Shailos with Rabbi Willig #172

1) have many talesim in shul that there is no need for many of them are not in good condition can we give it to the chevra kadisha that are in need of talesim for tachrichim

2) how many seconds must a שבר be ? How long should the תרועות be ? What about the תקיעות?

3) may one rely on the Flatbush Eiruv ? If yes lechatchilah or only shas hadchak ? Is it a concern that there is limited info on who goes around to check it each week?

4) of the walls of a microwave do not become hot may it be used for meat and dairy back to back

5) Are xylamelts mutar on Shabbos? They have two packaging, but same thing. It's effectively a mint with an edible adhesive glue or sap to make it stick.

6) I have started to daven in a new Rosh Hashanah minyan that blows five short notes instead of three for shevarim. Does Rabbi Willig think this is a good idea to implement halacha lemaseh (rather than just discuss in shiur)? The Mishnah Berurah seems to be opposed and it is certainly unheard of in America, even as they recite that Rav proposed this as a child and Rav Chaim implemented it

7) Re Married women's hair covering. I am recently married. a. Do I need to cover my hair in my own home when others are around. (My mother, who religiously covers her hair out of her apartment, never covers in her own apartment, no matter who is visiting, and insists that she was told this is proper.) b. If this is true , would it be true as well in my fenced-in back yard as well? Should I affirmatively follow my mother's practice as a 'torat emecha' matter. c. I work from home frequently and many times on zoom. Must I cover my hair on a zoom call? d. Must I cover my hair in a women's only gym or all other exercise classes where only women are present? (I generally wear exercise cloths that are immodest if worn outside a women's only setting. I assume that is correct, also?)

8) if a women for three times had her period after 31 days does she need to keep יום החודש and עונה בינונית? If yes does the same Halacha apply if she saw three times before day 29 ? Moreover Is there a certain amount of time that passes that we say וסת הפלגה would not apply or even if sixty days pass between the intervals they would still need to keep וסת הפלגה ?

9) a baby that was born and is a bechor but was placed in an incubator does the 31 days go from birth or from when it came off the incubator

10) a. if a cleaning lady was left alone in the house and the meat in the refrigerator did not have a חותם is it permitted ? b. One ordered a meat sandwich from a local restaurant through Uber Eats and the bag wasn't taped but was able to watch the uber on his phone is that enough? c. Can Rebbi please give a short summary on when we are choshesh ?

11) a) Should one wait to recite kiddush in the sukkah on shemini Atzeres only after Tzeis in order to avoid a safek of reciting Leishev b'sukkah? b)Does the Halacha change when shemini Atzeres falls on Friday night and wanting to bring in shabbos early?

12) a) With Simchas Torah/Hakafos following shabbos, what should one ideally do in regards to eating?

b) Can one eat or drink anything during Hakafos prior to reciting kiddush/havdalah? c) Should kiddush/havdalah only be recited at home following Hakafos so that the Seuda with Lechen will be eaten at the same time? d) Can kiddush/havdalah be recited in shul prior to havdalah even though lechem will only be eaten later that evening at home following Hakafos?

13) If someone made pasta in an aino ben yomo fleishig pot , is he allowed to put cheese on the pasta ?

14) If someone has a fleishig dishwasher , would he be allowed to use for pareve dishes when it is empty of fleishig dishes? Does it need to be aino ben Yomo?

15) a. If someone explicitly keeps me'siras moda'ah in mind during Kol Nidre, may one fully rely on it to prevent future chumros or spoken/unspoken tzedakah

pledges during that year from the need to specify 'bli neder' or undergo

Hataras Nedarim?

b. Would it be effective if a latecomer recites Kol Nidrei b'yichidus rather than with the tzibbur?

16) a) Is shopping permitted on Chol HaMoed as a recreational activity if it brings pleasure/enjoyment to one's daughter?

b) Do the standard requirements of דבר האבד ,צורך מועד, etc. apply to everything bought on such a trip?

17) A woman starting nursing school says she is required to wear scrubs during clinical training. She has not yet asked the school whether she could use a “scrub skirt.” If the school rejects skirt scrubs, is she allowed to wear scrub pants?

18) The Rama in Yoreh Deah 288:15 says the name of Shin-Daled-Yud on the outside of a mezuzah should be visible outside, writing that one should make a hole in an opaque case to facilitate this. The Rama’s position is brought in standard mezuzah sefarim like Chovas HaDar, but it does not seem to be the minhag in many communities. Is this a halachic lapse, or is there an opposing shitah?

19) Is it appropriate / acceptable to add personal bakashos on rosh hashana? What about this year when the first day falls out on shabbos? If yes, where can one add them?

20) a. On erev yom kippur, one finished his seuda hamafsekes and had in mind that he might eat or drink. He is not at all thirsty but wants to drink more water to be super hydrated and able to fast easier. Does he make a bracha on the water?

b. When he gets to shul, since he drank a lot of water, he goes to the bathroom a few times in a short period of time. Does he have to take his kittel off before entering the bathroom?

c) Does he make a bracha of asher yatzar each time, if he doesn’t currently feel the urge but knows he will go back in a few minutes?

21) a. On yom kippur, by going down by kor’im, if there is carpet on the floor of the shul, is there a need to put something else down to separate between one’s body and the floor?

b. In general, what part of the body must be separated from the floor- just the face and hands? The knees? the entire body?

22) By neila, if it is already night, we change the nusach to hayom panah. When is this done- immediately after shkiya or some time later- and if so, how many minutes?

23) I have an older congregation and we want to finish davening maariv so they can break their fast on yom kippur at the earliest time. When is the earliest that we can blow the shofar? Start maariv? Actually break the fast?

24) Is an esrog that one bought for daled minim considered muktzeh on the shabbos before yom tov?

25) a. What is the proper way to make havdala in the succa- make a leishiv or not?

b. If one wants to avoid the shayla and eat mezonos, when should he make the leishiv- after havdala, or after the mezonos?

c. If someone does not have a succa [he ate out all the meals], how should he make havdala- over grape juice inside, or over chamar medina [and what is considered chamar medina?]

26) A teacher in a Jewish day school at the beginning of the year was presented with a sheet to sign regarding tutoring students in the school. the form says the parent signing understands that this is against the wishes of the school. In addition, the teacher is signing a committment that there will be someone else in the house besides the teacher and the student during the time tutoring is taking place. The teacher says their house is a reshus harabim and people come and go all the time, but there is certainly a good chance when tutoring is taking place that no one else will be there. is the teacher allowed to sign this form ?

27) may one open a staple to a tag on shabbos? What about tearing the cleaners tag itself?

28) A shul is having a Vasikin minyan for the first time on rosh hashana. Those davening in that minyan want to have an early mincha gedola minyan on Shabbat day so they can daven before eating shalosh seudos. The rabbi is worried that it would take away from the main Mincha minyan. What would rebbe recommend? Just eating Shalosh Seudos before davening Mincha or making the minyan?

29) A woman suffers from constipation. Pre-made medications are not effective for her. She treats her constipation daily by dissolving psyllium husk powder in water and drinking it before symptoms develop. It's a liquid when she drinks it, but if she were to leave it for a few minutes it would become thicker, and after 5-10 minutes it would become a gel.

Normally she prepares and drinks this solution on Friday afternoon and Motzaei Shabbos, but she wants to know what she may do for Rosh Hashanah. Theoretically, going without treatment could reduce her to bed, but she doesn't know if that would happen from the two days of Rosh Hashanah. She might just have discomfort and some difficulty using the bathroom.

Two questions:

a. Making the solution - Rav Ovadia (Chazon Ovadia Shabbat 4 Lash #3) says that mixing a solution that will later become a gel is grama, but Piskei Teshuvos 321:26 brings many Ashkenazi poskim who prohibit, and she is Ashkenazi. May she rely on Rav Ovadia, along with a shinui?

b. Drinking the solution - In a previous call (May 20 '26), Rebbe permitted taking Flonase (a nasal spray reducing inflammation from allergies) on Shabbos before symptoms develop, on the combined basis of the Taz permitting symptom treatment that doesn't cure illness, and Rav Moshe's asthma heter of taking treatments before symptoms begin. Could the same heter apply for taking this supplement, for someone who is not yet experiencing digestive trouble?