

הושענא שלש שעות - During the three hours - Please save  
Rav Yisroel, The Rizhiner ZY"A, expounded on this Tefillah we say during Hoshanos. The three hours are referring to the last three hours before The Geuloh - The final Redemption. It will be a hard task to cling to Yiddishkeit, it will be as hard as an iron wall to grasp on without fingernails. On these three hours we Daven Hoshanoh Sholosh Sho'os.

- Sefer Yeinoth Shel Torah

In reference to Ikvisoh DiMishiechoh, The Rizhiner ZY"A says on the Possuk in Birkas Yaakov, in Parshas Vayichi; Hei'ossfu voh'agidoh lochem ess asher yikreh esschem bi'achriss hayomim [Bereishis 49:1] - "Gather and I will tell you what will take place to you in the end of the days" - in Ikvisoh DiMishiechoh. Expounds the Rizhiner ZY"A, on this Possuk, the only way for us to keep strong in Emunoh in Achriss hayomim, is to gather together, and discuss Sipurei Tzadikim - the episodes of Tzadikim, that will strengthen our Emunoh in Hashem during these turbulent times.

- Mipie Hashmu'oh

Just to note, Rav Binyomin Adler Shlit"a of Yerusholayim related to me as follows. When he was a Yungerman, if someone came into Shul and said a story of a Tzaddik, he was immediately surrounded by a group of listeners, holding their hands to their ears, to grasp the words of Sipurei Tzadikim. More recently, the Rov Shlit"a related to me, that his grandchildren bring him numerous Gilyonos abundant with Divrei Torah and Sipurei Tzadikim, on a weekly basis. We must utilize this to grow in Torah, Mitzvos and Avodas Hashem.

Rav Yehoshua Leib Diskin ZY"A, said that Milchemes Gog Umogog will take place for three hours on Hoshanoh Rabbah, and all those who will be in the Sukkoh will be saved. Therefore Reb Yehoshua Leib ZY"A would not leave the Sukkoh on Hoshanoh Rabbah.

- As heard from my Father Shlit"a

**שמיני עצרת ושמחת תורה Shmini Atzeres & Simchas Torah**  
**אָתָּה הָרֵאָתָּ לְדַעַת כִּי ה' הוּא הָאֱלֹקִים אֵין עוֹד מִלְבָּדוֹ:**

You have been shown in order to know that Hashem, He is the G-D! There is none beside Him! Devorim 4:35

Reb Moshe of Kobrin ZY"A would say; "All of the Helige Avodas Hashem of Klall Yisroel during the Yimei HoRachmim ViHaslichos - Chodesh Elull, the days of Rosh Hashonoh, Tekiyas Shofor, Aseres Yimei Teshuvoh, Yom Kippur, Sukkos and Hoshanoh Rabbah, are all a preparation to the saying and realization of Atoh Horeisoh lodas ki Hashem Hu HoElokim ein oid Milvado!"

- Sefer Yeinoth Shel Torah

There are various Minhogim [customs] whether to sit in the Sukkoh in Chutz Lo'Oretz on Shmini Atzeres. Rav Uri Strelisker ZY"A, expounded on this topic as follows. As all the days of Sukkos we eat, sleep, shake Lulov and Esrog in the Sukkoh, now on Shmini Atzeres we bring all of the bounty of these great Mitzvos specifically into our house, that the Yom Tov of Shmini Ateres should help us attain all of these wonderful Mitzvos. They shall escort us into our homes for the whole year.

- Sefer Hasorof MiStrelisk

He who dances a Hakofoh [with a Sefer Torah] on Simchas Torah, it is as making a Shvu'oh [swearing] with a Nikitas Cheifetz [holding a Holy Object].

- Sefer Siach Sarfei Kodesh - Chidushei Harim

Just as during the Yomim Noroim the sources are open via Yiroh - fear, so too during these days [of Sukkos] the sources of Rachamim Vichasodim are open via Ahavoh and Simchah in the Zman Simchoseinu.

- Sefer Beis Aharon - Karlin

**הָא רְעוּא קַמִּיה. דְּתִשְׁרִי עַל עַמִּיה. - זְמִירוֹת סֹדֵר לַיִל שַׁבָּת:**  
May it be His will that It [His Presence] rest on His people...  
Zemiros - Leil Shabbos

In the name of Rav Osher Hazokein of Stoln ZY"A, "Yihe ravoh Kamei - May it be His will - DiSishrei {DiTishrei - Nusach Karlin} al Amei, that Tishrei should dwell by Yidden" (Kisvei Reb Meir Bernshtien in the name of Reb Chaim Mendel Z"l HY"D)

- Gilyon Mateh Aharon - Pinsk Karlin

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Ah Guttin Shabbos, and ah Freilichin Yom Tov

- Rabbi Naftali H. Ganzweig