

Halachos for Tisha B'Av That Falls on Shabbos

Erev Shabbos

The Halachos of showering this Erev Shabbos are the same as a regular Shabbos Chazon.

According to the Shulchon Aruch one may only wash: one's hair with hot water, one's face, hands and feet with cold water, without soap or shampoo. However Minhagim vary. The Rebbe's Minhag is to that one may wash one's head with hot water, and take a lukewarm shower with soap.

Those who go to the Mikvah every Erev Shabbos may do so this Erev Shabbos as well.

Shabbos Chazon/Tisha Bi'av

When Tisha B'av falls on Shabbos outward signs of Aveilus that would negate from Kavod Shabbos are forbidden. Therefore Shabbos should be conducted as usual with festive meals and Zemiros.

According to the Rama the laws of Aveilus still apply to דברים שבצינעה. However in the case of a Mitzvah, there is no Aveilus even pertaining to דברים שבצינעה.

The Gemorah says that one may not learn Torah on Tisha B'Av since it brings Simcha. One may learn Eicha, the Gemoros related to the Churban, as well as stories or Midrashim pertaining to the Churban. These subjects are called דברים המותרים.

The Minhag is to refrain from general learning starting Erev Tisha B'Av at Chatzos. (The Maharshal and other Poskim disagree with this minhag and permit all learning on Erev Tisha B'Av)

There is much discussion in the poskim whether the Minhag of refraining to learn on Erev Tisha B'Av applies if Tisha B'Av or Erev Tisha B'Av fall on Shabbos. According to the Taz one may definitely maintain his regular learning schedule. According to the Rama one should only learn דברים המותרים. Therefore if one would like to learn his regular schedule (e.g. Daf Yomi etc.) he may do so. Or if one would like to learn דברים המותרים he may do so as well.

Shalosh Seudos

After Mincha you should eat a regular Shalosh Seudas meal, whatever you prefer Milchig or Fleishig.

This year we do not eat the classic Erev Tisha B'Av Seudas Hamefsekas with bread, eggs and ashes at all.

You must stop eating Shalosh Seudos at the Shkiya. However you may continue to sing Zmiros and Bench until nightfall.

You may not do any preparations for Tisha B'Av (e.g. taking off your shoes/preparing a stool etc.) before nightfall.

After nightfall you should change into your slippers/crocs, and change out of your Shabbos suit. You do not have to change out of your Shabbos shirt or pants, however you may not put them on again on Sunday morning.

Havdala

Havdala is not made on Motzei Shabbos, with the exception of בורא מאורי האש.

The Minhag is to make בורא מאורי האש in Shul before Kinus.

If a woman will not be going to Shul for Kinus she should be reminded to do it at home

Important! בורא מאורי האש can only be made on Motzei Shabbos. If you forgot to make the Bracha on Motzei Shabbos you do not make it on Sunday

Please note

As we know one may not eat before Havdala. Therefore for those who are not fasting at all, or break their fast at any time during the day on Sunday, Havdala must be made before eating.

Havdala can be made at anytime during the night or day.

Since we cannot drink wine on Tisha B'av, Havdala should be made on orange or apple juice, lukewarm coffee or tea, or milk. Not Gatorade, or any power drink, soda or water.

Havdala should be: Shehakol, followed by the Bracha of Hamavdil. No besamim is used.

Women

It is preferable that women do not make Havdala themselves. If possible the husband can make Havdala and be motzi her, and she or a child should drink the juice. If this is not possible she can make Havdala.

Motzei Tisha B'Av

This year, washing clothing and showering are permitted immediately Sunday night.

May we be zoche to see this Tisha B'av become a Yom Tov.