

# Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah – 5781/2020

## A Home Guide

Prepare a Simchat Torah kit before Yom Tov. Include chocolates, some cookies and/ or cake, wine, whisky, beer, biltong. make flags.

### Candle Lighting before 5:53pm

Remember extra Yahrzeit Candles for Yizkor and to have a flame for the 2<sup>nd</sup> day.

### Mincha at 6pm Can be davened from 12:35pm

### Ma'ariv at 6:15pm

- An abridged Kabbalat Shabbat is recited that begins with Mizmor Shir Le'Yom Ha'Shabbat (Artscroll Siddur Page 320).
- Ba'Meh Madlikin should be omitted.
- Both Ve'shameru and Va'ye'da'ber (Artscroll Siddur Page 336) are recited before the Amidah.
- Ma'ariv Amidah for Yom Tov with proper insertions for Shabbat and Shemini Atzeret (Artscroll Siddur Page 660).
- Va'yechulu is recited after the Amidah (Artscroll Page Siddur 346) (omitting the Be'racha "Magen Avot" at home) followed by Aleinu and L'Dovid. (Artscroll Siddur Pages 350 and 282)
- In the Diaspora, the Shemini Atzeret meals take place in the Sukkah.
- One does **not** recite Leishev Ba'Sukkah on Shemini Atzeret.
- It is preferable to wait until [nightfall/tzeit hakoachavim] at **6:44pm** to begin Kiddush. (Artscroll Siddur Page 658)
- Kiddush for Yom Tov with Shabbat and Shemini Atzeret insertions. Kiddush begins with Yom Ha'shishi. We say Mekadesh Ha'Shabbat Ve'Israel Ve'hazemanin.
- We say She'he'che'yanu (Artscroll Siddur Page 658)
- In the event of rain, one may eat indoors. There is no special requirement to recite Kiddush or eat bread in the sukkah when it is raining.
- Birkat Ha'Mazon should include the insertions for Shabbat and Shemini Atzeret. (Artscroll Siddur Page 182)
- If Ma'ariv was recited before [nightfall/tzeit hakoachavim **6:44pm**], Ke'riat Shema should be repeated after nightfall.

## Daytime

- Morning Be'rachot (Artscroll Siddur Page 14 - 20)
- Le'olam Yehei Adam (Artscroll Siddur Pages 26 -28)
- Pesukei Dezimra ( Artscroll Siddur Pages 368 – 406)
- Birchat Ke'riat Shema (No Kaddish nor Ba'rechu) (Artscroll Siddur Pages 406 - 420)

- **Latest Time for the morning Shema 8:46am**

- Include Ha'kol Yo'ducha for Shabbat. (Artscroll Siddur Pages 408/410/412)

- **Shacharit Amidah for Yom Tov with the proper insertions for Shabbat and Shemini Atzeret.**

(Artscroll Siddur Page 660)

- Full Hallel is recited. (Artscroll Siddur Page 632).
- Kohelet may be read at home (Artscroll Siddur Page 986)
- Communal reading of Kohelet at 5.30pm.

- **Optional to read the Torah Portion at home.**

- The Torah reading for Shemini Atzeret is De'varim 14:22-16:17, the maftir is Ba'midbar 29:35- 30:1 and the haftarah is from Melachim I 8:54–9:1.

- **Yizkor can be recited at home without a minyan.** (Artscroll Siddur Page 810) One should make sure to pledge money to Tzedakah before reciting Yizkor.

- The communal Yizkor will be recited at Shabbat morning at 10.15am
- At Musaf of Shemini Atzeret (Artscroll Siddur Page 674) we begin reciting Mashiv Haruach U'Morid Hageshem. (Artscroll Siddur Page 674)

- **While not required, an individual davening at home may recite Tefillat Geshem (Prayer for Rain) ( Artscroll Siddur Page 704) . However, the switch to Mashiv Ha'ruach U'Morid Ha'Geshem does not take effect until the congregation recites Tefillat Geshem. Therefore, an individual davening at home should wait to recite Musaf until at least one of the minyanim in the community has reached Musaf. At that point, this individual should recite the Mashiv Ha'ruach U'Morid Ha'Geshem during Musaf Amidah.**

- Musaf Amidah for Yom Tov with proper insertions for Shabbat and Shemini Atzeret (Artscroll Siddur pages 674 – 694)

- **Mincha (Artscroll Siddur Page 502)**

- Amidah for Yom Tov with the proper insertions for Shabbos and Shemini Atzeret. (Artscroll Siddur Page 660)

- **Mincha should be recited before [shekiyah/sunset]. 6:11pm**
- Seudah Shlishit should ideally be eaten before [the tenth hour] **4:11pm** and preferably after reciting Mincha. Bread should not be eaten after the 10<sup>th</sup> hour to allow one to have an appetite for the meal on Simchat Torah. Earliest time for Mincha is **12:26pm**. If one did not do so, one may eat Seudah Shlishit until sunset.**6:11pm**
- **Preparations for the second day may not begin until [nightfall/tzeit hakochavim] 6.44pm.**

## Saturday Night Simchat Torah

- Candle lighting must be performed **after** nightfall at 6:44pm from an existing Flame

**Communal Kohelet at Pine Street at 5.30pm**

**Mincha at 6pm**

**Ma'ariv at 6:15pm**

- **Ma'ariv should be recited after nightfall.**
- Ma'ariv for Yom Tov with insertions for Shemini Atzeret includes Ve'Todiainu (Artscroll Siddur Page 664 in the grey panel).
- No Hakafot at home – Take out the Simchat Torah Kit. A dance and a song with the family will create a Simchat Torah Atmosphere.
- **We do not eat in the Sukkah on Simchas Torah.**
- Kiddush for Yom Tov includes Borai Me'orei Ha'Eish (**NB: From and existing flame**), Havdalah and Shehecheyanu. (Artscroll Siddur Page 658)
- **Birkat Ha'Mazon should include the insertions for Shemini Atzeret. (Artscroll Siddur Page 182)**

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- Birkot Ke'riat Shema (No Kaddish nor Ba'rechu) (Artscroll Siddur Pages 406 - 420)
- **Birkat Ke'riat She'ma for weekdays Ha'meir La'aretz (Artscroll Siddur Pages 408 grey panel, skip Page 410 and continue to Page 420)**
- Shacharit Amidah for Yom Tov with proper insertions for Shemini Atzeret. Remember: Mashiv Ha'ruach U'Morid Ha'Geshem (Artscroll Siddur Pages 660 – 670).
- **Full Hallel is recited. ( Artscroll Siddur Page 632)**

- On Simchat Torah, we complete the Torah in **Shul** by reading Parashat V'Zot HaBeracha. We then begin the new cycle with Bereishit 1:1-2:3, the maftir is Bamidbar 29:35-30:1 and the haftarah is Yehoshua 1:1- 1:18.
- Musaf Amidah for Yom Tov with proper insertions for Shemini Atzeret. (Artsroll Siddur Pages 674 – 692) Include the insertions for Simchat Torah.
- Mincha any time from 12.35pm to 6.11pm (Artsroll Siddur Page 502)
- Amidah for Yom Tov with proper insertions for Shemini Atzeret (Artsroll Siddur Page 660)

### Motzei Yom Tov

- Yom Tov concludes at [nightfall/tzeit hakoachavim]. **6:44pm**
- Weekday Ma'ariv (Artsroll Siddur Page 256)
- Amidah for Ma'ariv including Atah Chonantanu.

(Artsroll Siddur Page 266)

- Havdalah consists of only two Be'rachot: 1) Borei P'eri Ha'Gafen on wine and 2) Ha'Mavdil Bein Kodesh Le'Chol. (No Candle nor Be'Samim).

## Shul Times

Friday Evening Shmini Azeret

- 6.00 pm Mincha
  - 6.15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat and Mariv
- Shabbat – Shmini Azeret
- 9.00 am Shacharit
  - 10.15 am-approx. Yizkor
  - 5.30 pm Kohelet
  - 5.50 pm Mincha
  - 6.15 pm Mariv

Sunday Simchat Torah

- 9.00 -11.00am Shacharit, Musaph, Hakofos and Torah Service
- 5.55 pm Mincha
- 6.44 pm Mariv