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Kitzur Hilchos Yerushalmi – Halacha derived from Gemara Yerushalmi

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Havdalah

When Yom Tov falls during the week, Havdalah still includes “between the six days of labor and Shabbos.”

One should look at the flame and cup of wine when answering Amen. *Editor’s note: one need not look at the spices because one smells the spices and will concentrate on the brocho in anticipation of doing so. There is no mention of a custom to try to discern colors or anything else in the flame. The purpose of looking at the flame is concentration on the brocha.*

Succos

The four species are taken in the manner that they grow (stem facing down).

Tefilla

During public Amida do not mention “upon a bird’s nest is Your mercy bestowed” or “for the good, will Your name be remembered” or “thanks thanks.” This is because one cannot imply that Hashem’s mercy only rests in one location or has a limitation. Also, one need not qualify why Hashem is good. Repeating “thanks” implies a dual divinity. All of these may be stated in a personal Amida because the reciter knows the proper intent.

If a chazzan erred and cannot correct himself then another takes his place from the brocha the chazzan is up to. A substitute should not refuse at this time. *Editor’s note: this means that one may refuse to be chazzan at other times, unless there is a pressing time. If the time for the minyan is called arrives or if the zman of a tefillah arrives (i.e., shema or Amida) then when one is asked to be chazzan he cannot refuse, even if asked only once.*

If a chazzan left out a brocha or even a couple, and was not caught by the congregation immediately, then he does not go back.

If a person erred in his personal Amida – then remembers the words or obtains a siddur – then: if during first three brochos, he returns to the beginning; if during the last three brochos, he returns to the avodah service; if he cannot recall where he erred then he returns to the last place he remembers saying.

Torah

Mitzvos are not given to show mercy. *Sheluach hakein* sending away a bird to take the eggs is not about mercy. It is about a divine decree.