

WHEN PURIM FALLS ON FRIDAY

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- ✦ Normally, we try not to cut nails and hair on Purim. This year, because it's also Erev Shabbos, nails may be cut¹.
- ✦ Haircuts should not be taken. If truly necessary, it can be done by a goy².
- ✦ Shaving should be done on Taanis Esther, lechavod Purim.
- ✦ There is a mitzva to go into Shabbos feeling hungry. Therefore, one should not have a large meal on Erev Shabbos³.
- ✦ A Seudas Mitzvah may be eaten on Erev Shabbos⁴.
- ✦ Preferably, bread should be eaten, but in a case of difficulty it is not required.
- ✦ Preferably, meat should be eaten, but chicken is also acceptable. Dairy is not recommended but it's acceptable.
- ✦ In all situations, regardless of when the meal started, one has to stop eating and drinking at sunset. One may resume eating after kiddush⁵.
- ✦ There are three options regarding when to have the Seuda:
 - ✦ The best option is to wash before midday. Midday will be approximately 1:05 pm in N.Y.⁶.
 - ✦ The next best option is to wash before nine hours into the day. In NY, this time is at 4:02 or 4:43, depending on the opinion⁷.
 - ✦ If necessary, one may wash until sunset, but should not eat too much bread⁸.
- ✦ In all of the above options, if one is in the middle of the meal and the sun sets (Shabbos comes in), and they would like to continue eating, they should:
 - 1) Cover over the bread that's on the table.
 - 2) Pour new cup of wine.
 - 3) Recite kiddush for Friday night without the Bracha of Borei Pri Hagafen (unless one hasn't had wine at the meal).
 - 4) Eat an eggs-worth of bread⁹.
- ✦ After following these steps, one may continue his meal.
 - ✦ If no bread was eaten after a half-hour after sunset, Ritzei should not be said, only Al Hanisim.
 - ✦ If bread was eaten after a half-hour after sunset, Ritzei should be said¹⁰. In this case, Al Hanisim should be recited at the end of the Horachamans, and not in its proper place
- ✦ Kabolos Shabbos may be said whenever one wants.
- ✦ One should not forget to daven maariv.

This process explained above is called פורס מפה ומקדש which means, covering the bread and making kiddush in middle of a meal.

- ✦ In all of the above scenarios, if one davened Maariv in middle of the meal, Al Hanisim can no longer be said¹¹.

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