



תשע"א

JEWISH CALENDAR

2011-2012



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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 25-26

After midnight, we recite Selichot (special penitential prayers). We continue doing so every weekday morning until the eve of Rosh Hashanah.

ELUL 25

According to Jewish tradition, this was the first of the Six Days of Creation. Rosh Hashana is celebrated on day six, when Adam & Eve were created.

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. On the day he was created, Adam acknowledged G-d's kingship over the

entire universe. Each Rosh Hashanah, we reaffirm this with our renewed 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".

One who missed the Shofar in synagogue should make sure to hear at least the thirty prescribed Shofar sounds before the end of the day.

TASHLICH

On Rosh Hashanah, or on one of the following days, it is customary to visit a body of water containing fish and to recite the Tashlich prayer. At this service, we symbolically "cast away our sins" as we start the year anew, assured that G-d will "cast all their sins into the depth of the sea." (Micah 7:9)

SUNDAY

MONDAY

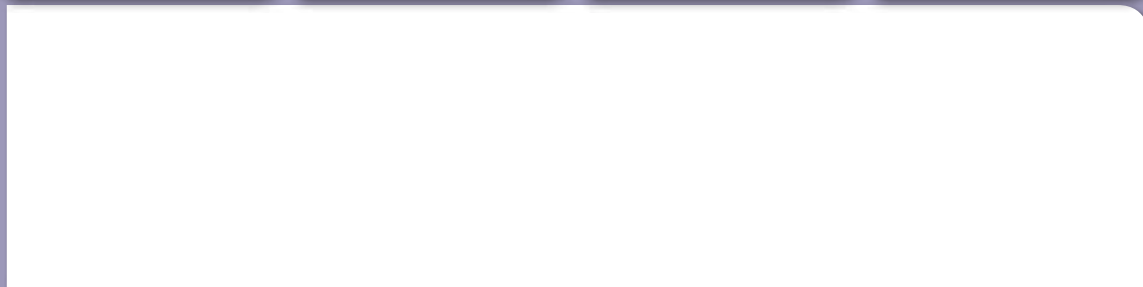
TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SHABBAT



1 ב אלול
Elul 2

2 ג אלול
Elul 3



3 ד אלול
Elul 4
SHOFTIM
Pirkei-Avot: Chapter 1

4 ה אלול
Elul 5

5 ו אלול
Elul 6

Labor Day

6 ז אלול
Elul 7

7 ח אלול
Elul 8

8 ט אלול
Elul 9

9 י אלול
Elul 10



10 יא אלול
Elul 11
KI TEITZEI
Pirkei-Avot: Chapter 2

11 יב אלול
Elul 12

12 יג אלול
Elul 13

13 יד אלול
Elul 14

14 טו אלול
Elul 15

15 טז אלול
Elul 16

16 יז אלול
Elul 17



17 יח אלול
Elul 18
KI TAVO
Pirkei-Avot: Chapter 3 & 4

18 יט אלול
Elul 19

19 כ אלול
Elul 20

20 כא אלול
Elul 21

21 כב אלול
Elul 22

22 כג אלול
Elul 23

23 כד אלול
Elul 24



24 כה אלול
Elul 25
NITZAVIM
VAYEILECH
Shabbat Selichot
Pirkei-Avot: Chapter 5 & 6

25 כו אלול
Elul 26

26 כז אלול
Elul 27

27 כח אלול
Elul 28

28 כט אלול
Elul 29

Eiruv Tavshilin



29 א תשרי
Tishrei 1



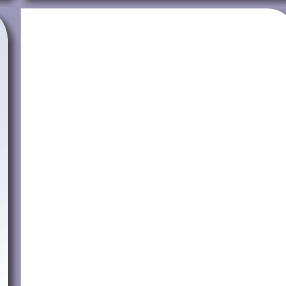
1st day of
ROSH HASHANAH



30 ב תשרי
Tishrei 2



2nd day of
ROSH HASHANAH



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FAST OF GEDALIAH

The day after Rosh Hashanah is a public fast day, commemorating the slaying of Gedaliah. Gedaliah was the leader of the small Jewish community which remained in Israel at the beginning of the Babylonian exile. Tragically, these last remnants were then dispersed as well.

YOM KIPPUR

Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, is the holiest day in the Jewish calendar. On this day, we acknowledge and regret our past sins and resolve to improve in the future. In return, G-d promises us forgiveness. This day is one of spiritual cleansing; we refrain from working, eating and drinking, washing, anointing with oils or lotions, marital relations and wearing leather shoes.

SUKKOT

After a period of sober and reverent reflection during the Days of Awe, we are ready for the joyous holiday of Sukkot, "the Season of our Joy", rejoicing in the knowledge that G-d has inscribed us for a good and healthy new year. The name Sukkot is derived from the word Suckah, 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.

THE FOUR KINDS

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 all play their part in forming 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 Hakafot (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.

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SHABBAT

2

ד תשרי
Tishrei 4

FAST OF GEDALIAH

3

ה תשרי
Tishrei 5

4

ו תשרי
Tishrei 6

5

ז תשרי
Tishrei 7

6

ח תשרי
Tishrei 8

7

ט תשרי
Tishrei 9

8

Yizkor
YOM KIPPURג תשרי
Tishrei 3
HA'AZINU
Shabbat Shuvah

9

י א תשרי
Tishrei 11

10

יב תשרי
Tishrei 12

Columbus Day

11

יג תשרי
Tishrei 13

12

יד תשרי
Tishrei 14

Eiruv Tavshilin



13

טו תשרי
Tishrei 15

1st day of SUKKOT



14

טז תשרי
Tishrei 16

2nd day of SUKKOT



15

יז תשרי
Tishrei 17

1st Intermediate day

16

יח תשרי
Tishrei 18

2nd Intermediate day

17

יט תשרי
Tishrei 19

3rd Intermediate day

18

כ תשרי
Tishrei 20

4th Intermediate day

19

כא תשרי
Tishrei 21Eiruv Tavshilin
HOSHANA RABA

20

כב תשרי
Tishrei 22Yizkor
SHEMINI ATZERET

21

כג תשרי
Tishrei 23

SIMCHAT TORAH



22

כד תשרי
Tishrei 24
BEREISHIT
Blessing of new month

Isru Chag

23

כה תשרי
Tishrei 25

24

כו תשרי
Tishrei 26

25

כז תשרי
Tishrei 27

26

כח תשרי
Tishrei 28

27

כט תשרי
Tishrei 29
New moon: 5:52 15/18 AM

28

ל תשרי
Tishrei 30

Rosh Chodesh



29

א חשוון
Cheshvan 1
NOACH

Rosh Chodesh

30

ב חשוון
Cheshvan 2

31

ג חשוון
Cheshvan 3



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CHESHVAN 7

In Israel, this is considered the first day of the official rain season. Prayers for rain were held off until this day, in deference to those making their way back from Jerusalem where they spent the holidays.

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 (1860), fifth leader of Chabad-Lubavitch.

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."

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

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THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SHABBAT

1 ד חשון
Cheshvan 4

2 ה חשון
Cheshvan 5

3 ו חשון
Cheshvan 6

4 ז חשון
Cheshvan 7

5 ח חשון
Cheshvan 8
LECH LECHA



6 ט חשון
Cheshvan 9

7 י חשון
Cheshvan 10

8 יא חשון
Cheshvan 11

9 יב חשון
Cheshvan 12

10 יג חשון
Cheshvan 13

11 יד חשון
Cheshvan 14

12 טו חשון
Cheshvan 15
VAYEIRA



Daylight Savings Time ends

13 טז חשון
Cheshvan 16

14 יז חשון
Cheshvan 17

15 יח חשון
Cheshvan 18

16 יט חשון
Cheshvan 19

17 כ חשון
Cheshvan 20

18 כא חשון
Cheshvan 21

19 כב חשון
Cheshvan 22
CHAYEI SARAH



20 כג חשון
Cheshvan 23

21 כד חשון
Cheshvan 24

22 כה חשון
Cheshvan 25

23 כו חשון
Cheshvan 26

24 כז חשון
Cheshvan 27

25 כח חשון
Cheshvan 28
New moon: 6:36 16/18 PM

26 כט חשון
Cheshvan 29
TOLDOT
Blessing of new month



Thanksgiving Day

27 א כסלו
Kislev 1

28 ב כסלו
Kislev 2

29 ג כסלו
Kislev 3

30 ד כסלו
Kislev 4

Rosh Chodesh



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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.

CELEBRATING 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 Tuesday evening, December 20th.

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. However, due to Shabbat observance, the Menorah is lit before the Shabbat candles on Friday evening and after the Havdalah ceremony at the end of Shabbat.

Prepare the Menorah so that the candles will remain lit for at least a half-hour after dusk. Gather all family members and light the Shamash, the service candle. Recite the proper blessings and light the candles beginning from the left. Finally, place the Shamash at its designated place.

OTHER CHANUKAH OBSERVANCES:

In addition to the kindling of the Menorah, special prayers are added to the regular services during the eight days of the holiday. Additional customs include preparing oil-rich dishes such as doughnuts or latkes; playing with the dreidel (spin-top); and the giving of Chanukah-gelt (cash gifts) to the young.

SUNDAY

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THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SHABBAT

1

ה כסלו
Kislev 5

2

ו כסלו
Kislev 6

3

ז כסלו
Kislev 7
VAYEITZEI



4

ח כסלו
Kislev 8

5

ט כסלו
Kislev 9

6

י כסלו
Kislev 10

7

יא כסלו
Kislev 11

8

יב כסלו
Kislev 12

9

יג כסלו
Kislev 13

10

יד כסלו
Kislev 14
VAYISLACH



11

טו כסלו
Kislev 15

12

טז כסלו
Kislev 16

13

יז כסלו
Kislev 17

14

יח כסלו
Kislev 18

15

יט כסלו
Kislev 19

16

כ כסלו
Kislev 20

17

כא כסלו
Kislev 21
VAYEISHEV



18

כב כסלו
Kislev 22

19

כג כסלו
Kislev 23

20

כד כסלו
Kislev 24

21

כה כסלו
Kislev 25

22

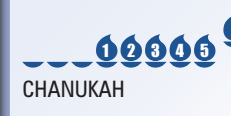
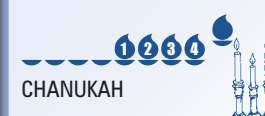
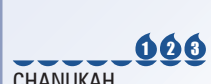
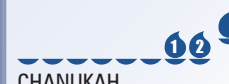
כו כסלו
Kislev 26

23

כז כסלו
Kislev 27

24

כח כסלו
Kislev 28
MIKEITZ
Blessing of new month



25

כט כסלו
Kislev 29
New moon: 7:20 17/18 AM

26

ל כסלו
Kislev 30

27

א טבת
Tevet 1

28

ב טבת
Tevet 2

29

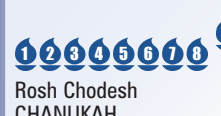
ג טבת
Tevet 3

30

ד טבת
Tevet 4

31

ה טבת
Tevet 5
VAYIGASH





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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 (1813).

KOSHER

Kashrut: Spiritual Diet for a Small Planet
For our physical well-being, 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 life-style is easier than you might imagine. The shelves of your local supermarket are stocked with literally hundreds and thousands of products produced under kosher supervision. All you need to do is ask – call our office for advice and information.

MEZUZAH

The Mezuzah is a small piece of parchment containing two Torah passages (the first two paragraphs of the Shema prayer), which is affixed to the door posts of Jewish homes and businesses.

The Mezuzah reminds us of G-d's constant presence even within our dwellings. Judaism begins at home – and the Mezuzah reminds us that through our good deeds we fill our homes with holiness.

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 Talmud teaches: While it is customary for servants to guard the king's palace, the Divine King, in His great love for us, guards the doors of our homes.

The Mezuzah is hand-written on a parchment by a qualified sofer (scribe). To make sure that your Mezuzot (pl. of Mezuzah) are Kosher, it is important to purchase Mezuzot from a reliable source and to have them checked by a professional scribe every few years. Contact our office to find out more about purchasing, checking and affixing Mezuzot.

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THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SHABBAT

1

ו טבת
Tevet 6

2

ז טבת
Tevet 7

3

ח טבת
Tevet 8

4

ט טבת
Tevet 9

5

י טבת
Tevet 10

6

יא טבת
Tevet 11

7

יב טבת
Tevet 12
VAYECHI
Shabbat Chazzak

8

יג טבת
Tevet 13

9

יד טבת
Tevet 14

10

טו טבת
Tevet 15

11

טז טבת
Tevet 16

12

יז טבת
Tevet 17

13

יח טבת
Tevet 18

14

יט טבת
Tevet 19
SHEMOT

15

כ טבת
Tevet 20

16

כא טבת
Tevet 21

17

כב טבת
Tevet 22

18

כג טבת
Tevet 23

19

כד טבת
Tevet 24

20

כה טבת
Tevet 25

21

כו טבת
Tevet 26
VA'EIRA
Blessing of new month

22

כז טבת
Tevet 27

23

כח טבת
Tevet 28
New moon: 8:05 PM

24

כט טבת
Tevet 29

25

א שבט
Shevat 1

26

ב שבט
Shevat 2

27

ג שבט
Shevat 3

28

ד שבט
Shevat 4
BO

29

ה שבט
Shevat 5

30

ו שבט
Shevat 6

31

ז שבט
Shevat 7



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SHEVAT 10

Yartzeit of Rabbi Yosef Yitzchak Schneersohn, 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 is the "New Year" of the trees, opening the season in which trees begin to bud in the Holy Land of Israel. Just as Rosh Hashanah, the New Year for all creation, is the day on which man is judged, so too is Tu B'Shevat the day of judgment for earth's trees.

To commemorate this special day, Jews throughout the world eat the distinctive foods that are characteristic of the Holy Land, especially the five fruits mentioned in the Torah: 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 about the age of three, 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.

SUNDAY

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THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SHABBAT

1 ח שבט
Shevat 8

2 ט שבט
Shevat 9

3 י שבט
Shevat 10

4 יא שבט
Shevat 11
BESHALACH
Shabbat Shira



5 יב שבט
Shevat 12

6 יג שבט
Shevat 13

7 יד שבט
Shevat 14

8 טו שבט
Shevat 15
TU B'SHEVAT

9 טז שבט
Shevat 16

10 יז שבט
Shevat 17

11 יח שבט
Shevat 18
YITRO



12 יט שבט
Shevat 19

13 כ שבט
Shevat 20

14 כא שבט
Shevat 21

15 כב שבט
Shevat 22

16 כג שבט
Shevat 23

17 כד שבט
Shevat 24

18 כה שבט
Shevat 25
MISHPATIM
Parshat Shekalim
Blessing of new month



19 כו שבט
Shevat 26

20 כז שבט
Shevat 27
Presidents Day

21 כח שבט
Shevat 28

22 כט שבט
Shevat 29
New moon: 8:49 1/18 AM

23 ל שבט
Shevat 30
Rosh Chodesh

24 א אדר
Adar 1
Rosh Chodesh

25 ב אדר
Adar 2
TERUMAH



26 ג אדר
Adar 3

27 ד אדר
Adar 4

28 ה אדר
Adar 5

29 ו אדר
Adar 6

Blank space for the rest of the week.



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ADAR 7

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

PURIM

The actual story of Purim, as told in the Scroll of Esther, is as fascinating and spell-binding 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 Al-mighty.

THE MITZVOT OF PURIM ARE:

- The Fast of Esther, held before Purim, to commemorate the day of prayer and fasting which the Jews held before their victory.

- 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 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 on Purim day.
- Celebrate with a special festive and joyous meal.
- It is traditional to give 3 half dollar coins to charity before Purim, to commemorate the annual half-shekel given by each Jew in the times of the Holy Temple. This mitzvah is usually performed in the synagogue.

WE WISH YOU ALL A JOYOUS PURIM!

SUNDAY

MONDAY

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THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SHABBAT



1 י אדר 7
Adar 7

2 ח אדר 8
Adar 8



3 ט אדר 9
Adar 9
TETZAVEH
Parshat Zachor

4 י אדר 10
Adar 10

5 יא אדר 11
Adar 11

6 יב אדר 12
Adar 12

7 יג אדר 13
Adar 13
Fast of Esther

8 יד אדר 14
Adar 14



PURIM

9 טו אדר 15
Adar 15



Shushan Purim



10 טז אדר 16
Adar 16
KI TISA

11 יז אדר 17
Adar 17
Daylight Savings Time begins

12 יח אדר 18
Adar 18

13 יט אדר 19
Adar 19

14 כ אדר 20
Adar 20

15 כא אדר 21
Adar 21

16 כב אדר 22
Adar 22



17 כג אדר 23
Adar 23
VAYAK'HEL-PEKUDEI
Shabbat Chazzak
Parshat Parah
Blessing of new month

18 כד אדר 24
Adar 24

19 כה אדר א
Adar 25

20 כו אדר 26
Adar 26

21 כז אדר 27
Adar 27

22 כח אדר 28
Adar 28
New moon: 9:33 2/18 PM

23 כט אדר 29
Adar 29



24 א ניסן 1
Nissan 1
VAYIKRA
Parshat Hachodesh
Rosh Chodesh

25 ב ניסן 2
Nissan 2

26 ג ניסן 3
Nissan 3

27 ד ניסן 4
Nissan 4

28 ה ניסן 5
Nissan 5

29 ו ניסן 6
Nissan 6

30 ז ניסן 7
Nissan 7



31 ח ניסן 8
Nissan 8
TZAV
Shabbat HaGadol



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NISSAN 11

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

CELEBRATING PESACH (PASSOVER)

Pesach is celebrated by refraining from eating or owning any chametz foods for the duration of the holiday, and by participating in a Seder dinner on the first two nights of the holiday.

REMOVAL OF CHAMETZ

Chametz (leaven) is defined as wheat, barley, oats, rye or spelt which have been mixed with water and then had time to rise. During Pesach it is forbidden to eat, derive benefit or even own chametz, or any mixture containing chametz.

We prepare for Pesach by thoroughly cleaning our home, workplace or other place we own, and removing any trace of chametz we may find. Sinks, tables, counter tops, and dishes not used exclusively for Pesach need to be koshered. All food products used on Pesach must be certified Kosher for Passover.

On the evening before Pesach begins (this year on Thursday evening, April 5), we formally search the entire home for any remaining chametz. Any chametz we don't plan on destroying is placed in a special

room or closet, sealed, and sold - through a Rabbi - to a non-Jew for the duration of the festival. Unsold chametz must be destroyed the morning before the Festival.

THE SEDER

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

DURING THE SEDER, WE:

- Drink four cups of wine (or grape juice), reminding us of the redemption and its four stages.
- Ask the Four Questions and recite the Haggadah, which tells the story of Passover and describes the miracles of our redemption.
- Eat Matzah, the plain unleavened bread which symbolizes both the simple bread of slaves and the swiftness of the redemption from Egypt, which did not give our ancestors time to let their dough rise.
- Eat Maror (bitter herbs), which reminds us of the bitterness of the enslavement.

THE LAST DAY OF PESACH

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

SUNDAY

1

ט ניסן
Nissan 9

MONDAY

2

י ניסן
Nissan 10

TUESDAY

3

יא ניסן
Nissan 11

WEDNESDAY

4

יב ניסן
Nissan 12

THURSDAY

5

יג ניסן
Nissan 13

FRIDAY

6

יד ניסן
Nissan 14Fast of First Born
First Seder

7

טו ניסן
Nissan 151st day of PASSOVER
Second Seder

In the evening count Omer 1



8

טז ניסן
Nissan 16
Omer 12nd day of PASSOVER
In the evening count Omer 2

9

יז ניסן
Nissan 17
Omer 21st Intermediate day
In the evening count Omer 3

10

יח ניסן
Nissan 18
Omer 32nd Intermediate day
In the evening count Omer 4

11

יט ניסן
Nissan 19
Omer 43rd Intermediate day
In the evening count Omer 5

12

כ ניסן
Nissan 20
Omer 5Eiruv Tavshilin
4th Intermediate day
In the evening count Omer 6

13

כא ניסן
Nissan 21
Omer 67th day of PASSOVER
In the evening count Omer 7

14

כב ניסן
Nissan 22
Omer 7Yizkor
8th day of PASSOVER
In the evening count Omer 8

15

כג ניסן
Nissan 23
Omer 8Isru Chag
In the evening count Omer 9

16

כד ניסן
Nissan 24
Omer 9

In the evening count Omer 10

17

כה ניסן
Nissan 25
Omer 10

In the evening count Omer 11

18

כו ניסן
Nissan 26
Omer 11

In the evening count Omer 12

19

כז ניסן
Nissan 27
Omer 12

In the evening count Omer 13

20

כח ניסן
Nissan 28
Omer 13

In the evening count Omer 14



21

כט ניסן
Nissan 29
Omer 14
SHEMINIPirkei-Avot: Chapter 1
Blessing of new month
New moon: 10:17 3/18 AM

In the evening count Omer 15

22

ל ניסן
Nissan 30
Omer 15Rosh Chodesh
In the evening count Omer 16

23

א אייר
Iyar 1
Omer 16Rosh Chodesh
In the evening count Omer 17

24

ב אייר
Iyar 2
Omer 17

In the evening count Omer 18

25

ג אייר
Iyar 3
Omer 18

In the evening count Omer 19

26

ד אייר
Iyar 4
Omer 19

In the evening count Omer 20

27

ה אייר
Iyar 5
Omer 20

In the evening count Omer 21



28

ו אייר
Iyar 6
Omer 21TAZRIA-METZORA
Pirkei-Avot: Chapter 2

In the evening count Omer 22

29

ז אייר
Iyar 7
Omer 22

In the evening count Omer 23

30

ח אייר
Iyar 8
Omer 23

In the evening count Omer 24



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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 night of the Exodus, during which our ancestors eagerly awaited the receiving of the Torah at Mount Sinai.

IYAR 14 – PESACH SHENI

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

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. Through- out 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 Miron, site of Rabbi Shimon's resting place.

THE HOLIDAY OF SHAVUOT:

The festival of Shavuot celebrates the giving of the Torah, G-d's gift to every single Jew. The Torah provides humankind with directives to lead a meaningful, productive life. It gives us the insight to see beyond the outer layers of our physical existence and behold the G-dliness within, and the means with which we can refine our lives and the world around us.

SHAVUOT OBSERVANCES:

- All night Torah study on the first night of Shavuot. This is the best preparation for receiving the Torah!
- Reading of the Ten Commandments in the synagogue on the first day of Shavuot. Bring your children too!
- A festive dairy meal is served on the first day of Shavuot. Our ancestors had not yet learned to prepare Kosher meat!

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SHABBAT

1 ט אייר
Iyar 9
Omer 24

In the evening count Omer 25

2 י אייר
Iyar 10
Omer 25

In the evening count Omer 26

3 יא אייר
Iyar 11
Omer 26

In the evening count Omer 27

4 יב אייר
Iyar 12
Omer 27

In the evening count Omer 28

5 יג אייר
Iyar 13
Omer 28
ACHAREI - KEDOSHIM
Pirkei-Avot: Chapter 3

In the evening count Omer 29

6 יד אייר
Iyar 14
Omer 29PESACH SHEINI
In the evening count Omer 307 טו אייר
Iyar 15
Omer 30

In the evening count Omer 31

8 טז אייר
Iyar 16
Omer 31

In the evening count Omer 32

9 יז אייר
Iyar 17
Omer 32

In the evening count Omer 33

10 יח אייר
Iyar 18
Omer 33LAG B'OMER
In the evening count Omer 3411 יט אייר
Iyar 19
Omer 34

In the evening count Omer 35

12 כ אייר
Iyar 20
Omer 35
EMOR
Pirkei-Avot: Chapter 4

In the evening count Omer 36

13 כא אייר
Iyar 21
Omer 36Mother's Day
In the evening count Omer 3714 כב אייר
Iyar 22
Omer 37

In the evening count Omer 38

15 כג אייר
Iyar 23
Omer 38

In the evening count Omer 39

16 כד אייר
Iyar 24
Omer 39

In the evening count Omer 40

17 כה אייר
Iyar 25
Omer 40

In the evening count Omer 41

18 כו אייר
Iyar 26
Omer 41

In the evening count Omer 42

19 כז אייר
Iyar 27
Omer 42
BEHAR-BECHUKOTAI
Pirkei-Avot: Chapter 5
Shabbat Chazzak
Blessing of new month

In the evening count Omer 43

20 כח אייר
Iyar 28
Omer 43
New moon: 11:01 4/18 PM

In the evening count Omer 44

21 כט אייר
Iyar 29
Omer 44

In the evening count Omer 45

22 א סיון
Sivan 1
Omer 45Rosh Chodesh
In the evening count Omer 4623 ב סיון
Sivan 2
Omer 46

In the evening count Omer 47

24 ג סיון
Sivan 3
Omer 47

In the evening count Omer 48

25 ד סיון
Sivan 4
Omer 48

In the evening count Omer 49

26 ה סיון
Sivan 5
Omer 49
BAMIDBAR
Pirkei-Avot: Chapter 627 ו סיון
Sivan 6

1st day of SHAVUOT

28 ז סיון
Sivan 7Memorial Day
Yizkor
2nd day of SHAVUOT29 ח סיון
Sivan 8

Isru Chag

30 ט סיון
Sivan 931 י סיון
Sivan 10



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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!

SUNDAY

MONDAY

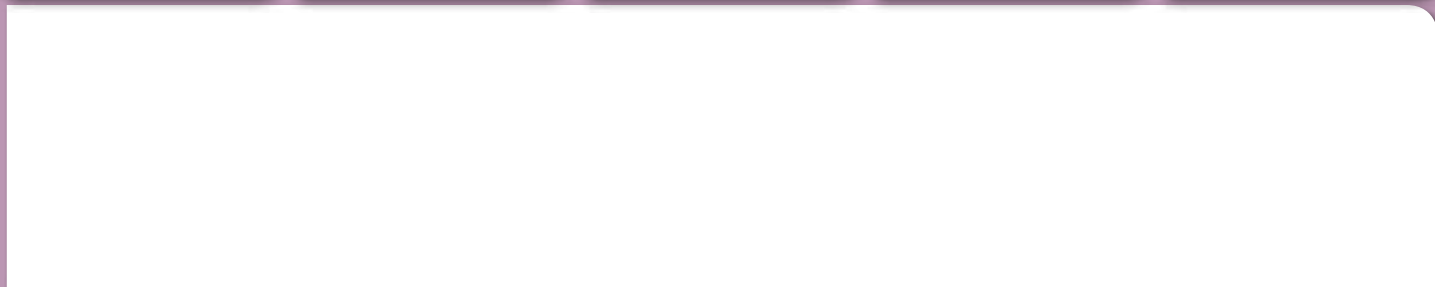
TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SHABBAT



1 יא סיון
Sivan 11



2 יב סיון
Sivan 12
NASO
Pirkei-Avot: Chapter 1

3 יג סיון
Sivan 13

4 יד סיון
Sivan 14

5 טו סיון
Sivan 15

6 טז סיון
Sivan 16

7 יז סיון
Sivan 17

8 יח סיון
Sivan 18



9 יט סיון
Sivan 19
BEHA'ALOTECHE
Pirkei-Avot: Chapter 2

10 כ סיון
Sivan 20

11 כא סיון
Sivan 21

12 כב סיון
Sivan 22

13 כג סיון
Sivan 23

14 כד סיון
Sivan 24

15 כה סיון
Sivan 25



16 כו סיון
Sivan 26
SHELACH
Pirkei-Avot: Chapter 3
Blessing of new month

17 כז סיון
Sivan 27

Father's Day

18 כח סיון
Sivan 28

19 כט סיון
Sivan 29
New moon: 11:45 5/18 AM

20 ל סיון
Sivan 30

Rosh Chodesh

21 א תמוז
Tammuz 1

Rosh Chodesh

22 ב תמוז
Tammuz 2



23 ג תמוז
Tammuz 3
KORACH
Pirkei-Avot: Chapter 4

24 ד תמוז
Tammuz 4

25 ה תמוז
Tammuz 5

26 ו תמוז
Tammuz 6

27 ז תמוז
Tammuz 7

28 ח תמוז
Tammuz 8

29 ט תמוז
Tammuz 9



30 י תמוז
Tammuz 10
CHUKAT
Pirkei-Avot: Chapter 5



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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 was celebrated throughout the Jewish world as a victory for Jewry and Judaism.

FAST OF TAMMUZ 17

The 17th of Tammuz marks the beginning of a three-week period of mourning. This is a tragic time on our calendar during which many calamities befell our nation in the course of history. On the 17th of Tammuz in particular, after years of siege, the walls of Jerusalem were breached. The Jewish forces continued to defend the Temple Mount for another 19 days, until it too fell on the 7th of Av. The Beit HaMikdash, the Holy Temple, was torched late on Av 9. Thus the "Three Weeks" begins with a fast on the 17th of Tammuz and concludes with a full day (25-hour) fast on the Ninth of Av. During this period, we do not celebrate weddings and in general hold no festivities.

This year, both fasts are delayed by a day so as not to interfere with Shabbat observances.

THE NINE DAYS OF MOURNING

While the mourning period begins on

Tammuz 17, it intensifies when the month of Av enters. From the First of Av until after the Ninth of Av (excluding Shabbat), we refrain from consuming meat or wine and from various pleasurable activities as a sign of additional mourning.

TISH'A B'AV - THE NINTH OF AV

The Ninth of Av has been a sad day on the Jewish calendar from the earliest days of our history 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. Much more recently, World War I began on Av 9. 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). The observances of the fast of Tish'a B'Av are similar to those of Yom Kippur. These include refraining from any food or drink, wearing leather shoes, washing or showering, anointing oneself with oils or lotions, and from marital relations. Additionally, on the eve of the fast, the scroll of Eichah (Lamentations) is read in the synagogue in a unique chant, melancholy yet reassuring. Until noon we sit on low seats only, as a mourner does during Shiva.

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

SUNDAY

1

יא תמוז
Tammuz 11

MONDAY

2

יב תמוז
Tammuz 12

TUESDAY

3

יג תמוז
Tammuz 13

WEDNESDAY

4

יד תמוז
Tammuz 14

Independence Day

THURSDAY

5

טו תמוז
Tammuz 15

FRIDAY

6

טז תמוז
Tammuz 16

SHABBAT

7

יז תמוז
Tammuz 17
BALAK
Pirkei-Avot: Chapter 6

8

יח תמוז
Tammuz 18

FAST OF 17th TAMMUZ

9

יט תמוז
Tammuz 19

10

כ תמוז
Tammuz 20

11

כא תמוז
Tammuz 21

12

כב תמוז
Tammuz 22

13

כג תמוז
Tammuz 23

14

כד תמוז
Tammuz 24
PINCHAS
Pirkei-Avot: Chapter 1
Blessing of new month

15

כה תמוז
Tammuz 25

16

כו תמוז
Tammuz 26

17

כז תמוז
Tammuz 27

18

כח תמוז
Tammuz 28

19

כט תמוז
Tammuz 29
New moon: 12:29 6/18 AM

20

א אב
Av 1

Rosh Chodesh



21

ב אב
Av 2
MATOT - MASSEI
Shabbat Chazak
Pirkei-Avot: Chapter 2

22

ג אב
Av 3

23

ד אב
Av 4

24

ה אב
Av 5

25

ו אב
Av 6

26

ז אב
Av 7

27

ח אב
Av 8

28

ט אב
Av 9
DEVARIM
Shabbat Chazon

29

י אב
Av 10

FAST OF 9th OF AV

30

יא אב
Av 11

31

יב אב
Av 12



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AV 15

The Mishnah (Tractate Ta'anit) 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 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.

ELUL

The month of Elul, the last of the Jewish calendar, is the time to reflect on our actions of the passing year, and to find ways to correct any shortcomings. In synagogues around the world, extra prayers are recited daily and the Shofar is sounded every weekday.

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.

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SHABBAT

1

יג אב
Av 13

2

יד אב
Av 14

3

טו אב
Av 15

4

טז אב
Av 16
VA'ETCHANAN
Shabbat Nachamu
Pirkei-Avot: Chapter 3



5

יז אב
Av 17

6

יח אב
Av 18

7

יט אב
Av 19

8

כ אב
Av 20

9

כא אב
Av 21

10

כב אב
Av 22

11

כג אב
Av 23
EIKEV
Pirkei-Avot: Chapter 4
Blessing of new month



12

כד אב
Av 24

13

כה אב
Av 25

14

כו אב
Av 26

15

כז אב
Av 27

16

כח אב
Av 28

17

כט אב
Av 29
New moon: 1:13 7/18 PM

18

ל אב
Av 30
RE'EH
Pirkei-Avot: Chapter 5



Rosh Chodesh

19

א אלול
Elul 1

20

ב אלול
Elul 2

21

ג אלול
Elul 3

22

ד אלול
Elul 4

23

ה אלול
Elul 5

24

ו אלול
Elul 6

25

ז אלול
Elul 7
SHOFTIM
Pirkei-Avot: Chapter 6



26

ח אלול
Elul 8

27

ט אלול
Elul 9

28

י אלול
Elul 10

29

יא אלול
Elul 11

30

יב אלול
Elul 12

31

יג אלול
Elul 13





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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 doing so every weekday morning until the eve of Rosh Hashanah.

ELUL 25

According to Jewish tradition, this was the first of the Six Days of Creation. Rosh Hashana is celebrated on day six, when Adam & Eve were created.

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. On the day he was created, Adam acknowledged G-d's kingship over the entire universe. Each

Rosh Hashanah, we reaffirm this with our renewed 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".

One who missed the Shofar in synagogue should make sure to hear at least the thirty prescribed Shofar sounds before the end of the day.

YOM KIPPUR

Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, is the holiest day in the Jewish calendar. On this day, we acknowledge and regret our past sins and resolve to improve in the future. In return, G-d promises us forgiveness. This day is one of spiritual cleansing; we refrain from working, eating and drinking, washing, anointing with oils or lotions, marital relations and wearing leather shoes.

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SHABBAT

1

יד אלול
Elul 14
KI TEITZEI
Pirkei-Avot: Chapter 1 & 2

2

טו אלול
Elul 15

3

טז אלול
Elul 16

Labor Day

4

יז אלול
Elul 17

5

יח אלול
Elul 18

6

יט אלול
Elul 19

7

כ אלול
Elul 20

8

כא אלול
Elul 21
KI TAVO
Shabbat Selichot
Pirkei-Avot: Chapter 3 & 4



9

כב אלול
Elul 22

10

כג אלול
Elul 23

11

כד אלול
Elul 24

12

כה אלול
Elul 25

13

כו אלול
Elul 26

14

כז אלול
Elul 27

15

כח אלול
Elul 28
NITZAVIM
Pirkei-Avot: Chapter 5 & 6



16

כט אלול
Elul 29

17

א תשרי
Tishrei 1

1st day of
ROSH HASHANAH

18

ב תשרי
Tishrei 2

2nd day of
ROSH HASHANAH

19

ג תשרי
Tishrei 3

FAST OF GEDALIAH

20

ד תשרי
Tishrei 4

21

ה תשרי
Tishrei 5

22

ו תשרי
Tishrei 6
VAYEILECH



23

ז תשרי
Tishrei 7

24

ח תשרי
Tishrei 8

25

ט תשרי
Tishrei 9

26

י תשרי
Tishrei 10

Yizkor
YOM KIPPUR

27

יא תשרי
Tishrei 11

28

יב תשרי
Tishrei 12

29

יג תשרי
Tishrei 13
HA'AZINU



30

יד תשרי
Tishrei 14



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