

MORID HATAL & V'TEIN B'RACHA

We stop asking for **TAL U'MATAR** (this year) after Mincha on Friday, Erev Erev Pesach (March 26th - first day of Israel Summer Time).

We continue to say **MASHIV HARU'ACH U'MORID HAGESHEM** in Maariv and Shacharit of the first day of Pesach. Then we say **T'FILAT TAL** and from Musaf of the first day of Pesach, we will be saying **MORID HATAL**. And at Maariv following Yom Tov, we will begin saying **V'TEIN BRACHA** in the weekday (and Chol HaMoed) Amida.

Note that many congregations in Israel say "**TAL**" when they finish putting away the Torahs right before closing the Aron. Others follow the common practice of Chutz LaAretz and say **TAL** as part of the beginning of the Chazzan's repetition of Musaf. When **TAL** is said before the silent Amida of Musaf, then it - meaning the prayer for **TAL**, constitutes the announcement to the congregation to stop saying **Mashiv HaRu'ach** and to commence saying **Morid HaTal**. However, when **TAL** is said after the silent Amida, an announcement - in the form of a gabbai "kopping" on the shulchan and stating aloud "**Morid HaTal**" is required. Technically, if no one announces **Morid HaTal**, then we should continue saying **Mashiv HaRu'ach** one more Amida (Musaf) and begin **Morid HaTal** at Mincha (which, of course, is after **T'filat Tal**). This will not usually happen in large congregations with knowledgeable members, but it can happen in a small minyan with a gabbai that falls asleep at the switch. Anyone can call out **Morid HaTal** (and usually, several people do) and that "authorizes" the switch for the congregation.

If one mistakenly says **MASHIV HARU'ACH U'MORID HAGASHEM [G]** once we stop saying it, the Amida is considered invalid and must be repeated. Catching oneself within the second bracha of the Amida, requires backtracking to the beginning of that bracha and saying from there - **ATA GIBOR...** But after **M'CHAYEI HAMEITIM**, start again from the beginning.

Forgetting **MORID HATAL** (but not saying **[G]** either) does not require repeating or even returning to say it.

Asking for **TAL UMATAR** once we stop, also invalidates the Amida and requires repeating it. Catching the error while still in the Amida requires going back to **BAREICH ALEINU** and Saying from that bracha until the end of the Amida.