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Overview

Siman 428 Seif 1:

The following are the days when Yom Tov will not occur. Rosh HaShanah will not be on Sunday, Wednesday or Friday; Yom Kippur will not occur on Tuesday, Sunday or Friday; Purim will not occur on Shabbos, Monday or Wednesday; Pesach will not occur on Monday, Wednesday or Friday; Shavuos and Hoshana Rabba will not occur on Tuesday, Thursday or Shabbos; Chanukah will not occur on Tuesday; Taanis Esther will not occur on Sunday, Tuesday or Friday; the 17th of Tamuz and 9th of Av will not occur on Monday, Wednesday or Friday. The day of the week of Purim will be Lag B'Omer and the mnemonic is פל"ג. The day of the week of Chanukah will be Shavuos when the years are in order or deficient.

- The wording is mistaken and it should say, The day of Shavuos will be the day of the upcoming Chanukah. However, this is true only when between the months of Cheshvan and Kislev are in order, i.e., one full and the other deficient or if both are deficient but when both are full the 1st day of Chanukah will be the day after Shavuos. (M.B. 2)

Siman 428 Seif 2:

The following are the days when Rosh Chodesh could occur: Nissan on Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday and Shabbos; Iyar could occur on Monday, Tuesday Thursday and Shabbos; Sivan on Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday; Tamuz on Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; Av on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Shabbos; Elul on Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Friday; Tishrei on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Shabbos; Marcheshvan on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday; Kislev on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday; Teves on Sunday, monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday; Shevat on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Shabbos; Adar on Shabbos, Monday, Wednesday or Friday (and in a leap year Adar Rishon on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Shabbos and Adar Sheni on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Shabbos).

- When there is a two day Rosh Chodesh these days refer to the second day of Rosh Chodesh which is the first day of the following month. (M.B. 3)
- For Marcheshvan there is an error and it should say that it could occur on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Shabbos. (M.B. 4)

Siman 428 Seif 3:

The mnemonic for the *yomim tovim* is א"ת ב"ש ג"ר ד"ק ה"ץ ו"ף. Meaning, The first of day of Pesach will be the same day of the week as Tisha B'Av and mnemonic is על מצות ומרורים יאכלהו. The second day of Pesach will be Shavuos, the third day of Pesach will be Rosh HaShanah, the fourth day will be *krias hatorah* which is Simchas Torah, the fifth day is the fast of Yom Kippur and the sixth day is Purim.

- Meaning for the people in the Diaspora. (M.B. 5)

Halacha Highlight

Scheduling Yom Tov

Shulchan Aruch Siman 428 Seif 1

לא אד"ו ראש השנה

Rosh HaShanah cannot occur on Sunday, Wenesday or Friday

Shulchan Aruch (סע' א') enumerates the different *yomim tovim* and the days of the week that they cannot begin. For example, Rosh HaShanah cannot begin on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday. Biur Halacha (ד"ה אלו ימים) explains that there are two guiding principles behind these rules. The first principle is that Yom HaKippurim cannot fall on Friday or Sunday. The reason is that since Yom HaKippurim is treated like Shabbos with regards to *melacha* we would have two consecutive days where Biblically it is prohibited to perform *melacha* and the Gemara (Rosh HaShanah 20) gives a few reasons why this is problematic. One reason is that corpses would not be able to be buried for two consecutive days which would be disrespectful to the deceased. The second guiding principle is that we do not want Hoshana Rabba to fall on Shabbos since that would mean that we will not take the *aravah*. Consequently, Rosh HaShanah cannot fall on Wednesday or Friday since that would mean that Yom Kippur would fall on Friday or Sunday, respectively. Rosh HaShanah can also not fall on Sunday since that would mean that Hoshana Rabba would fall on Shabbos.

Tashbatz (ח"א סי' קל"ה וקל"ו) in the name of Rav Saadya Gaon writes that even when they sanctified the months based on witness testimony rather than based on a fixed calendar, they would make sure to observe these rules so that Yom Kippur would not occur on a Friday or Sunday and so that Hoshana Rabba would not occur on Shabbos. Tashbatz disagrees and references many Mishnayos in which it is clear that when they sanctified the new moon based on witness testimony, the *yomim tovim* could occur on days that nowadays they may not occur. Machatzis HaShekel (הקדמה לסימן) contends that the matter is subject to a dispute between Rishonim. Furthermore, he writes in the name of Rabbeinu Chananel that according to Rav Saadya Gaon's opinion the origin for these restrictions is Halacha L'Moshe M'Sinai and the reasons presented in the Gemara are attempts to a rationale for the Halacha L'Moshe M'Sinai but ultimately applies even absent these explanations.