

SHEVAT

Ve'yagata U'matzata – Seek and You Shall Find

Exodus teaches us to keep a sense of perspective, even at times of great change. Of course — had God wanted — He could have brought the Israelites to the Promised Land in less than 40 years. But then the Jews might not have had the time to mature and grow as a people, able to administer their own nation. Sometimes, we must appreciate the process as well as the end result, even when we are not sure of the outcome.

1 <i>Rosh Hodesh Va'era</i> Sat	Jan 16	16 Sun	Jan 31
2 Sun	Jan 17	17 Mon	Feb 1
3 Mon	Jan 18	18 Tue	Feb 2
4 Tue	Jan 19	19 Wed	Feb 3
5 Wed	Jan 20	20 Thu	Feb 4
6 Thu	Jan 21	21 Fri	Feb 5
7 Fri	Jan 22	22 <i>YITRO</i> Sat	Feb 6
8 <i>BO</i> Sat	Jan 23	23 Sun	Feb 7
9 Sun	Jan 24	24 Mon	Feb 8
10 Mon	Jan 25	25 Tue	Feb 9
11 Tue	Jan 26	26 Wed	Feb 10
12 Wed	Jan 27	27 Thu	Feb 11
13 Thu	Jan 28	28 Fri	Feb 12
14 Fri	Jan 29	29 <i>MISHPATIM – Shabbat Shekalim</i> Sat <i>Mevarekhim ha'Hodesh</i>	Feb 13
15 <i>B'SHALAH – Shabbat Shirah</i> Sat <i>Tu bi'Shevat</i>	Jan 30	30 <i>Rosh Hodesh Adar</i> Sun	Feb 14

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1 Shevat

SHABBAT PARASHAT VA'ERA ROSH HODESH

In *Birkat ha'Mazon*, in addition to the usual additions for *Shabbat* (i.e., *Retzeh* and the *Ha'Rahaman* specially designated for *Shabbat*) throughout *Rosh Hodesh*, **ADD** *Ya'aleh ve'Yavo* (762/340/233) and the *Ha'Rahaman* designated for *Rosh Hodesh* (768/343/235).

Friday Evening
January 15

KABBALAT SHABBAT AND MA'ARIV. AS usual; however, during the *Amidah* **ADD** *Ya'aleh ve'Yavo* (298/36).

Saturday
January 16

SHAHARIT

Torah: Annual, Exodus 6:2-9:35

Triennial, Exodus 8:16 - 9:35

(i) 8:16-8:23 (ii) 24-28 (iii) 9:1-9:7 (iv) 8-16 (v) 17-21 (vi) 22-26 (vii) 27-35

Maftir: Numbers 28:9-15

Haftarah: Isaiah 66:1-24, 23 (verse 23 is repeated after verse 24)

As usual for *Shabbat*, however, during the *Amidah* **ADD** *Ya'aleh ve'Yavo* (360/118). After the *Amidah* recite the abbreviated *Hallel* (380/133), **OMITTING** those sections not recited on *Rosh Hodesh*. Continue with the full *Kaddish* (392/138) and the *Torah* service (394/139). **Two Torah scrolls** are taken from the ark. In the first scroll we read a minimum of seven *aliyyot* from the weekly portion. After completing the reading from the first scroll, the second scroll is placed on the desk and the abbreviated *Kaddish* is recited. Then individuals are called for *hagbahah* and *gelilah* for the first scroll. In the second scroll we read the special *Maftir* section for *Rosh Hodesh* (from *Parashat Pinehas*), Numbers 28:9-15. Then individuals are called for *hagbahah* and *gelilah* for the second scroll. The *Haftarah* specially designated for *Rosh Hodesh* (Isaiah 66:1-24, repeating v. 23) is chanted. **OMIT** *Av ha'Rahamim* even in those congregations whose custom it is to recite it on *Shabbat*.

MUSAF. Recite the abbreviated *Kaddish* (428/155) and continue with the *Musaf Amidah* for *Shabbat Rosh Hodesh* (486/166). In the repetition, recite the *Kedushah* designated for *Shabbat* (490/167). Recite full *Kaddish* (506/181). After *Musaf*, conclude as usual but, after *Aleinu* and *Shir Shel Yom*, **ADD** *Barekhi Nafshi* (Ps. 104, 34/78) which is followed by a Mourner's *Kaddish*.

MINHAH. As usual, with the *Torah* reading being from the beginning of *Parashat Bo*. During the *Amidah* **ADD** *Ya'aleh ve'Yavo* (580/237/181). **OMIT** *Tzidkat'kha Tzedek*.

8 Shevat

SHABBAT PARASHAT BO

Saturday
January 23

SHAḤARIT

Torah: Annual, Exodus 10:1-13:16;

Triennial, Exodus 12:29 - 13:16

(I) 12:29-12:32 (II) 33-36 (III) 37-42 (IV) 43-51 (V) 13:1-13:4 (VI) 5-10 (VII) 11-16

(M) 13:14-13:16

Haftarah: Jeremiah 46:13 – 28

15 Shevat

SHABBAT PARASHAT B'SHALAḤ

Shabbat Shirah

Tu bi'Shevat

This *Shabbat* is referred to as *Shabbat Shirah*, The Sabbath of Song, because we read *Az Yashir Moshe* — Then Moses Sang the song at the Reed Sea, Exodus 15:1-18.

Tu bi'Shevat

The day is described in the *Mishnah* as the New Year for trees, one of four New Years in the Jewish calendar. There is also a mystical custom to have a *Seder* on *Tu bi'Shevat* with similarities to a *Pesah Seder*. Modern non-mystical versions have been written, emphasizing the environment and ties to agriculture in Israel. It is appropriate to eat fruits, particularly fruits from *Eretz Yisra'el*, on *Tu bi'Shevat*. It is also traditional to make the *She'Heḥeyanu* blessing over a fruit that one has not eaten in the past year.

Saturday
January 30

SHAḤARIT

Torah: Annual, Exodus 13:17 - 17:16

Triennial, Exodus 14:26 - 17:16

(I) 14:26-15:21 (II) 22-26 (III) 15:27-16:10 (IV) 11-27 (V) 28-36 (VI) 17:1-17:7

(VII) 8-16 (M) 17:14-17:16

Haftarah: (A) Judges 4:4 - 5:31 (S) Judges 5:1-31

The congregation stands for the reading of *Az Yashir* (Exodus 15:1-18).

MINḤAH. As usual but **OMIT** *Tzidkat'kha Tzedek*.

22 Shevat

SHABBAT PARASHAT YITRO

Saturday
February 6

SHAḤARIT

Torah: Annual, Exodus 18:1- 20:23;

Triennial, Exodus 19:1 - 20:23 (others read the entire portion as above)

(I) 19:1-6 (II) 7-9 (III) 10-13 (IV) 14-19 (V) 19:20-20:14 (VI) 15-18 (VII) 19-23

(M) 20:21-20:23

Haftarah: (A) Isaiah 6:1-7:6; 9:5-6 (S) Isaiah 6:1-13

The congregation stands for the reading of the *Aseret Hadibrot*, The Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-14).

29 Shevat

SHABBAT PARASHAT MISHPATIM
Shabbat Shekalim
MEVAREKKHIM HA'HODESH

The first of four special Sabbaths before Passover, this Sabbath is called *Shabbat Shekalim* because we read in a special *Maftir* of the obligation to donate a half *shekel* for the maintenance of the Temple. This reading takes place on the *Shabbat* before *Rosh Hodesh Adar (Sheni, in a leap year)*. It reminds us of this yearly obligation of the Israelites.

Saturday
February 13

SHAḤARIT

Torah: Annual, Exodus 21:1 - 24:18

Triennial, Exodus 23:20 - 24:18

(i) 23:20-23:25 (ii) 26-30 (iii) 31-33 (iv) 24:1-24:6 (v) 7-11 (vi) 12-14 (vii) 15-18

Maftir: Exodus 30:11-16

Haftarah: (a) II Kings 12:1-17 (s) II Kings 11:17-12:17 (Since *Rosh Hodesh* is Sunday, many add to the *Haftarah* of *Shabbat Shekalim* the first and last verses of the *Haftarah, Maḥar Hodesh--I Samuel 18 and 42.*)

For the *Torah* reading, two scrolls are taken from the ark. A minimum of seven *aliyyot* are read from the weekly portion 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. Then *hagbahah* and *gelilah* are called for the first scroll. The *Maftir* section (Exodus 30:11-16) is read from the second scroll and the *hagbahah* and *gelilah* are called after reading from the second *Torah*.

MEVAREKKHIM 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 **Adar** which begins *ba'yom ha'rishon u'va'yom ha'sheni* (Sunday and Monday). **OMIT** *Av ha'Rahamim* even in synagogues whose tradition it is to recite this on *Shabbat*.

MINḤAH. As usual but **OMIT** *Tzidkat'kha Tzedek*.

30 Shevat

ROSH HODESH ADAR

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)*.

Saturday Evening
February 13

MA'ARIV. *Ma'ariv* as usual; however, in the *Amidah* **ADD** *Attah Honantanu* for Saturday evening (212/143/287) and **ADD** *Ya'aleh ve'Yavo (216/145/289)*.

Sunday
February 14

SHAHARIT. In the *Amidah* **ADD** *Ya'aleh ve'Yavo* (114/41). After the *Amidah* **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*, 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 for weekdays. **ADD** *Ya'aleh ve'Yavo* in *Amidah* (178). **OMIT** *Tahanun*.