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Place an "X" if Closed **גמרא** _____ (if no indication, we'll assume Open **גמרא**) **חזרה** of the דף: _____ times **1st בחינה?** _____

Please email or fax your completed **בחינה** using the contact info above by **Monday, December 4, 2017** and we'll send it back marked, **בל"ג**. All scores 90 or above will receive a financial incentive in the form of a gift certificate. Any comments, suggestions or corrections would be appreciated. Copies of these tests and answer keys can be obtained by contacting us or by download from our website listed above. Initially, the "questions only" test will be posted. A few weeks later, we will post the "question/answer" sheet. Please write clearly and use only black ink. Unless otherwise indicated, all questions are based on **גמרא** ארש"י.

This week's בחינה starts at five lines from the bottom of דף יט:
and ends eight lines from the bottom of דף כ: לאחושי סהדי

1. **שלחו ליה למר עוקבא, אדר הסמוך לניסן לעולם חסר. The אדר which precedes ניסן, whether the year is פשוטה and there is only one אדר, or a leap year, is always חסר, 29 days.**

על שני חדשים מחללין את השבת, על ניסן ועל תשרי, says, דף כא: on משנה The

A) According to the initial understanding of the גמרא, why would the משנה allow עדים to be תשרי and ניסן for the months of מחלל שבת?

B) According to the first version of רב נחמן, why does this משנה imply that the אדר הסמוך לניסן is sometimes חסר and sometimes מלא? (This would be a question on the opinion that אדר הסמוך לניסן is always חסר.)

C) How does the גמרא answer this question?

2. **A) According to the second version of רב נחמן, this משנה is problematic according to the opinion that says that the אדר הסמוך לניסן is sometimes חסר and sometimes מלא. Why, according to this opinion, would חילול שבת not be necessary?**

B) How did the גמרא answer for this opinion?



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3. A) The משנה on כא: continues, ... מחללין אף על כולן. Why?
- B) What question did רב כהנא ask based on this clause of the משנה?
- C) What is the גמרא's conclusion regarding the opinion that אדר הסמוך לניסן לעולם חסר.
4. When עולא came from ארץ ישראל to בבב, he said that they made מלא (30 days) for the benefit of בני בבב.
- A) To what benefit was עולא referring?
- B) What did רב אחא בר חנינא say is the benefit?
- C) What did the גמרא initially think the practical difference is between these two opinions?
- D) Why did the גמרא reject this as being the practical difference?
- E) According to the conclusion of the גמרא, what is the practical difference between these two opinions?



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6. B) רבה בר שמואל offers another resolution to the question that עולא seems to contradict רבה בר שמואל (#5). What was this resolution?

7. According to רב דימי מנהרדעא...

A) Can בית דין make a month חסר if עדים did not see the moon on the 30th?

B) Can בית דין make a month מלא if עדים did see the moon on the 30th?

C) What is רב דימי מנהרדעא's reasoning?

At face value, רש"י's explanation on the סוגיא of the מולד is difficult. This test will only cover the surface of this סוגיא based on the simple reading of רש"י. Artscroll has an in-depth discussion of רש"י. One also might be interested in seeing the בעל המאור who learns this גמרא very differently from רש"י. His explanation has many ramifications regarding the הלכות of the international date line. Artscroll discusses the בעל המאור in its appendix.

8. According to רש"י ...

A) צריך שיהא לילה ויום כי סליק רבי זירא, שלח להו, צריך שיהא לילה ויום מן החדש mean? What do the words mean?

B) How long before the מולד is the old moon not visible to anyone in the world?

C) How long after the מולד is the new moon not visible to anyone in the world?

D) Based on this, if the מולד happens after _____ we know that it is false testimony if a person claims that he saw the moon before sunset.



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9. According to רש"י ...

A) at any location on the earth, what is the minimum amount of time between when one stops seeing the old moon until he can see the new moon?

B) לדידן, for בני בבל, how many hours before the מולד, do we stop seeing the old moon?

C) לדידן, for בני בבל, how many hours after the מולד, does it take before we can see the new moon?

D) לדידהו, for בני ארץ ישראל, how many hours before the מולד, do we stop seeing the old moon?

E) לדידהו, for בני ארץ ישראל, how many hours after the מולד, does it take before we can see the new moon?

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Were you able to make a few minutes every day for an immediate חזרה of the portion just learned? _____

Were you able to make time on שבת or Sunday to do a חזרה of the דף? _____

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