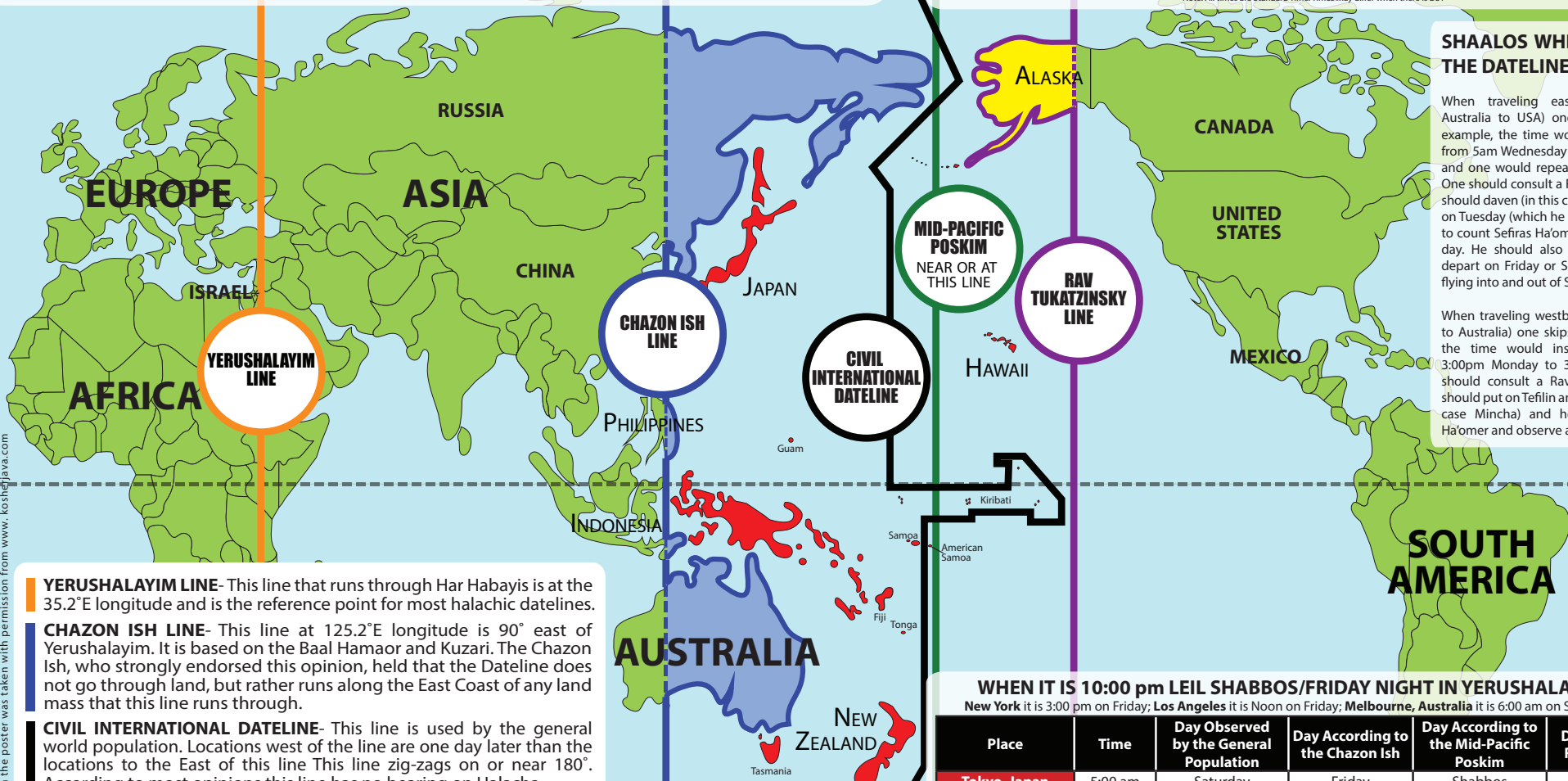




THE INTERNATIONAL DATELINE IN HALACHA



YERUSHALAYIM LINE - This line that runs through Har Habayis is at the 35.2°E longitude and is the reference point for most halachic datelines.

CHAZON ISH LINE - This line at 125.2°E longitude is 90° east of Yerushalayim. It is based on the Baal Hamaor and Kuzari. The Chazon Ish, who strongly endorsed this opinion, held that the Dateline does not go through land, but rather runs along the East Coast of any land mass that this line runs through.

CIVIL INTERNATIONAL DATELINE - This line is used by the general world population. Locations west of the line are one day later than the locations to the East of this line. This line zig-zags on or near 180°. According to most opinions this line has no bearing on Halacha.

MID-PACIFIC POSKIM LINE - According to various opinions, the dateline runs through the Pacific Ocean close to the Civil Dateline. Exact location of the line varies. One example shown is the Atzei Sadeh who says the line is at 169.7°W. Other opinions are in this general area.

RAV TUKATZINSKY LINE - This line at 144.8°W longitude is on the exact opposite side of the globe from Yerushalayim. It is the dateline according to Rav Yechiel Michel Tukatzinsky (author of Gesher HaChaim) and others.

WHEN IT IS 11:00 pm MOTZEI SHABBOS IN YERUSHALAYIM, IN...

New York it is 4:00 pm on Shabbos; Los Angeles it is 1:00 pm on Shabbos; Melbourne, Australia it is 7:00 am on Sunday, and in...

Place	Time	Day Observed by the General Population	Day According to the Chazon Ish	Day According to the Mid-Pacific Poskim	Day According to Rav Tukatzinsky
Tokyo, Japan	6:00 am	Sunday	Shabbos	Sunday	Sunday
Auckland, New Zealand	9:00 am	Sunday	Shabbos	Sunday	Sunday
Nukualofa, Tonga	10:00 am	Sunday	Shabbos	Different Opinions (Shabbos or Sunday)	Sunday
Pago Pago, American Samoa	10:00 am	Saturday	Shabbos	Different Opinions (Shabbos or Sunday)	Sunday
Honolulu, Hawaii	11:00 am	Saturday	Shabbos	Shabbos	Sunday
Anchorage, Alaska	12:00 Noon	Saturday	Shabbos	Shabbos	Safek (Questionable if Shabbos or Sunday)

Note: All times are Standard Time. Times may differ when there is DST

SHAALOS WHEN CROSSING THE DATELINE:

When traveling eastbound (e.g., from USA to Australia) one repeats a day. For example, the time would instantly change from 5am Wednesday back to 5am Tuesday and one would repeat the day of Tuesday. One should consult a Rav to determine if he should daven (in this case all 3 Tefillos) again on Tuesday (which he is repeating) and how to count Sefiras Ha'omer and observe a fast day. He should also determine if he can depart on Friday or Sunday (as he may be flying into and out of Shabbos).

When traveling westbound (e.g., from USA to Australia) one skips a day. For example, the time would instantly change from 3:00pm Monday to 3:00pm Tuesday. One should consult a Rav to determine if he should put on Tefilin and daven again (in this case Mincha) and how to count Sefiras Ha'omer and observe a fast day.

WHEN IT IS 10:00 pm LEIL SHABBOS/FRIDAY NIGHT IN YERUSHALAYIM, IN...

New York it is 3:00 pm on Friday; Los Angeles it is Noon on Friday; Melbourne, Australia it is 6:00 am on Shabbos, and in...

Place	Time	Day Observed by the General Population	Day According to the Chazon Ish	Day According to the Mid-Pacific Poskim	Day According to Rav Tukatzinsky
Tokyo, Japan	5:00 am	Saturday	Friday	Shabbos	Shabbos
Auckland, New Zealand	8:00 am	Saturday	Friday	Shabbos	Shabbos
Nukualofa, Tonga	9:00 am	Saturday	Friday	Different Opinions (Friday or Shabbos)	Shabbos
Pago Pago, American Samoa	9:00 am	Friday	Friday	Different Opinions (Friday or Shabbos)	Shabbos
Honolulu, Hawaii	10:00 am	Friday	Friday	Friday	Shabbos
Anchorage, Alaska	11:00 am	Friday	Friday	Friday	Safek (Questionable if Friday or Shabbos)

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