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YOM KIPPUR CHECKUIST



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This checklist is dedicated in loving memory of Yehoshua Binyomin Ben Aryeh Dov Youlus, 5"t.

BALTIMORE START & END TIMES

Sunday, September 24th 2023: Candle Lighting-6:42 pm

Monday, September 25th, 2023: Fast Ends-42 minutes-7:42 pm, 50 minutes-7:50 pm, 72 minutes-8:12 pm For Zmanim (Halachic Times) in North America: 718-331-8463 • For Anywhere in the World: www.myzmanim.com

IN ADVANCE

- ☐ Review your year spiritually and identify areas in which you can improve
- ☐ Review your family's *minhagim*
- ☐ Review the Yom Kippur *davening*
- ☐ Review *Kitzur Shulchan Aruch* chapters 130-133 and other relevant summaries of *halachos*
- Buy seats, confirm their location, and check on the availability of women's seats
- ☐ Ask forgiveness from family, friends, business associates, etc., especially if you have wronged them. Remember to calculate time zone differences
- ☐ Do *Hataras Nedarim* and *Tashlich*, if not yet done
- ☐ If your *minhag* is to *Shlug Kapparos* with chickens, find out time and location; if your *minhag* is to use money, prepare money
- ☐ If you have health issues, ask your rabbi about measurements and timing of *shiurim* (small amounts of liquid or food). Confirm that your shot glass is actually 1 oz.
- ☐ Clean and prepare *tallis* and *kittel*
- ☐ Clean and prepare white clothing (if that is your *minhag*)
- Prepare Yom Kippur machzorim

 (as well as bookmarks and other supplemental books or kavanah enhancers, such as Tehillim and Viduy booklets)
- ☐ Write owner's name in *machzorim*, *seforim*, etc.

- ☐ Iron clothing
- Prepare your *shofar* for end of fast (if applicable)
- ☐ Prepare card with names of your family and people for *mi* shebeirachs
 - Check what time Yizkor will be said and arrange for a babysitter, if necessary
- Pay off donation pledges and/or debts

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- If you regularly have caffeine, slowly decrease caffeine intake several days before Yom
- ☐ Ask your doctor about Easy Fast

Kippur

to avoid

headaches

- about Easy Fast Pills or caffeine suppositories, available at local Jewish supermarkets and pharmacies
- ☐ Prepare food for after the fast
- If nursing, consider pumping milk and storing it for the day of Yom Kippur and the day after. Also consider using formula
- ☐ Begin hydrating approximately 36 hours before Yom Kippur begins

| | Buy new toys, books, and games to be given to children on Yom | Shlug Kapparos Eat and drink the entire day in |
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| | Kippur | order to fulfill the <i>mitzvah</i> (as well |
| | For safety, arrange to walk back | as to remain properly hydrated) |
| | home in a group after davening, | Avoid alcoholic beverages and soda |
| | especially at night | Avoid salty or spicy foods |
| | If necessary, purchase a memory foam mat for standing comfort | Load up on water as well as |
| | Purchase <i>yahrzeit</i> candles | electrolyte infused water, sports |
| | Purchase Shabbos spray as an | drinks, and/or diluted orange juice |
| | alternative to baby wipes | Load up on whole grains, carbs, vegetables, fruits, and a little |
| | Prepare non-leather shoes for | protein |
| | adults and children | Eat fruit, especially berries and |
| | Print out your shul's Yom Kippur | melons, to help your body retain |
| | schedule; check whether there is a different time for <i>Shacharis</i> on Erev | water |
| | Yom Kippur, as well as an early | Prepare easy and filling meals and |
| | Mincha | snacks for your children |
| | Prepare smelling salts and cloves | Check if the eruv is up |
| | Post reminder signs near sinks | Check the weather forecast |
| 2 | to wash fingers only up to the | Prepare lightweight clothing to wear |
| | knuckles | Make sure your car is parked in a |
| | EREV YOM | space where it will not get ticketed or towed |
| | KIPPUR | Call family and friends to wish |
| | KIFFUK | them a good Yom Tov |
| | Cook the Seudah HaMafsekes | Verbally forgive individuals who |
| | (including <i>kreplach</i> , if that is your | may have hurt you |
| | minhag) | Prepare food for before and after |
| _ | Give extra tzedakah | the fast |
| | Prepare towels and go to the mikvah | Emergency service personnel |
| | Daven <i>Shacharis</i> and <i>Mincha</i> early, | should do their usual pre-Shabbos preparations |
| | if possible; include <i>Viduy</i> at <i>Mincha</i> | Charge cell phones and any |
| | Do Hataras Nedarim and Tashlich | pertinent electronic devices and |
| | if not yet done | turn them off |

| Prepare food, toys, books, and games for children to use on Yom Kippur | Prepare all candles; be sure candles are stable and a safe distance from drapery, |
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| Open sealed bags, packages, tissue | flammable items, and children |
| boxes, diapers, baby items, etc. | Light <i>yahrzeit</i> candles for departed |
| Put away muktzeh toys | family members, any customary candles, and an additional <i>yahrzeit</i> |
| Visit cemetery; be sure to bring an appropriate <i>sefer</i> for specific Erev Yom Kippur <i>tefillos</i> | candle to be used to light the <i>Havdalah</i> candle |
| Set your alarm clock for the morning | Light candles and say the <i>bracha</i> of |
| Set timers | L'Hadlik Ner shel Yom HaKippurim and add the bracha of Shehecheyanu |
| Turn on regular lights, night lights, and outdoor lights | Be sure to follow a doctor/rabbi's advice regarding taking medications |
| Turn off/on security alarm and | on Yom Kippur |
| bypass switches | If you must eat on Yom Kippur due |
| Lock doors and windows as it is known that people are in shul most of the day | to health reasons, prepare proper measurements/shiurim of food and |
| Remove tags from new garments and | liquids |
| dry cleaning | Remember, the <i>mitzvah</i> of raising |
| Turn off fridge and freezer lights and electrical devices; set ac or heat and | children is as important as <i>davening</i> in shul all day |
| turn on fans | Plan low energy activities to keep your |
| Take care of any pet needs | children entertained during the fast |
| Water plants | Check relevant last minute |
| Check all pockets (including coat, jacket, pants, etc.) for <i>muktzeh</i> , or for | e-mails and news updates. Visit BaltimoreJewishLife.com |
| any items if there is no eruv | Print uplifting and engaging Torah |
| Prepare food for after the fast if not done yet | emails and reading materials for yourself and your children |
| Set the table and eat the <i>Seudah</i> HaMafsekes | Turn off phones, computers, electronics, and motion-activated |
| After the Seudah HaMafsekes, cover | devices (e.g., dashcams) |
| the table with a white tablecloth, if | Remove gold jewelry Remove leather shoes |
| that is your <i>minhag</i> | |
| Make sure everyone is bathed and dressed early for Yom Tov | Brush your teeth |
| Give the Birchas HaBonim/Blessing | Daven Tefilla Zakah |
| of the Children (remember time differences if they are away – Israel is 7 hours ahead of EST) | |

- □ VERBALLY STATE THAT
 YOU ARE TAKING ON THE
 HOLINESS OF YOM KIPPUR
 SEVERAL MINUTES BEFORE
 SUNSET
- ☐ Baltimore candle lighting is at 6:42 pm. For zmanim (halachic times) in North America call 718-331-8463. For anywhere in the world visit www.myzmanim.com.

■ BRING TO SHUL

- ☐ Hat, *tallis*, *tallis* bag, and *kittel*
- ☐ *Machzorim* (as well as bookmarks and other supplemental books or *kavanah* enhancers, such as *Tehillim* and *Viduy* booklets)
- ☐ *Shofar*, if applicable
- ☐ Mask, if that's your or your shul's preference, and hand sanitizer
- ☐ House keys
- ☐ Sweater, light jacket, and/or rain coat, if necessary
- Measured shiurim of food, if you must eat on Yom Kippur due to health reasons
- ☐ Smelling salts and cloves
- ☐ Card/list with names of family and people for *mi shebeirachs*
- \Box *Shtender(s)*, if allowed
- □ Cloth for bowing/Kor'im
- ☐ Memory foam mat, if necessary
- ☐ Any health-related items needed (epi pen, inhaler, glucose meter, nitroglycerin, Benadryl, oxygen, etc.)
- □ Tissues
- ☐ Reading glasses



- ☐ Reflector belt to wear to and from shul
- ☐ If you drive to shul, place your keys in a designated safe area in shul

YOM KIPPUR

- ☐ Wash only up to your knuckles when washing for *Netilas Yadayim*
- Wear lightweight clothes to avoid perspiring and causing your body to lose water
- Daven well, fast well, and do teshuva
- ☐ Practice techniques to keep your mind off hunger
- ☐ If you feel weak, smell cloves, cinnamon, or smelling salts
- ☐ Take a nap during the shul break time
- ☐ Read the story of *Yonah*
- Make the most of children's naptime by *davening* or taking a nap
- ☐ Give children new toys to play with

MOTZEI YOM KIPPUR

- □ Kiddush Levana
- Bring home all Yom Kippur items from shul
- ☐ For *Havdalah* use the extra candle lit before Yom Kippur to light the *Havdalah* candle
- ☐ Baltimore fast ends at 7:42pm
- ☐ Begin building the *succah* and purchase a *lulav* and *esrog*, if not done before Yom Kippur
- ☐ Put away *tallis, machzorim,* and any other Yom Kippur items
- Check your shul's schedule to see if Shacharis is earlier than usual the next day

BREAKING THE FAST

- ☐ Drink and eat at a slow pace
- □ Eat moderately
- ☐ Avoid pastries, salty foods, and soda
- ☐ Stretch and take a short walk
- □ Do not eat too late at night
- ☐ Drink more water before you go to sleep

IF YOU ARE STAYING HOME FROM SHUL

- Prepare a quiet spot for davening where you will be able to concentrate well.
- Make sure your *machzor* is at home.
- Find out davening times so that you can daven at the same time as your shul.
- Review the davening with your Rabbi so you can use the same *nusach* as the shul, and if you should wear a *kittel* when davening at home.
- Make sure to review any questions you may have with your Rabbi before Yom Kippur begins, since you will not be in shul to talk to him directly on Yom Kippur.
- Hearing shofar blasts at the end of Yom Kippur is not required to end the fast.

Wishing you and your family a Gmar Chasima Tova!

PERSONAL CHECKLIST

Add your own items to the list.

If any of them could be helpful to others, please e-mail them to info@chesedfund.com for inclusion in next year's checklist.















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