

Shmini Atzeres/Simchas Torah Davening Guidelines  
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### **Friday Night**

On Friday Afternoon daven a standard weekday Mincha beginning on page 232. (All page numbers refer to the standard Artscroll Siddur.) Remember on page 244 to insert yaale v'yavo and mention Sukkos. This is the last time Sukkos will be mentioned as tonight we will begin insertions for Shmini Atzeres.

As it is both Shabbos and Yom Tov we daven an abridged version of kabalas shabbos reciting just mizmor shir and Hashem malach page 320-322. Continue with Maariv on 330-336. On 336 insert vayidaber in the grey and continue with the amida on page 660. Take care to say the proper insertions for Shabbos and Shmini Atzeres but not for Sukkos. After the amida just the paragraph of vayichulu is said on page 346. Conclude with Aleinu on page 350 and L'David on page 282.

### **Shabbos Morning**

Daven a standard Shabbos morning davening until the amida on page 420. Then continue on page 660 with proper insertions for Shabbos and Shmini Atzeres. After the amida recite complete hallel on page 632.

The Torah reading is found on page 964 under the heading of Pesach eighth day. The haftara is found on page 974. While there is no obligation to read the Torah portion it is nice.

Mussaf begins with Yikum Purkan on page 448. At this point yizkor is recited. It may be said even at home without a minyan.

At mussaf in shul an announcement is made to begin reciting mashiv haruach (the prayer for rain at the beginning of every amida). One davening at home is in an interesting predicament. On the one hand mashiv haruach needs to be inserted, while on the other hand there is a need to wait for the announcement. (One cannot just make the announcement on their own for reasons beyond the scope of these guidelines.) As such one should wait to daven mussaf until this announcement has been made at Etz Chaim. It is hard to guess when that will be as it will be a very long davening with both the reading of Megilas Koheles and yizkor, but 12:00 would seem to be a safe bet. **From this point on, remember to insert mashiv haruach every time the amida is recited.**

Davening continues with ashrei on 456 and the amida on 674 with proper insertions for Shabbos and Shmini Atzeres and of course mashiv haruach.. We conclude as a typical shabbos on page 474-488, omitting anim zemiros on 484-486.

### **Mincha**

Begin with ashrei on page 502-506 continuing with the amida on page 660 with proper insertions for Shabbos and Shmini Atzeres. **Do not forget mashiv haruach!** Conclude with aleinu on page 526.

**Saturday Night Maariv**

Begin as a typical shabbos on page 330-336. On page 336 omit v'shamru and insert vayidaber in the grey. Continue with the amida on page 660 inserting vatodeeainu on page 664. Conclude with aleinu on page 350.

**Simchas Torah (Sunday) Morning**

Daven a standard Shabbos morning davening. On page 400 omit the text on top and recite the grey on the bottom. Continue until the amida on page 420. Then continue with the amida on page 660 After the amida recite complete hallel on page 632.

Torah reading and Haftarah is page 975-977 concluding the entire Torah and beginning once again with Bereishis. Musaf begins with ashrei on 456 and the amida on 674, We conclude as a typical shabbos on page 474-488, omitting anim zemiros on 484-486.

**Mincha**

Begin with ashrei on page 502-506 continuing with the amida on page 660. Conclude with aleinu on page 526.

**Maariv**

Daven a typical weekday maariv on page 256-280. On page 268 insert ata chonantanu in the grey.

**Wishing everyone a healthy winter!**