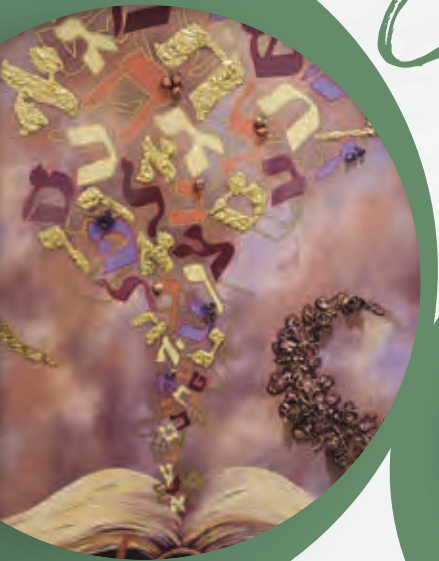


Jewish 5782

CALENDAR



2021-2022
תשפ"ב

ROSH HASHANAH

Rosh Hashanah (literally, the “head” of the year) is the beginning of the Jewish year – and the “birthday” of all of creation. It commemorates the creation of Adam and Eve, the first humans. Man was the first to acknowledge G-d’s kingship over the universe, and on Rosh Hashanah we renew this commitment to G-d and His commandments.

THE SHOFAR

The sounding of the Shofar (the ram’s horn) is a central observance of Rosh Hashanah. The Shofar calls many things to mind: It symbolizes our coronation of G-d as King, it is a “wake up call” to return to G-d, and it presages the coming of Moshiach, whose arrival will be heralded by the “Great Shofar”.

YOM KIPPUR

Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, is the holiest day of the Jewish calendar. It is a day of spiritual cleansing: We acknowledge our shortcomings and transgressions, with a firm resolution for a better future; G-d promises us forgiveness, and the chance for a fresh start. We refrain from work, and avoid any food or drink, as well as washing, using oils or lotions, marital relations and regular (leather) shoes.

SUKKOT

The name Sukkot is derived from the word Sukkah, or hut. In commemoration of the protective “clouds of glory” with which G-d surrounded the Jewish people on their way out of Egypt, we live in makeshift huts during the seven days of this holiday.

During Sukkot, we observe the special mitzvah of shaking the Lulav (palm branch) and the Etrog (citron). Taken together with the Hadas (myrtle) and the Aravah (willow), these very different plant species represent the unity of disparate types of Jews who, each in their own way, are vital components of the Jewish nation.

SIMCHAT TORAH

Simchat Torah marks the day we complete the reading of the Torah in its annual cycle. On the evening of Simchat Torah, (and in many communities, on the previous evening of Shemini Atzeret as well) we make seven Hakafof (circuits) around the table upon which the Torah is read, dancing and rejoicing with the Torah scrolls. During morning services on Simchat Torah, we complete the Torah, reading the last Torah portion. We immediately start reading the Torah from the beginning again—remembering that the Torah is an endless source of wisdom, each cycle challenging us to discover its ever deeper meaning

Blessing on the Lulav, by Ari Zeigler, www.LeviimArt.com ►



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SHABBAT
			1 כד אלול ELUL 24	2 כה אלול ELUL 25	3 כו אלול ELUL 26	4 כז אלול ELUL 27 NITZAVIM PIRKEI-AVOT: Chapters 5 & 6
5 כח אלול ELUL 28	6 כט אלול ELUL 29	7 א תשרי TISHREI 1 1ST DAY OF ROSH HASHANAH	8 ב תשרי TISHREI 2 2ND DAY OF ROSH HASHANAH	9 ג תשרי TISHREI 3 FAST OF GEDALIAH	10 ד תשרי TISHREI 4	11 ה תשרי TISHREI 5 VAYEILECH Shabbat Shuvah
12 ו תשרי TISHREI 6	13 ז תשרי TISHREI 7	14 ח תשרי TISHREI 8	15 ט תשרי TISHREI 9 EREV YOM KIPPUR	16 י תשרי TISHREI 10 YIZKOR YOM KIPPUR	17 יא תשרי TISHREI 11	18 יב תשרי TISHREI 12 HA'AZINU
19 יג תשרי TISHREI 13	20 יד תשרי TISHREI 14	21 טו תשרי TISHREI 15 1ST DAY OF SUKKOT	22 טז תשרי TISHREI 16 2ND DAY OF SUKKOT	23 יז תשרי TISHREI 17 1ST INTERMEDIATE DAY OF SUKKOT	24 יח תשרי TISHREI 18 2ND INTERMEDIATE DAY OF SUKKOT	25 יט תשרי TISHREI 19 3RD INTERMEDIATE DAY OF SUKKOT
26 כ תשרי TISHREI 20 4TH INTERMEDIATE DAY OF SUKKOT	27 כא תשרי TISHREI 21 HOSHANA RABA	28 כב תשרי TISHREI 22 YIZKOR SHEMINI ATZERET	29 כג תשרי TISHREI 23 SIMCHAT TORAH	30 כד תשרי TISHREI 24 ISRU CHAG		

THE WEEKLY TORAH READING

According to our tradition, the custom of reading from the Torah in the Synagogue every Shabbat is one of the oldest Jewish customs, instituted by Moshe Rabbeinu (Moses) himself. The Torah was divided by Moshe into 54 portions, which is the maximum number of regular readings possible during a Jewish calendar year. The regular cycle is suspended during Jewish holidays, when we read holiday themed portions instead. Most years, it becomes necessary to occasionally group two portions together in order to complete the cycle on time for Simchat Torah. Our lives are built around the calendar cycles: The year, the month, the week. Every day, the current Torah Reading offers a fresh source of inspiration. Though repeated again and again, there is always a new insight, a new guidance, a new commentary on the here and the now. This is the Jewish way of "living with the times."

CHESHVAN 11

Passing of our Matriarch Rachel, wife of Yaakov. Rachel passed away in 1563 BCE as

Yaakov was returning home to his parents. She is buried in Bethlehem.

CHESHVAN 20

Birthday of Rabbi Sholom Dov Ber of Lubavitch, the fifth Lubavitcher Rebbe (1860).

SHMITAH – THE SABBATICAL YEAR

The Jewish calendar year, 5782, is observed as the Shmitah (Sabbatical) year. The Torah obligates us to leave the land of Israel fallow, and that landowners relinquish ownership of all that does grow so that everyone, even animals, could freely enjoy it. This practice is repeated every seventh year.

Similar to the day of Shabbat, which is observed weekly, the Sabbatical year reminds us that the G-dly blessing is the true source of our sustenance. The Torah promises that farmers will have enough left from the prior year to sustain them until after the Shmitah. In addition, this year offered farmers the opportunity to spend some time focusing on higher, more spiritual pursuits.



Dancing with the Torahs, by Arkady Ostrycki, www.nerartgallery.com ►

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SHABBAT
					1 כה תשרי TISHREI 25	2 כז תשרי TISHREI 26 BEREISHIT Blessing of new month
3 כח תשרי TISHREI 27	4 כט תשרי TISHREI 28	5 ל תשרי TISHREI 29	6 א חשון TISHREI 30 ROSH CHODESH	7 ב חשון CHESHVAN 1 ROSH CHODESH	8 ג חשון CHESHVAN 2	9 ד חשון CHESHVAN 3 NOACH
10 ה חשון CHESHVAN 4	11 ו חשון CHESHVAN 5	12 ז חשון CHESHVAN 6	13 ח חשון CHESHVAN 7	14 ט חשון CHESHVAN 8	15 י חשון CHESHVAN 9	16 יא חשון CHESHVAN 10 LECH LECHA
17 יב חשון CHESHVAN 11	18 יג חשון CHESHVAN 12	19 יד חשון CHESHVAN 13	20 טו חשון CHESHVAN 14	21 טז חשון CHESHVAN 15	22 יז חשון CHESHVAN 16	23 יח חשון CHESHVAN 17 VAYEIRA
24 יט חשון CHESHVAN 18	25 כ חשון CHESHVAN 19	26 כא חשון CHESHVAN 20	27 כב חשון CHESHVAN 21	28 כג חשון CHESHVAN 22	29 כד חשון CHESHVAN 23	30 כה חשון CHESHVAN 24 CHAYEI SARAH Blessing of new month
31 כז חשון CHESHVAN 25						

November 2021

CHESHVAN/KISLEV 5782
חשוון/כסלו תשפ"ב

TEFILLIN

Tefillin, or phylacteries, are donned every weekday by Jewish men and boys over the age of 13. The Torah describes Tefillin as a sign, a public statement of Jewish involvement. By donning Tefillin daily, an individual gives expression to his basic feeling of Jewish identity and its importance to him. The Tefillin are placed on the arm facing the heart, and on the head. This signifies the binding of one's emotional and intellectual powers to the service of G-d. The straps, stretching from the arm to the hand and from the head to the legs, signify the transmission of intellectual and emotional energy to the hands and feet, symbolizing deed and action.

KISLEV 19

"Chassidic Rosh Hashanah". Yartzeit of Rabbi Dov Ber of Mezritch, the second leader of the Chassidic movement (1772). Release from prison of Rabbi Schneur Zalman of Liadi, founder of the Chabad movement (1798). His triumphant release marked a turning point in the spreading of Chassidic thought, and this date is celebrated in many communities throughout the world.

CHANUKAH

The kindling of the Menorah is the focal point of the Chanukah holiday, symbolizing religious freedom and the strength of the Jewish spirit. The menorah is kindled on each of the eight nights of Chanukah, this year beginning on Thursday evening, December 10.

The Menorah is placed at the left side of a central doorway of the home, or at the front window. The candles should be lit immediately following sunset, and should be prepared so that they will remain lit for at least a half hour after dusk. In keeping with Shabbat observance, the Menorah is lit before the Shabbat candles on Friday evening and after the Havdalah ceremony at the end of Shabbat.

Gather all family members and light the Shamash, the service candle. Recite the blessings, then light the candles beginning from the left. When done, place the Shamash at its designated place, separated from the other candles.

Keeping the Flame Alive, by M. Kline, www.LeviimArt.com ►



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SHABBAT
	1 כו חשוון CHESHVAN 26	2 כז חשוון CHESHVAN 27	3 כח חשוון CHESHVAN 28	4 כט חשוון CHESHVAN 29	5 א כסלו KISLEV 1 ROSH CHODESH 	6 ב כסלו KISLEV 2 TOLDOT
7 ג כסלו KISLEV 3	8 ד כסלו KISLEV 4	9 ה כסלו KISLEV 5	10 ו כסלו KISLEV 6	11 ז כסלו KISLEV 7	12 ח כסלו KISLEV 8 	13 ט כסלו KISLEV 9 VAYEITZEI
14 י כסלו KISLEV 10	15 יא כסלו KISLEV 11	16 יב כסלו KISLEV 12	17 יג כסלו KISLEV 13	18 יד כסלו KISLEV 14	19 טו כסלו KISLEV 15 	20 טז כסלו KISLEV 16 VAYISHLACH
21 יז כסלו KISLEV 17	22 יח כסלו KISLEV 18	23 יט כסלו KISLEV 19	24 כ כסלו KISLEV 20	25 כא כסלו KISLEV 21	26 כב כסלו KISLEV 22 	27 כג כסלו KISLEV 23 VAYEISHEV Blessing of new month
28 כד כסלו KISLEV 24 	29 כה כסלו KISLEV 25 CHANUKAH 	30 כו כסלו KISLEV 26 CHANUKAH 				

December 2021

KISLEV/TEVET 5782
כסלו/טבת תשפ"ב

MEZUZAH

The Mezuzah is a small piece of parchment containing the first two paragraphs of the Shema prayer. It is affixed to the doorposts of Jewish homes and businesses.

The Mezuzah reminds us of G-d's constant presence even in our own homes, and His ongoing relationship with us. A kosher Mezuzah protects our homes, too. On the back of the Mezuzah is inscribed the Divine name, Sha-Da-I, made up of three Hebrew letters which form the acronym of the phrase, "Keeper of the Gates of Israel".

The Mezuzah is hand-written on a parchment by a qualified sofer (scribe). To make sure that your Mezuzahs are Kosher, it is important to purchase Mezuzot from a reliable source and to have them checked regularly by a professional sofer. Contact our office for help.

TEVET 10

Observed as a fast day. On this date, Jerusalem was placed under siege by the Babylonian king Nebuchadnezzar, resulting in the destruction of the First Temple (422 BCE).

TEVET 24

Yartzeit of Rabbi Schneur Zalman of Liadi, founder of the Chabad movement (1812).

Chupa, by Sarit Stern, www.LeviimArt.com ▶



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SHABBAT
			1 כז כסלו KISLEV 27  CHANUKAH	2 כח כסלו KISLEV 28  CHANUKAH	3 כט כסלו KISLEV 29  CHANUKAH	4 ל כסלו KISLEV 30 MIKEITZ  CHANUKAH ROSH CHODESH In evening begin Tal U'matar
5 א טבת TEVET 1  CHANUKAH ROSH CHODESH	6 ב טבת TEVET 2 CHANUKAH	7 ג טבת TEVET 3	8 ד טבת TEVET 4	9 ה טבת TEVET 5	10 ו טבת TEVET 6 	11 ז טבת TEVET 7 VAYIGASH
12 ח טבת TEVET 8	13 ט טבת TEVET 9	14 י טבת TEVET 10 FAST OF TEVET 10	15 יא טבת TEVET 11	16 יב טבת TEVET 12	17 יג טבת TEVET 13 	18 יד טבת TEVET 14 VAYECHI Shabbat Chazzak
19 טו טבת TEVET 15	20 טז טבת TEVET 16	21 יז טבת TEVET 17	22 יח טבת TEVET 18	23 יט טבת TEVET 19	24 כ טבת TEVET 20 	25 כא טבת TEVET 21 SHEMOT
26 כב טבת TEVET 22	27 כג טבת TEVET 23	28 כד טבת TEVET 24	29 כה טבת TEVET 25	30 כז טבת TEVET 26	31 כח טבת TEVET 27	

SHEVAT 10

Yartzeit of Rabbi Yosef Yitzchak Schneerson, sixth leader of Chabad Lubavitch (1950). Rabbi Yosef Yitzchak fought to preserve Jewish life in the

U.S.S.R. until he was imprisoned, threatened with his life, and finally forced to leave (1927). In 1940 he came to the United States and established the network of Chabad-Lubavitch educational institutions throughout the U.S.A. and across the world.

This day also marks the beginning of the leadership of his son-in-law Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, known as the Lubavitcher Rebbe.

SHEVAT 15 – TU B'SHEVAT

In Jewish tradition, the fifteenth day of Shevat marks the "New Year" for the trees, opening the season in which trees begin to bud in the Holy Land.

It is customary to celebrate this date by enjoying some fruit, especially the five fruits mentioned in the Torah in connection with Israel: Grapes, Figs, Pomegranates, Olives, and Dates.

SHEVAT 22

Yartzeit of Rebbetzin Chaya Mushka Schneerson, wife of the Lubavitcher Rebbe (1988).

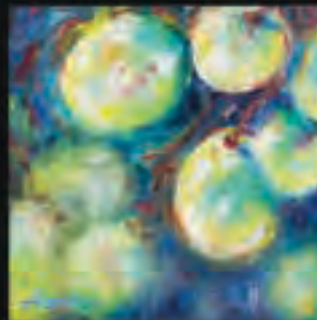
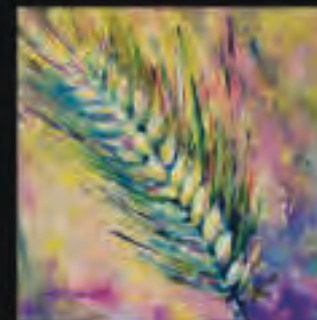
SHABBAT AND FESTIVAL CANDLES

Throughout the ages, light has stirred the imagination of poets, mystics, scientists and psychologists. Because its nature is so different from other material entities, it is often used to describe spiritual insight. Shabbat is a day of light; its pattern and value-orientation is different from the other days of the week. Thus it is the lighting of the Shabbat Candles that ushers in this state of awareness and inspires us to feel the way it permeates our lives. The mystics call this day of light the Shabbat Queen, and the responsibility for lighting the candles and inducing this change of perspective is the woman's. It is she who welcomes the Shabbat Queen into the home.

Young girls, from the age of three or even younger, are encouraged to light their own candles, to involve and educate them in this profound and beautiful mitzvah.

The Shabbat Candles are lit 18 minutes before sunset.

Seven Fruits of Israel, by Aarah Aizman, www.AizmanArt.com ►



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SHABBAT
						1 כח טבת TEVET 28  VA'EIRA Blessing of new month
2 כט טבת TEVET 29	3 א שבט SHEVAT 1 ROSH CHODESH	4 ב שבט SHEVAT 2	5 ג שבט SHEVAT 3	6 ד שבט SHEVAT 4	7 ה שבט SHEVAT 5	8 ו שבט SHEVAT 6  BO
9 ז שבט SHEVAT 7	10 ח שבט SHEVAT 8	11 ט שבט SHEVAT 9	12 י שבט SHEVAT 10	13 יא שבט SHEVAT 11	14 יב שבט SHEVAT 12	15 יג שבט SHEVAT 13  BESHALACH Shabbat Shirah
16 יד שבט SHEVAT 14	17 טו שבט SHEVAT 15  TU BISHVAT	18 טז שבט SHEVAT 16	19 יז שבט SHEVAT 17	20 יח שבט SHEVAT 18	21 יט שבט SHEVAT 19	22 כ שבט SHEVAT 20  YITRO
23 כא שבט SHEVAT 21	24 כב שבט SHEVAT 22	25 כג שבט SHEVAT 23	26 כד שבט SHEVAT 24	27 כה שבט SHEVAT 25	28 כו שבט SHEVAT 26	29 כז שבט SHEVAT 27  MISHPATIM Blessing of new month
30 כח שבט SHEVAT 28	31 כט שבט SHEVAT 29					

February 2022

SHEVAT/ADAR I 5782
שבט/אדר א' תשפ"ב

THE JEWISH CALENDAR

The Jewish calendar is the only calendar in which both the monthly and annual units are governed by real astronomical events: The lunar month, and the solar year.

The word for month in the Torah is either chodesh ("renewal"), or yerach ("moon"), both hinting at the rebirth of the moon at the beginning of the month. At the same time, the Torah commands us to ensure that the holiday of Passover always occurs in the spring, hinting at a solar year.

Because twelve lunar months are approximately 11 days short of a solar year, it becomes necessary to occasionally add a 13th month, Adar I, to the Jewish calendar year, which is then called a Leap Year.

Our sages have devised a system of 19-year cycles, 7 of which are always declared leap years. This includes the 6th of year of the cycle, which is where we are this Jewish year (5782).

ADAR

Adar is the month during which we celebrate the joyous holiday of Purim. But it's not just Purim; "As soon as Adar enters", says the Talmud, "start increasing the joy". The joyous spirit continues beyond Purim, making Adar (this year: both Adars) the most joyous month in the Jewish calendar.

ADAR 7

Birthday and Yartzeit of Moshe Rabbeinu (Moses), who led the Jewish people out of Egyptian bondage.

Gratitude, by Chaya Hindy Newgartin, www.LeviimArt.com ►



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SHABBAT
		1 ל שבט SHEVAT 30 ROSH CHODESH	2 א אדר א ADAR I 1 ROSH CHODESH	3 ב אדר א ADAR I 2	4 ג אדר א ADAR I 3 	5 ד אדר א ADAR I 4 TERUMAH
6 ה אדר א ADAR I 5	7 ו אדר א ADAR I 6	8 ז אדר א ADAR I 7	9 ח אדר א ADAR I 8	10 ט אדר א ADAR I 9	11 י אדר א ADAR I 10 	12 יא אדר א ADAR I 11 TETZAVEH
13 יב אדר א ADAR I 12	14 יג אדר א ADAR I 13	15 יד אדר א ADAR I 14 PURIM KATAN	16 טו אדר א ADAR I 15 SHUSHAN PURIM KATAN	17 טז אדר א ADAR I 16	18 יז אדר א ADAR I 17 	19 יח אדר א ADAR I 18 KI TISA
20 יט אדר א ADAR I 19	21 כ אדר א ADAR I 20	22 כא אדר א ADAR I 21	23 כב אדר א ADAR I 22	24 כג אדר א ADAR I 23	25 כד אדר א ADAR I 24 	26 כה אדר א ADAR I 25 VAYAKHEIL Blessing of new month Parshat Shekalim
27 כו אדר א ADAR I 26	28 כז אדר א ADAR I 27					

March 2022

ADAR I/ADAR II 5782
אדר א' / אדר ב' תשפ"ב

THE FAST OF ESTHER

The Fast of Esther is observed on the 13th of Adar, when, during the story of Purim, the Persian king decreed all the Jews to be annihilated. Even after Haman's downfall, the decree was never rescinded, and the Jews gathered throughout the empire to defend themselves. Those who didn't participate in the fighting, including queen Esther, devoted the day to fasting and prayers for deliverance.

PURIM

The actual story of Purim, as told in the Scroll of Esther, is as fascinating and spellbinding as any best seller. Yet, though it is sacred Scripture, we do not find the name of G-d mentioned even once! But within the intricate details of the Megillah, we can detect the unmistakable hand of Divine Providence. And the closer we examine the story, the more we discover that even seemingly insignificant events are precisely arranged by the hand of the Almighty.

HOW TO CELEBRATE PURIM:

- Listen to the reading of Megillat Esther (the Scroll of Esther) at night and day, recounting the story of Purim.
- Send gifts containing at least two types of ready-to-eat (kosher) food to one or more friends on the day of Purim. These gifts, called Mishloach Manot ("sending portions"), should preferably be sent via a third party.
- Give Matanot L'evyonim ("gifts of charity to the poor"). While Tzedakah (charity) is a year-round responsibility, it is a particularly special Mitzvah on Purim. Give to at least two needy individuals during Purim day.
- Celebrate with a special festive and joyous meal.

Holding it Tight, by E.maxwell, www.LeviimArt.com ►



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SHABBAT
		1 כח אדר א' ADAR I 28	2 כט אדר א' ADAR I 29	3 ל אדר א' ADAR I 30	4 א אדר ב' ADAR II 1	5 ב אדר ב' ADAR II 2 PEKUDEI Shabbat Chazzak
				ROSH CHODESH	ROSH CHODESH 	
6 ג אדר ב' ADAR II 3	7 ד אדר ב' ADAR II 4	8 ה אדר ב' ADAR II 5	9 ו אדר ב' ADAR II 6	10 ז אדר ב' ADAR II 7	11 ח אדר ב' ADAR II 8	12 ט אדר ב' ADAR II 9 VAYIKRA Parshat Zachor
						
13 י אדר ב' ADAR II 10	14 יא אדר ב' ADAR II 11	15 יב אדר ב' ADAR II 12	16 יג אדר ב' ADAR II 13	17 יד אדר ב' ADAR II 14 	18 טו אדר ב' ADAR II 15 	19 טז אדר ב' ADAR II 16 TZAV
			FAST OF ESTHER	PURIM	SHUSHAN PURIM 	
20 יז אדר ב' ADAR II 17	21 יח אדר ב' ADAR II 18	22 יט אדר ב' ADAR II 19	23 כ אדר ב' ADAR II 20	24 כא אדר ב' ADAR II 21	25 כב אדר ב' ADAR II 22	26 כג אדר ב' ADAR II 23 SHEMINI Blessing of new month Parshat Parah
						
27 כד אדר ב' ADAR II 24	28 כה אדר ב' ADAR II 25	29 כו אדר ב' ADAR II 26	30 כז אדר ב' ADAR II 27	31 כח אדר ב' ADAR II 28		

April 2022

ADAR II/NISSAN 5782
אדר ב' /ניסן תשפ"ב

NISSAN 11

Birthday of the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson (1902).

CELEBRATING PESACH (PASSOVER)

On Pesach we celebrate the birth of the Jewish nation with our miraculous redemption from Egypt. Pesach is celebrated by refraining from eating (or even owning) any foods which are chametz (leavened), and by participating in a Seder dinner on the first two nights of the holiday.

REMOVAL OF CHAMETZ

We prepare for Pesach by thoroughly cleaning any place we own, rent, or work at, and removing any trace of chametz we find. Sinks, tables, countertops, and dishes used throughout the year need to be koshered for Pesach use.

On the evening before Pesach begins (this year on Thursday evening, April 14), we formally search the entire home for any remaining chametz. Any chametz we don't plan on destroying is placed in a separate room or closet, sealed, and sold - through a competent Rabbi - to a non-Jew for the duration of the festival. Unsold chametz must be destroyed before the day before Passover, this year on Friday, April 15th, before the indicated time.

THE SEDER

The Pesach Seder, conducted each of the first two nights of Pesach, is the central event of the

Passover festival.

- We drink four cups of wine (or grape juice), remembering the redemption and its four stages.
- We ask the "Four Questions" and recite the Haggadah, retelling the story of Passover and the miracles of our redemption.
- We eat Shmurah Matzah, the plain unleavened bread which isn't allowed to rise, remembering both the simple bread of slaves and the swiftness of the redemption from Egypt.
- We eat Maror (bitter herbs), remembering the bitterness of the enslavement.

THE LAST DAY OF PESACH

The eighth and final day of Pesach is associated with the ultimate redemption through Moshiach, and our fervent hope for its imminent arrival. In many communities, a festive "Moshiach Meal" is organized toward the evening, to emphasize this day's special dimension.

COUNTING OF THE OMER

Beginning the second evening of Pesach, we count seven weeks until the arrival of the festival of Shavuot. They correspond to the seven weeks, starting from the day of the Exodus, during which our ancestors eagerly awaited the receiving of the Torah at Mount Sinai.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SHABBAT
					1 כט אדר ב ADAR II 29	2 א ניסן NISSAN 1 Parshat Hachodesh ROSH CHODESH
3 ב ניסן NISSAN 2	4 ג ניסן NISSAN 3	5 ד ניסן NISSAN 4	6 ה ניסן NISSAN 5	7 ו ניסן NISSAN 6	8 ז ניסן NISSAN 7	9 ח ניסן NISSAN 8 METZORA Shabbat Hagadol
10 ט ניסן NISSAN 9	11 י ניסן NISSAN 10	12 יא ניסן NISSAN 11	13 יב ניסן NISSAN 12	14 יג ניסן NISSAN 13	15 יד ניסן NISSAN 14 FAST OF FIRST BORN FIRST SEDER	16 טו ניסן NISSAN 15 1ST DAY OF PASSOVER SECOND SEDER In the evening count Omer 1
17 טז ניסן NISSAN 16 Omer 1 2ND DAY OF PASSOVER In the evening count Omer 2	18 יז ניסן NISSAN 17 Omer 2 1ST INTERMEDIATE DAY OF PASSOVER In the evening count Omer 3	19 יח ניסן NISSAN 18 Omer 3 2ND INTERMEDIATE DAY OF PASSOVER In the evening count Omer 4	20 יט ניסן NISSAN 19 Omer 4 3RD INTERMEDIATE DAY OF PASSOVER In the evening count Omer 5	21 כ ניסן NISSAN 20 Omer 5 Eruv Tavshilin 4TH INTERMEDIATE DAY OF PASSOVER In the evening count Omer 6	22 כא ניסן NISSAN 21 Omer 6 7TH DAY OF PASSOVER In the evening count Omer 7	23 כב ניסן NISSAN 22 Omer 7 YIZKOR 8TH DAY OF PASSOVER In the evening count Omer 8
24 כג ניסן NISSAN 23 Omer 8 ISRU CHAG In the evening count Omer 9	25 כד ניסן NISSAN 24 Omer 9 In the evening count Omer 10	26 כה ניסן NISSAN 25 Omer 10 In the evening count Omer 11	27 כו ניסן NISSAN 26 Omer 11 In the evening count Omer 12	28 כז ניסן NISSAN 27 Omer 12 In the evening count Omer 13	29 ח ניסן NISSAN 28 Omer 13 In the evening count Omer 14	30 כט ניסן NISSAN 29 Omer 14 ACHAREI Blessing of new month PIRKEI-AVOT: Chapter 1 In the evening count Omer 15

PESACH SHENI

When the Holy Temple stood in Jerusalem, this day offered a second chance to offer the Passover sacrifice for those who had been unable to bring their offering at the appropriate time.

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE:

The eternal significance of the Second Passover, says the sixth Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Yosef Yitzchak Schneersohn, is the notion that it is never too late to rectify a past failing. Even if we have failed to the extent that the Torah calls us "contaminated by death" (i.e., in a state of disconnection from the divine source of life) or "on a distant road" from our people and G-d, there is always another chance. It's always possible to "Pass over" the past, and make good on what we have missed out.

IYAR 18 – LAG BA'OMER

On this date, in the early 2nd century, the students of Rabbi Akiva, the greatest sage of that era, ceased to die from an epidemic. Years later on this same date, his student Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai, Mishnaic sage and author of the Zohar (the seminal work of Kabbalah) passed away. Having fulfilled his mission in this world he asked that the anniversary of his death be celebrated as a joyous occasion. Throughout the Land of Israel – and indeed in Jewish communities throughout the world – this day is marked with festivities and bonfires. In particular, thousands journey to rejoice in the town of Meron, site of Rabbi Shimon's resting place.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SHABBAT
1 ל ניסן NISSAN 30 Omer 15 ROSH CHODESH In the evening count Omer 16	2 א אייר IYAR 1 Omer 16 ROSH CHODESH In the evening count Omer 17	3 ב אייר IYAR 2 Omer 17 In the evening count Omer 18	4 ג אייר IYAR 3 Omer 18 In the evening count Omer 19	5 ד אייר IYAR 4 Omer 19 In the evening count Omer 20	6 ה אייר IYAR 5 Omer 20 In the evening count Omer 21 	7 ו אייר IYAR 6 Omer 21 KEDOSHIM PIRKEI-AVOT: Chapter 2 In the evening count Omer 22
8 ז אייר IYAR 7 Omer 22 In the evening count Omer 23	9 ח אייר IYAR 8 Omer 23 In the evening count Omer 24	10 ט אייר IYAR 9 Omer 24 In the evening count Omer 25	11 י אייר IYAR 10 Omer 25 In the evening count Omer 26	12 יא אייר IYAR 11 Omer 26 In the evening count Omer 27	13 יב אייר IYAR 12 Omer 27 In the evening count Omer 28 	14 יג אייר IYAR 13 Omer 28 EMOR PIRKEI-AVOT: Chapter 3 In the evening count Omer 29
15 יד אייר IYAR 14 Omer 29 PESACH SHEINI In the evening count Omer 30	16 טו אייר IYAR 15 Omer 30 In the evening count Omer 31	17 טז אייר IYAR 16 Omer 31 In the evening count Omer 32	18 יז אייר IYAR 17 Omer 32 In the evening count Omer 33	19 יח אייר IYAR 18 Omer 33 LAG BA'OMER In the evening count Omer 34 	20 יט אייר IYAR 19 Omer 34 In the evening count Omer 35 	21 כ אייר IYAR 20 Omer 35 BEHAR PIRKEI-AVOT: Chapter 4 In the evening count Omer 36
22 כא אייר IYAR 21 Omer 36 In the evening count Omer 37	23 כב אייר IYAR 22 Omer 37 In the evening count Omer 38	24 כג אייר IYAR 23 Omer 38 In the evening count Omer 39	25 כד אייר IYAR 24 Omer 39 In the evening count Omer 40	26 כה אייר IYAR 25 Omer 40 In the evening count Omer 41	27 כו אייר IYAR 26 Omer 41 In the evening count Omer 42 	28 כז אייר IYAR 27 Omer 42 BECHUKOTAI Shabbat Chazzak Blessing of new month PIRKEI-AVOT: Chapter 5 In the evening count Omer 43
29 כח אייר IYAR 28 Omer 43 In the evening count Omer 44	30 כט אייר IYAR 29 Omer 44 In the evening count Omer 45	31 א סיון SIVAN 1 Omer 45 ROSH CHODESH In the evening count Omer 46				

THE FESTIVAL OF SHAVUOT

Shavuot celebrates the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai. It is on this day that we became G-d's "chosen people", and He formed a bond with us which shall never be broken.

SHAVUOT OBSERVANCES

- All-night Torah-study on the first night of Shavuot. What a great preparation for receiving the Torah!
- Reading of the Ten Commandments in the synagogue on the first day of Shavuot. Bring your children along – the guarantors for a proper Jewish future!
- A festive dairy meal is served on the first day of Shavuot. Like milk for an infant, we receive all our spiritual nourishment from the Torah!

KOSHER

Kashrut: Spiritual Diet for a Small Planet

For our physical wellbeing, few things are as important as a healthy diet. But the Kosher laws offer the soul similar benefits, and more. The mystical masters teach us that everything we eat has a bit of holiness – a "spark" of Divine energy released when we eat foods prepared in accord with the kosher laws. Just as the body responds to the quality of the food that fuels it, so too the soul: With appropriate foods prepared in the prescribed manner, we absorb the Divine nourishment that makes for a healthy spirit. Adapting your diet to a kosher lifestyle is easier than you might imagine. The shelves of your local supermarket are stocked with literally hundreds and even thousands of products produced under kosher supervision.

For more information about Kosher, or if you need help koshering your kitchen, please contact our office.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SHABBAT
			1 ב סיון SIVAN 2 Omer 46 In the evening count Omer 47	2 ג סיון SIVAN 3 Omer 47 In the evening count Omer 48	3 ד סיון SIVAN 4 Omer 48 In the evening count Omer 49	4 ה סיון SIVAN 5 Omer 49 BAMIDBAR PIRKEI-AVOT: Chapter 6
5 ו סיון SIVAN 6 1ST DAY OF SHAVUOT	6 ז סיון SIVAN 7 YIZKOR 2ND DAY OF SHAVUOT	7 ח סיון SIVAN 8 ISRU CHAG	8 ט סיון SIVAN 9	9 י סיון SIVAN 10	10 יא סיון SIVAN 11	11 יב סיון SIVAN 12 NASO PIRKEI-AVOT: Chapter 1
12 יג סיון SIVAN 13	13 יד סיון SIVAN 14	14 טו סיון SIVAN 15	15 טז סיון SIVAN 16	16 יז סיון SIVAN 17	17 יח סיון SIVAN 18	18 יט סיון SIVAN 19 BEHAALOTECHA PIRKEI-AVOT: Chapter 2
19 כ סיון SIVAN 20	20 כא סיון SIVAN 21	21 כב סיון SIVAN 22	22 כג סיון SIVAN 23	23 כד סיון SIVAN 24	24 כה סיון SIVAN 25	25 כו סיון SIVAN 26 SHELACH Blessing of new month PIRKEI-AVOT: Chapter 3
26 כז סיון SIVAN 27	27 כח סיון SIVAN 28	28 כט סיון SIVAN 29	29 ל סיון SIVAN 30 ROSH CHODESH	30 א תמוז TAMMUZ 1 ROSH CHODESH		

TAMMUZ 3

Hilulo of the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson (1994). The Rebbe's contribution to Jews and Judaism in this generation is immeasurable. Under his leadership and guidance, thousands of young couples have dedicated their lives, through the global network of Chabad Lubavitch institutions, to spread Yiddishkeit throughout the globe. His vision and promise of an imminent redemption, and a world filled with G-dliness, peace and harmony continues to inspire millions throughout the world. Through our efforts, it shall surely soon become a reality.

THE UPCOMING REDEMPTION

The belief in the upcoming redemption is one of the foundations of our faith, and has been promised to us by almost every one of our prophets, beginning with Moses himself. Maimonides included it in his famous Thirteen Principles of the Jewish Faith. Throughout the ages, even during the most trying times, our ancestors have always prayed for and looked forward to the coming of Moshiach, our redeemer.

LET'S WELCOME MOSHIACH

Led by the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, many prominent Rabbis proclaimed this

generation to be the one to usher in the redemption. We can prepare for this special time by studying the relevant passages in the Torah and its commentaries, and by increasing in acts of goodness and kindness. This will not only help us prepare for the redemption – this will hasten its arrival!

TAMMUZ 12

Birthday of Rabbi Yosef Yitzchak, sixth leader of Chabad Lubavitch (1880), and his release from Bolshevik imprisonment (1927). He was imprisoned and threatened with his life for his struggle to preserve Judaism in the Soviet Union. His release is since celebrated throughout the Jewish world as a victory for Jewry and Judaism.

A PERIOD OF MOURNING

The 17th of Tammuz is observed as a day of fasting. On this date, in the year 68, the walls of Jerusalem were breached by the Romans after years of siege. The Jewish forces continued to defend the Temple Mount for another 19 days, until it too fell on Av 7. The Beit HaMikdash, the Holy Temple, was torched late on Av 9. The entire period, totaling 21 days, is observed as a period of semi-mourning, including by not scheduling any weddings, as well as avoiding festive music and dancing.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SHABBAT
					1 ב תמוז TAMMUZ 2	2 ג תמוז TAMMUZ 3 KORACH PIRKEI-AVOT: Chapter 4
3 ד תמוז TAMMUZ 4	4 ה תמוז TAMMUZ 5	5 ו תמוז TAMMUZ 6	6 ז תמוז TAMMUZ 7	7 ח תמוז TAMMUZ 8	8 ט תמוז TAMMUZ 9	9 י תמוז TAMMUZ 10 CHUKAT PIRKEI-AVOT: Chapter 5
10 יא תמוז TAMMUZ 11	11 יב תמוז TAMMUZ 12	12 יג תמוז TAMMUZ 13	13 יד תמוז TAMMUZ 14	14 טו תמוז TAMMUZ 15	15 טז תמוז TAMMUZ 16	16 יז תמוז TAMMUZ 17 BALAK PIRKEI-AVOT: Chapter 6
17 יח תמוז TAMMUZ 18 FAST OF 17TH TAMMUZ	18 יט תמוז TAMMUZ 19	19 כ תמוז TAMMUZ 20	20 כא תמוז TAMMUZ 21	21 כב תמוז TAMMUZ 22	22 כג תמוז TAMMUZ 23	23 כד תמוז TAMMUZ 24 PINCHAS Blessing of new month PIRKEI-AVOT: Chapter 1
24 כה תמוז TAMMUZ 25	25 כו תמוז TAMMUZ 26	26 כז תמוז TAMMUZ 27	27 כח תמוז TAMMUZ 28	28 כט תמוז TAMMUZ 29	29 א אב AV 1	30 ב אב AV 2 MATOT-MASS'EI Shabbat Chazzak PIRKEI-AVOT: Chapter 2
31 ג אב AV 3					ROSH CHODESH	

TISH'A B'AV - THE NINTH OF AV

The Ninth of Av has been a sad day on the Jewish calendar since our earliest days as a people. Just one year after our forefathers left Egypt, it was on this date that G-d punished that generation, decreeing that they would wander the desert for forty years, never entering into the Holy Land. The focus of our mourning, however, is on the destruction on this date of both the first Temple (422 BCE) and the second Temple (68 CE).

From the beginning of the month of Av (excluding Shabbat), we refrain from consuming meat or wine and from various pleasurable activities as a sign of additional mourning.

The Ninth of Av itself is observed as a fast day similar to Yom Kippur. We refrain from food and drink, as well as from wearing leather shoes, washing or showering, using oils or lotions, and marital relations. Additionally, on the eve of the fast, the scroll of Eichah (Lamentations) is read in the synagogue in a unique chant, which is mournful yet reassuring. Until Noon we sit on low seats only, as is customary for a mourner during Shiva.

May we merit seeing the ultimate redemption and rebuilding of the Temple by Moshiach, now!

AV 15

The Mishnah recounts: "There were no greater holidays for the Jewish people than that of the 15th of Av and of Yom Kippur."

Several joyful events have occurred on this date, including the end of the 40-year decree upon the Jewish people to wander and die out in the desert after leaving Egypt. This date is particularly joyful as it occurs just as we conclude the mourning period over the destruction of the Temple.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SHABBAT
	1 ד אב AV 4	2 ה אב AV 5	3 ו אב AV 6	4 ז אב AV 7	5 ח אב AV 8	6 ט אב AV 9 DEVARIM Shabbat Chazon
7 י אב AV 10  FAST OF 9TH OF AV	8 יא אב AV 11	9 יב אב AV 12	10 יג אב Av 13	11 יד אב AV 14	12 טו אב AV 15 	13 טז אב AV 16 VA'ETCHANAN Shabbat Nachamu PIRKEI-AVOT: Chapter 3
14 יז אב AV 17	15 יח אב AV 18	16 יט אב AV 19	17 כ אב AV 20	18 כא אב AV 21	19 כב אב AV 22 	20 כג אב AV 23 EIKEV Blessing of new month PIRKEI-AVOT: Chapter 4
21 כד אב AV 24	22 כה אב AV 25	23 כו אב AV 26	24 כז אב AV 27	25 כח אב AV 28	26 כט אב AV 29 	27 ל אב AV 30 RE'EH PIRKEI-AVOT: Chapter 5 ROSH CHODESH
28 א אלול ELUL 1 ROSH CHODESH	29 ב אלול ELUL 2	30 ג אלול ELUL 3	31 ד אלול ELUL 4			

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ELUL

The month of Elul is the time to reflect on the passing year, to examine our behavior and to correct any shortcomings. In synagogues throughout the world, extra prayers are recited daily and the Shofar is sounded every weekday.

THE KING IS IN THE FIELD

When the king leaves his guarded palace and travels through the fields, he makes himself accessible to all – and the people stop what they are doing and come out to greet him, excited by the rare opportunity to see their king up-close. During the month of Elul, G-d is more accessible to us, His people. This notion compels us to stop and reach out to Him through repentance, prayer and charity.

ELUL 18

Known as Chai Elul, the “life” of Elul. Birthday of Rabbi Israel Baal Shem Tov (1698), founder of the Chassidic movement, and of Rabbi Shneur Zalman of Liadi (1745), founder of the Chabad movement.

ELUL 21-22

After midnight, we recite Selichot (special penitential prayers). We continue to recite Selichot every weekday morning until Rosh Hashanah.

ROSH HASHANAH

Rosh Hashanah (literally, the “head” of the year) is the beginning of the Jewish year – and the “birthday” of all of creation. It commemorates the creation of Adam and Eve, the first humans. Man was the first to acknowledge G-d’s kingship over the universe, and on Rosh Hashanah we renew this commitment to G-d and His commandments.

THE SHOFAR

The sounding of the Shofar (the ram’s horn) is a central observance of Rosh Hashanah. The Shofar calls many things to mind: It symbolizes our coronation of G-d as King, it is a “wake up call” to return to G-d, and it presages the coming of Moshiach, whose arrival will be heralded by the “Great Shofar”. This year, due to Shabbos observances, the Shofar is sounded only on the 2nd day of Rosh Hashanah.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SHABBAT
				1 ה אלול ELUL 5	2 ו אלול ELUL 6	3 ז אלול ELUL 7 SHOFTIM PIRKEI-AVOT: CHAPTER 6
4 ח אלול ELUL 8	5 ט אלול ELUL 9	6 י אלול ELUL 10	7 יא אלול ELUL 11	8 יב אלול ELUL 12	9 יג אלול ELUL 13	10 יד אלול ELUL 14 KI TEITZEI PIRKEI-AVOT: Chapters 1 & 2
11 טו אלול ELUL 15	12 טז אלול ELUL 16	13 יז אלול ELUL 17	14 יח אלול ELUL 18	15 יט אלול ELUL 19	16 כ אלול ELUL 20	17 כא אלול ELUL 21 KI TAVO Shabbat Selichot PIRKEI-AVOT: CHAPTER 3 & 4
18 כב אלול ELUL 22	19 כג אלול ELUL 23	20 כד אלול ELUL 24	21 כה אלול ELUL 25	22 כו אלול ELUL 26	23 כז אלול ELUL 27	24 כח אלול ELUL 28 NITZAVIM PIRKEI-AVOT: CHAPTER 5 & 6
25 כט אלול ELUL 29	26 א תשרי TISHREI 1   1ST DAY OF ROSH HASHANAH 	27 ב תשרי TISHREI 2  2ND DAY OF ROSH HASHANAH DAY 1 	28 ג תשרי TISHREI 3 FAST OF GEDALIAH	29 ד תשרי TISHREI 4	30 ה תשרי TISHREI 5	

