>aliyyah</i>