

# Jewish CALENDAR



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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 20-21

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

## ROSH HASHANAH

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	1ח אלול ELUL 8	2ט אלול ELUL 9	3י אלול ELUL 10	4יא אלול ELUL 11	5יב אלול ELUL 12	6יג אלול ELUL 13 KI TEITZEI PIRKEI-AVOT: Chapter 1 & 2
7יד אלול ELUL 14	8טו אלול ELUL 15	9טז אלול ELUL 16	10יז אלול ELUL 17	11יח אלול ELUL 18	12יט אלול ELUL 19	13כ אלול ELUL 20 KI TAVO Shabbat Selichot PIRKEI-AVOT: Chapter 3 & 4
14כא אלול ELUL 21	15כב אלול ELUL 22	16כג אלול ELUL 23	17כד אלול ELUL 24	18כה אלול ELUL 25	19כו אלול ELUL 26	20כז אלול ELUL 27 NITZAVIM PIRKEI-AVOT: Chapters 5 & 6
21כח אלול ELUL 28	22כט אלול ELUL 29	23א תשרי TISHREI 1	24ב תשרי TISHREI 2	25ג תשרי TISHREI 3	26ד תשרי TISHREI 4	27ה תשרי TISHREI 5 VAYEILECH Shabbat Shuva
28ו תשרי TISHREI 6	29ז תשרי TISHREI 7	30ח תשרי TISHREI 8				





# October 2025

TISHREI / CHESHVAN 5786

תשרי / חשוון תשפ"ו

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## 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 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.

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OCTOBER 2024

NEW MOON, CHESHVAN: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2025, 12:54 (8/18) AM Tishrei/Cheshvan 5786

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SHABBAT
			1ט תשרי TISHREI 9	2י תשרי TISHREI 10    YIZKOR YOM KIPPUR	3יא תשרי TISHREI 11  	4יב תשרי TISHREI 12 HA'AZINU
5יג תשרי TISHREI 13	6יד תשרי TISHREI 14	7טו תשרי TISHREI 15   1ST DAY OF SUKKOT 	8טז תשרי TISHREI 16   2ND DAY OF SUKKOT	9יז תשרי TISHREI 17  1st Intermediate day of SUKKOT	10יח תשרי TISHREI 18  2nd Intermediate day of SUKKOT 	11יט תשרי TISHREI 19  3rd Intermediate day of SUKKOT
12כ תשרי TISHREI 20  4th Intermediate day of SUKKOT	13כא תשרי TISHREI 21  HOSHANA RABA	14כב תשרי TISHREI 22    YIZKOR SHEMINI ATZERET 	15כג תשרי TISHREI 23   SIMCHAT TORAH	16כד תשרי TISHREI 24  ISRU CHAG	17כה תשרי TISHREI 25  	18כו תשרי TISHREI 26 BEREISHIT Blessing of new month
19כז תשרי TISHREI 27	20כח תשרי TISHREI 28	21כט תשרי TISHREI 29	22ל תשרי TISHREI 30  ROSH CHODESH	23א חשון CHESHVAN 1  ROSH CHODESH	24ב חשון CHESHVAN 2  	25ג חשון CHESHVAN 3 NOACH
26ד חשון CHESHVAN 4	27ה חשון CHESHVAN 5	28ו חשון CHESHVAN 6	29ז חשון CHESHVAN 7	30ח חשון CHESHVAN 8	31ט חשון CHESHVAN 9  	



# November 2025

CHESHVAN/KISLEV 5786

חשוון/כסלו תשפ"ו

## 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 in a single Jewish 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).

◀ "The Torah Readings", [www.instagram.com/jewishartbyeli](https://www.instagram.com/jewishartbyeli)



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



# December 2025

KISLEV/TEVET 5786

כסלו/טבת תשפ"ו

## 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 Wednesday evening, December 25.

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.

December 2025

NEW MOON, TEVET: SHABBAT, DECEMBER 20, 2025 2:22 (10/18) AM Kislev/Tevet 5786

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





# January 2026

TEVET/SHEVAT 5786

טבת/שבט תשפ"ו

## 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).

## 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.

## 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, so that Passover doesn't begin before the Spring.

What about this year? Our sages have devised a pattern which repeats itself every 19 years. This year, 5785, is the 9th year in the cycle, designated as a regular, 12-month year.



January 2026

NEW MOON, SHEVAT: SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2026 3:06 (11/18) PM Tevet/Shevat 5786

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

## 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 for it, threatened with his life, and then miraculously freed and allowed 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.

◀ "The Soldier", [www.alizafineart.com](http://www.alizafineart.com)

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February 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SHABBAT
1 י' שבט SHEVAT 14	2 ט' שבט SHEVAT 15   TU B'SHEVAT	3 ט"ז שבט SHEVAT 16	4 י"ז שבט SHEVAT 17	5 יח שבט SHEVAT 18	6 יט שבט SHEVAT 19	7 כ' שבט SHEVAT 20 YITRO
8 כ"א שבט SHEVAT 21	9 כ"ב שבט SHEVAT 22	10 כ"ג שבט SHEVAT 23	11 כ"ד שבט SHEVAT 24	12 כ"ה שבט SHEVAT 25	13 כ"ו שבט SHEVAT 26	14 כ"ז שבט SHEVAT 27 MISHPATIM Parshat Shekalim Blessing of new month
15 כ"ח שבט SHEVAT 28	16 כ"ט שבט SHEVAT 29	17 ל' שבט SHEVAT 30  ROSH CHODESH	18 א' אדר ADAR 1  ROSH CHODESH	19 ב' אדר ADAR 2	20 ג' אדר ADAR 3	21 ד' אדר ADAR 4 TERUMAH
22 ה' אדר ADAR 5	23 ו' אדר ADAR 6	24 ז' אדר ADAR 7	25 ח' אדר ADAR 8	26 ט' אדר ADAR 9	27 י' אדר ADAR 10	28 יא' אדר ADAR 11 TETZAVEH Parshat Zachor









## 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 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.

## 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.

◀ "Under the Tree", [www.instagram.com/jewishartbyeli](https://www.instagram.com/jewishartbyeli)

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





# April 2026

NISSAN/IYAR 5786

ניסן/אייר תשפ"ו

## NISSAN 11

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

## CELEBRATING PESACH

On Pesach (Passover) 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 one day earlier, on Thursday evening, April 10), we formally search the entire home for any remaining chametz. Any chametz we don't plan on destroying should be placed in a separate room or closet, sealed off, and sold - through a competent Rabbi - to a non-Jew for the duration of the festival. Unsold chametz must be destroyed the morning before Passover. That falls on Shabbat this year; the bulk of the unsold chametz should therefore be destroyed on Friday

morning, April 11. On Shabbat morning, April 12, the final chametz should be destroyed in a Shabbat-friendly manner, by 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.

◀ "The Pillar of Fire", [www.instagram.com/jewishartbyeli](https://www.instagram.com/jewishartbyeli)



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			<div>1יד ניסן NISSAN 14</div> <div>Eruv Tavshilin FAST OF FIRST BORN FIRST SEDER</div> <div></div>	<div>2טו ניסן NISSAN 15</div> <div>1ST DAY OF PASSOVER SECOND SEDER In the evening count Omer 1</div> <div></div>	<div>3טז ניסן NISSAN 16 Omer 1</div> <div>2ND DAY OF PASSOVER In the evening count Omer 2</div> <div></div>	<div>4יד ניסן NISSAN 17 Omer 2</div> <div>1st Intermediate day of PASSOVER In the evening count Omer 3</div> <div></div>
<div>5יח ניסן NISSAN 18 Omer 3</div> <div>2ND INTERMEDIATE DAY OF PASSOVER In the evening count Omer 4</div> <div></div>	<div>6יט ניסן NISSAN 19 Omer 4</div> <div>3RD INTERMEDIATE DAY OF PASSOVER In the evening count Omer 5</div> <div></div>	<div>7כ ניסן NISSAN 20 Omer 5</div> <div>4TH INTERMEDIATE DAY OF PASSOVER In the evening count Omer 6</div> <div></div>	<div>8כא ניסן NISSAN 21 Omer 6</div> <div>7TH DAY OF PASSOVER In the evening count Omer 7</div> <div></div>	<div>9כב ניסן NISSAN 22 Omer 7</div> <div>YIZKOR 8TH DAY OF PASSOVER In the evening count Omer 8</div> <div></div>	<div>10כג ניסן NISSAN 23 Omer 8</div> <div>ISRU CHAG In the evening count Omer 9</div> <div></div>	<div>11כד ניסן NISSAN 24 Omer 9</div> <div>SHEMINI Blessing of new month PIRKEI-AVOT: Chapter 1</div> <div>In the evening count Omer 10</div>
<div>12כה ניסן NISSAN 25 Omer 10</div> <div>In the evening count Omer 11</div> <div></div>	<div>13כו ניסן NISSAN 26 Omer 11</div> <div>In the evening count Omer 12</div> <div></div>	<div>14כז ניסן NISSAN 27 Omer 12</div> <div>In the evening count Omer 13</div> <div></div>	<div>15כח ניסן NISSAN 28 Omer 13</div> <div>In the evening count Omer 14</div> <div></div>	<div>16כט ניסן NISSAN 29 Omer 14</div> <div>In the evening count Omer 15</div> <div></div>	<div>17ל ניסן NISSAN 30 Omer 15</div> <div>ROSH CHODESH In the evening count Omer 16</div> <div></div>	<div>18א אייר IYAR 1 Omer 16</div> <div>TAZRIA-METZORAH PIRKEI-AVOT: Chapter 2</div> <div>ROSH CHODESH In the evening count Omer 17</div>
<div>19ב אייר IYAR 2 Omer 17</div> <div>In the evening count Omer 18</div> <div></div>	<div>20ג אייר IYAR 3 Omer 18</div> <div>In the evening count Omer 19</div> <div></div>	<div>21ד אייר IYAR 4 Omer 19</div> <div>In the evening count Omer 20</div> <div></div>	<div>22ה אייר IYAR 5 Omer 20</div> <div>In the evening count Omer 21</div> <div></div>	<div>23ו אייר IYAR 6 Omer 21</div> <div>In the evening count Omer 22</div> <div></div>	<div>24ז אייר IYAR 7 Omer 22</div> <div>In the evening count Omer 23</div> <div></div>	<div>25ח אייר IYAR 8 Omer 23</div> <div>ACHREI-MOT KEDOSHIM PIRKEI-AVOT: Chapter 3</div> <div>In the evening count Omer 24</div>
<div>26ט אייר IYAR 9 Omer 24</div> <div>In the evening count Omer 25</div> <div></div>	<div>27י אייר IYAR 10 Omer 25</div> <div>In the evening count Omer 26</div> <div></div>	<div>28יא אייר IYAR 11 Omer 26</div> <div>In the evening count Omer 27</div> <div></div>	<div>29יב אייר IYAR 12 Omer 27</div> <div>In the evening count Omer 28</div> <div></div>	<div>30יג אייר IYAR 13 Omer 28</div> <div>In the evening count Omer 29</div> <div></div>		

## 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

## 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.

## 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.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SHABBAT
					<div>1יד אייר IYAR 14 Omer 29</div> <div>PESACH SHEINI In the evening count Omer 30</div> <div></div>	<div>2טו אייר IYAR 15 Omer 30</div> <div>EMOR PIRKEI-AVOT: Chapter 4</div> <div>In the evening count Omer 31</div>
<div>3טז אייר IYAR 16 Omer 31</div> <div>In the evening count Omer 32</div>	<div>4ז' אייר IYAR 17 Omer 32</div> <div>In the evening count Omer 33</div>	<div>5יח אייר IYAR 18 Omer 33</div> <div>LAG BA'OMER In the evening count Omer 34</div> <div></div>	<div>6יט אייר IYAR 19 Omer 34</div> <div>In the evening count Omer 35</div>	<div>7כ' אייר IYAR 20 Omer 35</div> <div>In the evening count Omer 36</div>	<div>8כ"א אייר IYAR 21 Omer 36</div> <div>In the evening count Omer 37</div> <div></div>	<div>9כ"ב אייר IYAR 22 Omer 37</div> <div>BEHAR-BECHUKOTAI Shabbat Chazzak PIRKEI-AVOT: Chapter 5</div> <div>In the evening count Omer 38</div>
<div>10כ"ג אייר IYAR 23 Omer 38</div> <div>In the evening count Omer 39</div>	<div>11כ"ד אייר IYAR 24 Omer 39</div> <div>In the evening count Omer 40</div>	<div>12כ"ה אייר IYAR 25 Omer 40</div> <div>In the evening count Omer 41</div>	<div>13כ"ו אייר IYAR 26 Omer 41</div> <div>In the evening count Omer 42</div>	<div>14כ"ז אייר IYAR 27 Omer 42</div> <div>In the evening count Omer 43</div>	<div>15כ"ח אייר IYAR 28 Omer 43</div> <div>In the evening count Omer 44</div> <div></div>	<div>16כ"ט אייר IYAR 29 Omer 44</div> <div>BAMIDBAR Blessing of new month PIRKEI-AVOT: Chapter 6</div> <div>In the evening count Omer 45</div>
<div>17א' סיון SIVAN 1 Omer 45</div> <div>ROSH CHODESH In the evening count Omer 46</div>	<div>18ב' סיון SIVAN 2 Omer 46</div> <div>In the evening count Omer 47</div>	<div>19ג' סיון SIVAN 3 Omer 47</div> <div>In the evening count Omer 48</div>	<div>20ד' סיון SIVAN 4 Omer 48</div> <div>In the evening count Omer 49</div>	<div>21ה' סיון SIVAN 5 Omer 49</div> <div>Eruv Tavshilin</div> <div></div>	<div>22ו' סיון SIVAN 6</div> <div>1ST DAY OF SHAVUOT</div> <div></div>	<div>23ז' סיון SIVAN 7</div> <div>YIZKOR 2ND DAY OF SHAVUOT</div> <div></div>
<div>24ח' סיון SIVAN 8</div> <div>ISRU CHAG</div>	<div>25ט' סיון SIVAN 9</div>	<div>26י' סיון SIVAN 10</div>	<div>27יא' סיון SIVAN 11</div>	<div>28יב' סיון SIVAN 12</div>	<div>29יג' סיון SIVAN 13</div> <div></div>	<div>30יד' סיון SIVAN 14</div> <div>NASSO PIRKEI-AVOT: Chapter 1</div>
<div>31טו' סיון SIVAN 15</div>						

## 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!

## 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.

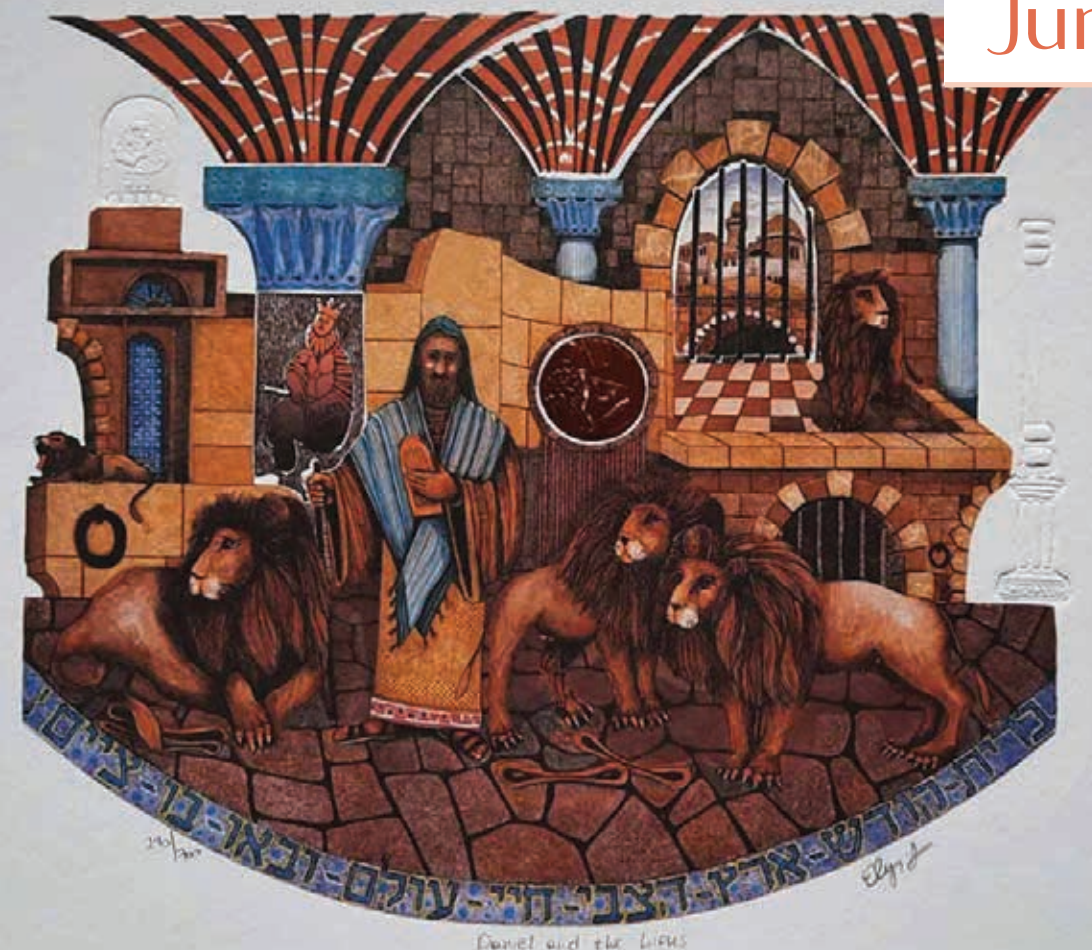
## THE UPCOMING REDEMPTION

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!

◀ "Dancing with the Torahs", [www.instagram.com/jewishartbyeli](https://www.instagram.com/jewishartbyeli)



Daniel and the Lions



June 2026

NEW MOON, TAMMUZ: MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2026 6:46 (16/18) AM Sivan/Tammuz 5786

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



# July 2026

TAMMUZ/MENACHEM-AV 5786

תמוז/מנחם אב תשפ"ו

## KOSHER: 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 accordance 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.

## TAMMUZ 12

Birthday of Rabbi Yosef Yitzchak Schneersohn, 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, such as not scheduling any weddings, as well as avoiding festive music and dancing.

◀ "Praying at the Wall", [www.alizafineart.com](http://www.alizafineart.com)  
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SHABBAT
			1טז תמוז TAMMUZ 6	2יז תמוז TAMMUZ 7  FAST OF 17 TAMMUZ	3יח תמוז TAMMUZ 8	4יט תמוז TAMMUZ 9  PINCHAS PIRKEI-AVOT: Chapter 6
5כז תמוז TAMMUZ 10	6כח תמוז TAMMUZ 11	7כט תמוז TAMMUZ 12	8ל תמוז TAMMUZ 13	9כז תמוז TAMMUZ 14	10כה תמוז TAMMUZ 15	11כו תמוז TAMMUZ 16  MATOT- MASEI Shabbat Chazzak Blessing of new month PIRKEI-AVOT: Chapter 1
12לז תמוז TAMMUZ 17	13לח תמוז TAMMUZ 18	14לט תמוז TAMMUZ 19	15א אב AV 1  ROSH CHODESH	16ב אב AV 2	17ג אב AV 3	18ד אב AV 4  DEVARIM Shabbat Chazzon PIRKEI-AVOT: Chapter 2
19ה אב AV 5	20ו אב AV 6	21ז אב AV 7	22ח אב AV 8	23ט אב AV 9  FAST OF 9 AV	24י אב AV 10	25יא אב AV 11  VA'ETCHANAN Shabbat Nachmu PIRKEI-AVOT: Chapter 3
26יב אב AV 12	27יג אב AV 13	28יד אב AV 14	29טו אב AV 15	30טז אב AV 16	31יז אב AV 17	





# August 2026

MENACHEM AV/ELUL 5786

מנחם אב / אלול תשפ"ו

## 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.

◀ "Tomb of the Patriarchs", [www.instagram.com/jewishartbyeli](https://www.instagram.com/jewishartbyeli)

# August 2026

NEW MOON, ELUL: SHABBAT, THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2026 8:15 AM Menachem Av/Elul 5786

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SHABBAT
						<div>1</div> <div>יח אב AV 18</div> <div>עֵיכָּב PIRKEI-AVOT: Chapter 4</div>
<div>2</div> <div>יט אב AV 19</div>	<div>3</div> <div>כ אב AV 20</div>	<div>4</div> <div>כא אב AV 21</div>	<div>5</div> <div>כב אב AV 22</div>	<div>6</div> <div>כג אב AV 23</div>	<div>7</div> <div>כד אב AV 24</div>	<div>8</div> <div>כה אב AV 25</div> <div>רַעִי Blessing of new month PIRKEI-AVOT: Chapter 5</div>
<div>9</div> <div>כו אב AV 26</div>	<div>10</div> <div>כז אב AV 27</div>	<div>11</div> <div>כח אב AV 28</div>	<div>12</div> <div>כט אב AV 29</div>	<div>13</div> <div>ל אב AV 30</div> <div>ROSH CHODESH</div>	<div>14</div> <div>א אלול ELUL 1</div> <div>ROSH CHODESH</div>	<div>15</div> <div>ב אלול ELUL 2</div> <div>שׁוֹפְטִים PIRKEI-AVOT: Chapter 6</div>
<div>16</div> <div>ג אלול ELUL 3</div>	<div>17</div> <div>ד אלול ELUL 4</div>	<div>18</div> <div>ה אלול ELUL 5</div>	<div>19</div> <div>ו אלול ELUL 6</div>	<div>20</div> <div>ז אלול ELUL 7</div>	<div>21</div> <div>ח אלול ELUL 8</div>	<div>22</div> <div>ט אלול ELUL 9</div> <div>כִּי-תֵצִיטֵי PIRKEI-AVOT: Chapter 1 &amp; 2</div>
<div>23</div> <div>י אלול ELUL 10</div>	<div>24</div> <div>יא אלול ELUL 11</div>	<div>25</div> <div>יב אלול ELUL 12</div>	<div>26</div> <div>יג אלול ELUL 13</div>	<div>27</div> <div>יד אלול ELUL 14</div>	<div>28</div> <div>טו אלול ELUL 15</div>	<div>29</div> <div>טז אלול ELUL 16</div> <div>כִּי-תֵצִיטֵי PIRKEI-AVOT: Chapter 3 &amp; 4</div>
<div>30</div> <div>יז אלול ELUL 17</div>	<div>31</div> <div>יח אלול ELUL 18</div>					





# September 2025

ELUL 5786/TISHREI 5787  
אלול תשפ"ו/תשרי תשפ"ז

## 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 25-26

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

◀ "Singing With Nature", [www.instagram.com/jewishartbyeli](https://www.instagram.com/jewishartbyeli)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SHABBAT
		1 יט אלול ELUL 19	2 כ אלול ELUL 20	3 כא אלול ELUL 21	4 כב אלול ELUL 22	5 כג אלול ELUL 23 <b>SHOFTIM</b> Shabbat Selichot <b>PIRKEI-AVOT:</b> Chapter 5 & 6
6 כד אלול ELUL 24	7 כה אלול ELUL 25	8 כו אלול ELUL 26	9 כז אלול ELUL 27	10 כח אלול ELUL 28	11 כט אלול ELUL 29	12 א תשרי TISHREI 1   1ST DAY OF <b>ROSH HASHANAH</b>  
13 ב תשרי TISHREI 2   2ND DAY OF <b>ROSH HASHANAH</b>	14 ג תשרי TISHREI 3  <b>FAST OF GEDALIAH</b>	15 ד תשרי TISHREI 4	16 ה תשרי TISHREI 5	17 ו תשרי TISHREI 6	18 ז תשרי TISHREI 7 	19 ח תשרי TISHREI 8 <b>HA'AZINU</b> Shabbat Shuvah
20 ט תשרי TISHREI 9  	21 י תשרי TISHREI 10    <b>YIZKOR</b> <b>YOM KIPPUR</b>	22 יא תשרי TISHREI 11	23 יב תשרי TISHREI 12	24 יג תשרי TISHREI 13	25 יד תשרי TISHREI 14 	26 טו תשרי TISHREI 15   1ST DAY OF <b>SUKKOT</b> 
27 טז תשרי TISHREI 16   2ND DAY OF <b>SUKKOT</b>	28 יז תשרי TISHREI 17  1st Intermediate day of <b>SUKKOT</b>	29 יח תשרי TISHREI 18  2nd Intermediate day of <b>SUKKOT</b>	30 יט תשרי TISHREI 19  3rd Intermediate day of <b>SUKKOT</b>			

