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5786

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Dear Friend,

It gives us much pleasure to present you with the Oxford Jewish Art Calendar for the Jewish New Year 5786/2025-6, providing information on Jewish festivals, Shabbat and holiday candle lighting times, traditional kosher recipes, together with beautiful Jewish artwork.

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We are very grateful to our friends and supporters for their warm greetings and for local and national businesses for advertising in the calendar.

We take this opportunity to wish you and yours a happy, healthy and sweet New Year.

Warmest regards,

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SEPTEMBER 2025

אלול ה'תשפ"ה - תשרי ה'תשפ"ו • 5785-Elul



Prayer, Oil on Canvas by Zalman Kleinman



THE MONTH OF ELUL

Elul is the final month of the Jewish year. It is a month that connects the past year with the coming year—a time when we reflect on where we stand and where we should be going, a time that has been designated as a time of mercy and forgiveness, and an opportune time for teshuvah—returning to G-d.

During this month we have our Mezuzot and Tefillin checked, study more Torah, give more charity, pray with more feeling, and make good resolutions for the coming year. After prayers each morning (except Shabbat), it is customary to blow the Shofar.

ELUL 18

Birthday of Rabbi Yisrael Baal Shem Tov (1698-

1760), founder of Chassidism, renowned for his love of every Jew. Birthday of Rabbi Shneur Zalman of Liadi (1745-1812), known as the Alter Rebbe, founder of the Chabad-Lubavitch intellectual branch of Chassidism, author of Tanya and Shulchan Aruch HaRav.

ELUL 21

First day, this year, for saying Selichot, “prayers for forgiveness.” The first Selichot are said early Sunday morning after midnight (about 1:00 a.m. when Daylight Savings Time is in effect). The other Selichot are said before dawn or in the early morning until Rosh Hashanah.

TISHREI 1-2 | ROSH HASHANAH

Rosh Hashanah (“Head of the Year”), the Jewish New Year, is celebrated as a two-day

holiday. On these days the Heavenly Court decides all that is to happen to all beings during the coming year.

It is customary on Rosh Hashanah to eat foods symbolizing sweetness, blessings and abundance. We dip the challah in honey; and afterwards, on the first night of the holiday, Sept. 22, we eat a piece of apple dipped in honey. After the appropriate blessing on the apple, we add: “May it be Your will to renew for us a good and sweet year.”

The Shofar

On both days of Rosh Hashanah, Sept. 23 and 24, during the daytime, we hear at least the first thirty of the prescribed blasts of the Shofar (ram’s horn).

Tashlich

On the first day of Rosh Hashanah, Tuesday, Sept. 23, following the afternoon prayer, we visit a body of water or pond containing live fish and recite the Tashlich prayers.

TISHREI 3 | FAST OF GEDALIAH

Gedaliah was a righteous Jewish governor appointed by the Babylonian conquerors after they destroyed the First Temple. When he was assassinated (422 BCE), our people’s plight hit an extreme low. This fast day commemorates this tragic event.

TISHREI 6

Yahrtzeit of Rebbetzin Chana Schneerson (1880-1964), mother of the Lubavitcher Rebbe.

Helena & Mike
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send best wishes to
Eli and Freidy
L'shana tova.
May Chabad continue
to flourish.



A gut gebentsht yor!
With gratitude to
Rabbi Eli and Freidy.
Pammy & David

"Cum hoc legeris,
ride"
(When you read
this, smile)
Rachel Chaya
Mushka Hubner



Thank you for all
your good work!
Abigail Green,
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תשרי-חשוון ה'תשפ"ו • 5786 Cheshvan-Tishrei

THE EVE OF YOM KIPPUR

On the day preceding Yom Kippur, Wednesday, Oct. 1, we eat festive meals, to demonstrate our faith and confidence in G-d's mercy. Another beautiful custom for this day is that of parents blessing their children. Yom Kippur atones for sins against G-d, but not for wrongdoings between man and man. It is therefore important, before Yom Kippur, to apologize and seek forgiveness from friends, relatives, and acquaintances, to heal any ill feelings which may have arisen.

TISHREI 10 | YOM KIPPUR

Yom Kippur ("Day of Atonement") is the holiest day in the Jewish year. In addition to the prohibition of work, as on the Sabbath, there are five activities specifically prohibited on Yom Kippur, from Wednesday evening, Oct. 1, until Thursday night, Oct. 2: eating and drinking, anointing oneself with perfumes or lotions, marital relations, washing or bathing (for pleasure) and wearing leather shoes.

TISHREI 15-21 | SUKKOT

Sukkot is a joyous holiday. For seven days, we are once again the original people of Moses wandering in the wilderness, surrounded by the Clouds of Glory. Only now those clouds are the greenery of a festive hut called a Sukkah. All meals are eaten in the Sukkah, barring inclement

weather. All the common activities of life, when they happen inside the Sukkah, become holy acts. And all of the person is encompassed in this mitzvah, from head to toe.

THE FOUR SPECIES

Each day of Sukkot, from Tuesday, Oct. 7, through Monday, Oct. 13, except for Shabbat, we shake the Four Species during the daytime. Hold the lulav (palm branch), three hadassim (myrtle branches), and two aravot (willow branches) in the right hand, with the lulav's "spine" facing you. Say the appropriate blessing(s), then take the etrog (citron) in the left hand with the point, or "pitom," up, bring it together with the other three kinds, and shake it.

TISHREI 21

The seventh day of Sukkot, Oct. 13, is called Hoshana Rabbah. It is customary to stay awake the preceding night and recite portions of Torah and the Book of Psalms. In the morning, we circle the bimah (Torah reading platform) seven times, lulav and etrog in hand. Then we recite special prayers, called hoshanot, while holding five willow branches bound together. We beat the willow branches on the floor, symbolically sweetening G-d's judgment.



Simchat Torah, Oil on Canvas by Zalman Kleinman



TISHREI 22-23

On the evening of Simchat Torah (Tuesday, Oct. 14), and in some communities on the evening of Shemini Atzeret as well, we make seven hakafot (circlings) around the bimah, singing and dancing with the Torah scrolls. On the morning of Simchat

Torah, Oct. 15, the final portion of the Torah is read, completing the yearly cycle. Then we immediately read the first portion, beginning the cycle anew. Thus, we continue to delve into the infinite wisdom of G-d's Torah—the eternal force that has bound us together and sustained us for more than 3,300 years.

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CHESHVAN 7

At the time of the Holy Temple, the economy of Israel was dependent on rainfall to make the crops grow. Nevertheless, out of their great love for one another, the Jews in Israel waited two full weeks after Sukkot, until Cheshvan 7, before requesting rain, rather than possibly inconvenience even the last few pilgrims on their return trip to the most distant boundary of the Holy Land.

CHESHVAN 11

Rachel, wife of Jacob, mother of Joseph and Benjamin, passed away (1563 BCE). She is buried outside Bethlehem.

CHESHVAN 20

Birth day of Rabbi Sholom DovBer (1860-1920), known as the Rebbe RaShaB, fifth leader of Chabad-Lubavitch.

TORAH STUDY

Torah is the medium of communication through which G-d enables man to know, serve and connect to Him. The campaign for Torah study encourages every individual to set fixed times for Torah study every day, so that our spiritual growth and development can be systematic and directed.

Since the giving of the Torah at Sinai, Torah study has been an integral part of Jewish life. Rabbi Shneur Zalman of Liadi explained that Torah study should be fixed not only in time but also in soul. It should be the vortex around which the entire spectrum of our day-to-day experience revolves.

The Talmud tells the story of when the Roman government issued a decree forbidding Torah study. Pappus ben Yehudah saw Rabbi Akiva conducting Torah classes and asked him, "Do you not fear punishment by the law?" Rabbi Akiva answered with a parable:

A fox was strolling along the riverbank and noticed fish swimming swiftly from place to place. He asked, "Why are you running?" They replied, "We are afraid of the net that people set up to catch us." The fox slyly said, "Perhaps it would be wise to ascend to the shore and live together with me as my parents lived with your parents." The fish responded, "You speak foolishly; if we are afraid in our native habitat, our fear will be even greater on land, where death will be certain." Similarly, Torah is our source of life and may save us. Without it we will definitely perish (Berachot 61b).



Hebron, On Canvas by Baruch Nachshon

BAYIT MALEH SEFORIM—A HOME FILLED WITH BOOKS

A container is defined by what it holds. A pitcher filled with water becomes water. A crate of apples becomes apples. A home, too, takes on the identity of what fills it.

Fill your home with Jewish holy books, and your home becomes Torah. This is the vision behind Bayit Maleh Seforim, a mitzvah campaign of the Lubavitcher Rebbe, encouraging every Jewish household to acquire Torah books—a Chumash, a Siddur, a Tehillim, and more—not just to read, but to make Torah a visible, living part

of the home.

Even when they're not being studied, these books radiate holiness. Their presence changes the atmosphere, bringing warmth, purpose, and a quiet reminder of who we are. Children raised among Jewish books absorb their message deeply, long before they learn to read.

A home filled with Torah is more than a dwelling—it becomes a sanctuary, a teacher, and a source of blessing for all who enter.

ME'ARAT HAMACHEPELAH—THE CAVE OF THE PATRIARCHS

The Tomb of the Patriarchs and Matriarchs in Hebron is the burial place of Adam and Eve, Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, and Jacob and Leah. The site's holiness comes not only from who rests there, but because it serves as a gateway to the Garden of Eden. Adam saw a divine light from the area and chose it as his burial place. Purchased by Abraham nearly 4,000 years ago, the cave remains one of Judaism's holiest sites—deeply tied to the Jewish people's spiritual, historical and eternal connection to the Land of Israel.

Best wishes,
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HOW TO CELEBRATE CHANUKAH

Kindle the Chanukah menorah on each of the eight nights of Chanukah. For the dates and times, see the calendar below. For the lights of the menorah, use olive oil or candles large enough to burn until at least half an hour after nightfall. Use a "shamash" (service candle) to kindle the lights, and place it in its special place on the menorah.

Before kindling recite the blessings, and after kindling recite "Haneiros Hallalu." See the calendar below for which blessings to say.

All members of the family should be present at the kindling of the Chanukah lights. Have all young boys kindle their own Chanukah menorahs, and all young girls light their own Shabbat candles. Students and singles who live in a dormitory or in their own apartments should kindle menorahs in their own rooms. Chanukah lights are kindled in the front window or by a doorway.

For the number of lights and the order of kindling, see the calendar below.

1. Buh-rookh ah-tuh ah-doh-noi, eh-loh-hay-noo meh-lech huh-oh-luhm, ah-shehr kee-deh-shuh-noo beh-mitz-voh-suhv, veh-tzee-vuh-noo leh-hahd-leek nayr khah-noo-kuh.

Blessed are You, L-rd our G-d, King of the universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments, and commanded us to kindle the Chanukah light.

2. Buh-rookh ah-tuh ah-doh-noi, eh-loh-hay-noo meh-lech huh-oh-luhm, sheh-uh-suh nee-sim lah-ah-voh-say-noo, bah-yuh-mim huh-haym biz-mahn hah-zeh.

Blessed are You, L-rd our G-d, King of the universe, who performed miracles for our forefathers in those days, at this time.

The following blessing is said only on the first evening (or the first time one kindles the lights this Chanukah):

3. Buh-rookh ah-tuh ah-doh-noi, eh-loh-hay-noo meh-lech huh-oh-luhm, sheh-heh-kheh-yuh-noo, veh-kee-yeh-muh-noo, veh-hee-gee-uh-noo liz-mahn hah-zeh.

Blessed are You, L-rd our G-d, King of the universe, who has granted us life, sustained us, and enabled us to reach this occasion.

KISLEV 14

Wedding anniversary of the Lubavitcher Rebbe and Rebbetzin (1928).

KISLEV 15

Antiochus IV Epiphanes (called Epimanes, "madman," by his subjects) had his soldiers desecrate the Holy Temple in Jerusalem. This sparked the revolt of the Maccabees, led by Matisyahu the Hasmonean and his five sons, which eventually gave us the holiday of Chanukah.

KISLEV 19

Rabbi DovBer of Mezeritch, known as the Maggid of Mezeritch, passed away (1772). He was the chief disciple and successor of the Baal Shem Tov.

Release from czarist imprisonment in Petersburg (1798) of his youngest disciple, Rabbi Shneur Zalman of Liozhna (later of Liadi), known as the Alter Rebbe, founder of Chabad-Lubavitch, author of Tanya, Shulchan Aruch HaRav and other profound works. Celebrated throughout the world as the "New Year of Chassidism."

KISLEV 25-TEVET 2 | CHANUKAH

"What is Chanukah?... When the Greeks entered the Sanctuary (in Jerusalem), they defiled all the oil (used for lighting the seven-branched menorah) there. When the rulers of the Hasmonean family overcame them and triumphed,



The Menorah, Oil on Canvas by Yossi Bitton



they searched and found only one flask of oil remaining with the seal of the Kohen Gadol (high priest). It had only enough oil to light for one day. A miracle occurred to it, and they used it to light for eight days. The following year, they (the Sages) established it as a permanent holiday of praise and thanksgiving" (Talmud, Shabbat 21b). This occurred in the year 165 BCE.

Kislev 25 is also the anniversary (1313 BCE) of the completion of the temporary sanctuary

(Mishkan) built by the Jewish People in the desert (Exodus 25-27, 30-31, 35-40). But it was not dedicated or erected for another three months. Instead, the day of Kislev 25 waited to become a holiday until the Hasmoneans rededicated the Temple from Greek defilement 1148 years later.

TEVET 10

Anniversary of the start of the siege of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon (425 BCE), culminating in the destruction of the First Temple.



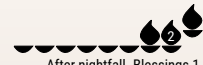







Avishag Valk, her husband Jonathan, Samuel Claus & their parents, Nissan Claus & Xaviere Hassan wish everyone a Shana Tova uMetuka

Shana Tova U'Metukah
Cambridge Bespoke Interiors warmly wishes all students and members of the Oxford Jewish community a sweet and fulfilling New Year.
May 5786 bring inspiration, creativity, and success, and may your homes and lives be filled with warmth and beauty.
Warm wishes from Cambridge!
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Shanah Tovah!!
With tremendous appreciation & gratitude to Rabbi Eli, Freidy and all the Brackman family.
From Nechama, Gidon, Minde & Levi Wieder

Shana Tova from
Dinah Rose
&
Peter Kessler

Shana Tova from
Craig Simmons
(Lord Mayor of Oxford
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Elise Benjamin
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TEVET 20

RaMBaM (Maimonides), Rabbi Moshe ben Maimon (1135-1204), passed away in Cairo, Egypt, and was buried in Tiberias, Israel. Outstanding codifier, commentator, philosopher, physician to Sultan Saladin, and leader of Egyptian Jewry, his brilliant works are studied to this day. It was said of him: "From Moses to Moses (i.e., the RaMBaM), there was none like Moses!"

The Lubavitcher Rebbe has urged all Jews to study daily his Mishneh Torah (authoritative code of Jewish law), or at least the briefer Sefer HaMitzvos.

TEVET 24

Rabbi Shneur Zalman of Liadi (1745-1812), first leader of Chabad-Lubavitch, author of Tanya and Shulchan Aruch HaRav, passed away.

SHEVAT 10

Rabbi Shalom Sharabi, brilliant and saintly Yemenite Kabbalist, whose works are much revered, passed away (Jerusalem, 1777).

Rabbi Yosef Yitzchak Schneersohn (1880-1950), sixth leader of the Chabad-Lubavitch movement, passed away. He is renowned for his devoted efforts in strengthening Judaism in the USSR, the USA and many other lands. He brought the Chabad movement to America. A prolific writer, he is said to have written over 100,000 letters in his lifetime!

This day also marks the beginning of the leadership of his successor, the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson.

PUT YOUR SOUL WHERE YOUR STOMACH IS

Food for the Soul

Just as there are foods that are good for the body and foods that are harmful, so there are foods that nourish the inner person—the soul—and foods that harm it.

The Kosher Laws are Torah's guide to those foods that affect the Jewish soul adversely. Any meat or fowl that is eaten must be slaughtered in a prescribed, kosher fashion. Meat and milk must never mix. Scavengers, predatory beasts and birds, shellfish and certain other animals are forbidden. Any processed foods must be produced under strict Kosher supervision.

Eating is Sacred

When they talk about spirituality, people think about meditation, prayer and maybe music. Few imagine eating as a spiritual activity. But according to the Torah, everything a person does is another way to infuse the world with spiritual meaning. Especially eating. When a person eats food with the proper mindfulness and uses the energy of that food for good things, the food becomes elevated through his eating.

That's another reason for Kosher guidelines. Kosher foods are those that a Jewish soul is able to elevate. Non-kosher foods are those that will only drag the soul down.

It's Never Been Easier!

Seventy percent of the packaged foods in your cupboard are probably kosher already. Going the full mile can be a smooth, step-by-step process—each step a mitzvah all on its own:

- Don't mix meat and milk.
- Cut out pork, shellfish and non-kosher fish.
- Buy only kosher meat.
- Buy only those processed goods that have kosher certification.
- Make your kitchen kosher.

For more information or for help in keeping kosher, please contact us.



The Prophetess Devora, Oil on Canvas by Yossi Rosenstein



Wishing all our
dear friends
Shanah Tovah
U'Metuka
Matthew, Ollie &
the Faulk Family

Shana Tova
Family Parnes

Shana Tova
Sir Bernard
Silverman
&
Family

Shana Tova
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<p>18 כט טבת 29 Tevet</p> <p>Hilary Term Week 1</p> <p>New Moon: 3:06 ¹¹/₁₈ p.m.</p>	<p>19 א שבט 1 Shevat</p> <p>ראש חדש שבט Rosh Chodesh Shevat</p>	<p>20 ב שבט 2 Shevat</p>	<p>21 ג שבט 3 Shevat</p>	<p>22 ד שבט 4 Shevat</p>	<p>23 ה שבט 5 Shevat</p>  <p>Light candles at 4:20 p.m.</p>	<p>24 ו שבט 6 Shevat</p> <p>בא BO Shabbat ends at 5:34 p.m.</p>																														
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SHEVAT 15

New Year for trees, when trees begin to bud in Israel. It is customary to eat many fruits, especially those for which the Land of Israel is praised in Scripture.

The seven species of Israel are wheat, barley, grape (wine), fig, pomegranate, olive (oil), and date (honey). Many people have the custom of eating carob on this day, while others eat jam or preserves from the etrog left over from Sukkot.

SHEVAT 22

Yahrtzeit of Rebbetzin Chaya Mushka Schneerson, wife of the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson.

ADAR 7

Moses, teacher of all Israel, was born on this day (1393 BCE), and passed away on Shabbat afternoon of the same date 120 years later (1273 BCE). The day before he passed away, he finished writing 13 Torah scrolls, one for each of the tribes of Israel, and one for the Levites to place next to the Holy Ark in the Holy of Holies.

When Haman, Grand Vizier of Achashverosh, sought an auspicious time to destroy all Jews in all 127 provinces of the Persian realm, he picked Adar, the month when Moses, passed away. He also drew lots ("Purim"), and the lot, too, fell on this month. What he did not realize was that in this month Moses was also born, and it was therefore a most fortunate time for the Jews! (Talmud)

SHABBAT PARSHAT ZACHOR

When the Jewish nation left Egypt, no other nation dared to challenge them. Who would confront a people whose G-d had just devastated the powerful Egypt with ten extraordinary plagues and drowned remaining survivors in the sea? Only Amalek, driven by an irrational and profound hatred, dared to wage battle against them.

To commemorate this, we have a commandment to supplement the Torah reading on the Shabbat before Purim with the portion that begins with "Zachor" (Remember) and which bids us to



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THE SHABBAT

Shabbat (also known as "Shabbos" or the "Sabbath") is the centerpiece of Jewish life, and has been so since the infancy of our nation. According to the Talmud, Shabbat is equal to all the other commandments. Shabbat is so central to Jewish life that the term shomer Shabbat (Shabbat observer) is synonymous with "religious Jew" in common parlance.

Shabbat is a day of rest and celebration that

begins on Friday at sunset and ends on the following evening after nightfall. Let's have a look at the history, importance and observances of this day.

Our sages tell us that the Shabbat is a "queen," whose regal presence graces every Jewish home for the duration of the Shabbat day. For this reason, we wash ourselves, dress in our finest clothes and make sure our homes are in tip-top shape on Friday afternoon. According to the

Talmud, we actually receive a special additional soul every Shabbat.

The prophet Isaiah (58:13-14) foretells great delight that comes as a reward "if you restrain your foot because of the Sabbath, from performing your affairs on My holy day, and you call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the L-rd honored, and you honor it by not doing your customary ways, by not pursuing your affairs and speaking words. Then, you shall delight with the L-rd, and

I will cause you to ride on the high places of the land, and I will give you to eat the heritage of Jacob your father, for the mouth of the L-rd has spoken."

Shabbat is so special that even our choice of words, comportment, and the items that we touch must be consistent with this holy day. This includes the admonition not to handle items known as muktzeh, which have been set aside because they generally have no use within the Shabbat lifestyle.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 יד שבט 14 Shevat Week 3	2 טו שבט 15 Shevat ראש השנה לאילנות New Year for Trees	3 טז שבט 16 Shevat	4 יז שבט 17 Shevat	5 יח שבט 18 Shevat	6 יט שבט 19 Shevat Light candles at 4:45 p.m.	7 כ שבט 20 Shevat יתרו YITRO Shabbat ends at 5:57 p.m.
8 כא שבט 21 Shevat Week 4	9 כב שבט 22 Shevat	10 כג שבט 23 Shevat	11 כד שבט 24 Shevat	12 כה שבט 25 Shevat	13 כו שבט 26 Shevat Light candles at 4:58 p.m.	14 כז שבט 27 Shevat משפטים MISHPATIM Shekalim Blessing of the new month Shabbat ends at 6:09 p.m.
15 כח שבט 28 Shevat Week 5	16 כט שבט 29 Shevat	17 ל שבט 30 Shevat ראש חודש אדר Rosh Chodesh Adar New Moon: 3:50 ¹² / ₁₄ a.m.	18 א אדר 1 Adar ראש חודש אדר Rosh Chodesh Adar	19 ב אדר 2 Adar	20 ג אדר 3 Adar Light candles at 5:11 p.m.	21 ד אדר 4 Adar תרומה TERUMAH Shabbat ends at 6:21 p.m.
22 ה אדר 5 Adar Week 6	23 ו אדר 6 Adar	24 ז אדר 7 Adar	25 ח אדר 8 Adar	26 ט אדר 9 Adar	27 י אדר 10 Adar Light candles at 5:23 p.m.	28 יא אדר 11 Adar תצוה TETZAVEH Zachor Shabbat ends at 6:33 p.m.

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13	4:54	4:57	4:54	4:44	5:07	5:11
20	5:07	5:11	5:08	4:50	5:13	5:19
27	5:19	5:25	5:22	4:55	5:18	5:27

CANDLE-LIGHTING TIMES
SHABBAT ENDS APPROX. 65 MINUTES
AFTER CANDLE-LIGHTING

	Earliest Tefillin	Sunrise	Latest Shema	Midday/Midnight	Earliest Mincha	Sunset	Earliest Evening Shema
1	6:35	7:44	10:01	12:19	12:43	4:54	5:31
8	6:25	7:33	9:56	12:20	12:45	5:07	5:43
15	6:13	7:19	9:48	12:19	12:45	5:19	5:55
22	6:00	7:05	9:41	12:19	12:46	5:32	6:07

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SHABBAT AND YOM TOV CANDLES

THE SHABBAT CANDLES

A married woman customarily lights two candles, and may add an additional one for each of her children. An unmarried girl should light one candle, in deference to her mother.

As soon as a young girl can understand the idea of the Shabbat and can say the blessing (approximately 3 years old), her parents should provide her with a candlestick and teach her to kindle the Shabbat candles.

The young girl should light before her mother, in case she needs assistance from her.

It is customary to put a few coins into a tzedaka pushka (charity box) before lighting the candles.

The correct time to light the Shabbat candles is at least 18 minutes before sunset every Friday. Young girls should light just prior to this time.

THE FESTIVAL CANDLES

Just as candles are lit in honor of the Shabbat, so are they lit in honor of the festivals.

Various blessings are recited on different festivals. See the chart on the right for Festival Candle-Lighting.

CAUTION: When lighting after the onset of a festival, a pre-existing flame must be used to light the candles, since it is prohibited to create a new flame by striking a match, lighter, etc. However, it is permissible to use (or transfer fire from) a flame burning continuously since the onset of the festival, such as a pilot light, gas or candle flame.

PROCEDURE FOR LIGHTING THE SHABBAT CANDLES

The woman (or young girl) lights the candles, then spreads her hands out around the candles, drawing her hands inwards in a circular motion three times to indicate her acceptance of the sanctity of the Shabbat. She then covers her eyes and says the blessing:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ
בְּמִצְוֹתָיִךְ, וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל שַׁבָּת קֹדֶשׁ

Buh-rookh ah-tuh ah-doh-noi, eh-loh-hay-noo meh-lech huh-oh-luhm, ah-shehr kee-deh-shuh-noo beh-mitz-voh-suhv, veh-tzee-vuh-noo leh-hahd-leek nayr shel shah-bus koh-desh.

Blessed are You, L-rd, our G-d, King of the universe, Who has sanctified us with His commandments, and commanded us to kindle the light of the holy Shabbat.

She then uncovers her eyes to behold the Shabbat lights.

The time of lighting is considered an especially propitious time to pray to G-d for health and happiness. The prayer is readily accepted because it is said during the performance of this great mitzvah of lighting the Shabbat candles.

CAUTION: The candles must be lit before sunset. It is prohibited—and is a desecration of the Shabbat—to light the candles after sunset.

FESTIVAL CANDLE-LIGHTING SCHEDULE

DATE	FESTIVAL	BLESSING(S)
*Sept. 22	First Eve of Rosh Hashanah	No. 1 and 5
**Sept. 23	Second Eve of Rosh Hashanah	No. 1 and 5
***Oct. 1	Eve of Yom Kippur	No. 2 and 5
*Oct. 6	First Eve of Sukkot	No. 3 and 5
**Oct. 7	Second Eve of Sukkot	No. 3 and 5
*Oct. 13	Eve of Shemini Atzeret	No. 3 and 5
**Oct. 14	Eve of Simchat Torah	No. 3 and 5
**April 1	First Seder Night	No. 3 and 5
**April 2	Second Seder Night	No. 3 and 5
***April 7	Seventh Eve of Passover	No. 3
**April 8	Eighth Eve of Passover	No. 3
*May 21	First Eve of Shavuot	No. 3 and 5
**May 22	Second Eve of Shavuot	No. 4 and 5

* If lighting after sunset, light only from a pre-existing flame.

** Do not light before the time indicated.
Light only from a pre-existing flame.

*** Do not light after sunset.

A pre-existing flame is a flame burning continuously since the onset of a festival—such as a pilot light, gas or candle flame.

BLESSINGS FOR FESTIVAL CANDLE-LIGHTING

1 Buh-rookh ah-tuh ah-doh-noi, eh-loh-hay-noo meh-lech huh-oh-luhm, ah-shehr kee-deh-shuh-noo beh-mitz-voh-suhv, veh-tzee-vuh-noo leh-hahd-leek nayr shel yohm hah-zee-kuh-rohn.

2 Buh-rookh ah-tuh ah-doh-noi, eh-loh-hay-noo meh-lech huh-oh-luhm, ah-shehr kee-deh-shuh-noo beh-mitz-voh-suhv, veh-tzee-vuh-noo leh-hahd-leek nayr shel yohm hah-kee-poo-reem.

3 Buh-rookh ah-tuh ah-doh-noi, eh-loh-hay-noo meh-lech huh-oh-luhm, ah-shehr kee-deh-shuh-noo beh-mitz-voh-suhv, veh-tzee-vuh-noo leh-hahd-leek nayr shel yohm tohv.

4 Buh-rookh ah-tuh ah-doh-noi, eh-loh-hay-noo meh-lech huh-oh-luhm, ah-shehr kee-deh-shuh-noo beh-mitz-voh-suhv, veh-tzee-vuh-noo leh-hahd-leek nayr shel shah-bus veh-shel yohm tohv.

5 Buh-rookh ah-tuh ah-doh-noi, eh-loh-hay-noo meh-lech huh-oh-luhm, sheh-heh-kheh-yuh-noo, veh-kee-yeh-muh-noo, veh-hee-gee-uh-noo liz-mahn hah-zeh.

HOLIDAY RECIPES

TRADITIONAL CHALLAH

For an unusually smooth taste and texture to enhance your Shabbat and Yom Tov meals.

5 pounds flour
2 ounces fresh yeast and 1 package dry yeast
2 cups warm water
1½ sticks margarine
2 ½ cups boiling water
2 tbsps. salt
1 ½ cups sugar
5 eggs

Glaze:

1 egg, beaten
Poppy seeds

Dissolve yeast in 2 cups warm water, in a small bowl, until it bubbles. In a large bowl, place margarine, pour boiling water over it and stir until margarine is melted. Add salt and sugar. Let cool for a few minutes and beat in eggs. Add the bubbling yeast. Gradually add flour. Knead for 10 minutes. If dough is too moist, add a little more flour.

When ready to rise, smear top of dough with oil, cover and let rise 1 hour. Separate a small portion of dough known as 'challah' from the whole dough. Shape and let rise another hour. Brush with beaten egg to glaze. Sprinkle with poppy seeds.

Bake at 350° 1 hour for large challahs, 1/2 hour for smaller challahs and rolls.

HONEY CAKE

Traditionally served on Rosh Hashanah and Erev Yom Kippur, symbolizing our wishes for a sweet year.

3 eggs
1 pound honey (1 ½ cups)
1 ½ cups sugar
1 cup strong coffee
2 tsp. baking powder
3 tbsps. margarine
1 tsp. baking soda
4 cups flour
1 tsp. cinnamon

Preheat oven to 325°. Grease and flour a 9" x 13" pan. Beat eggs and honey together. Add sugar and mix again. Mix coffee with baking powder, and then add with margarine to the egg mixture. Add baking soda, flour, cinnamon and beat together well. Bake in greased 9" x 13" pan at 325° for 55 minutes to an hour.

NOTE: This calendar contains sacred writings. Please do not desecrate it. However, it is not considered Shaimos.

HOLIDAY RECIPES

HAMANTASCHEN

Hamantaschen, a traditional Purim delight, is a three-cornered pastry filled with mohn (poppy seed) or other sweet filling.

1 cup sugar
½ cup oil
⅓ cup shortening
3 eggs
½ cup orange juice
4 cups flour
3 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. salt
1 egg, beaten
2 pounds mohn filling

Cream sugar, oil and shortening. Add eggs and juice and mix well. Blend with dry ingredients and roll into a ball. Divide into four parts. Roll out each piece very thin (approximately ⅓ inch) on a floured board. With the rim of a cup or glass (depending on desired size), cut into the dough to make circles. Place ½ to ⅔ teaspoon of filling in the middle of each circle.

To shape into triangle, lift up right and left sides, leaving the bottom side down, and bring both sides to meet at center, above the filling. Lift bottom side up to center to meet other two sides.

Preheat oven to 350°. Brush dough with beaten egg before baking. Place on greased cookie sheet. Bake at 350° for approximately 20 minutes.
Yields 4 dozen Hamantaschen.

POTATO LATKES

Because of the great significance of oil in the history of Chanukah, latkes—fritters fried in oil—are usually served.

5 large potatoes, peeled
1 large onion
4 eggs
⅓ cup matzah meal
1 tsp. salt
¼ tsp. pepper
⅓ cup oil for frying

Grate potatoes and onion on the fine side of a grater, or in food processor, or in blender with a little water added to it. Add eggs and mix well. Add matzah meal and seasoning and mix well. Heat oil in frying pan, then add mixture, 1 tablespoon at a time, into frying pan. When golden brown, turn over and brown other side.

THE ART OF MAKING STUFFED CABBAGE

Traditionally served on Simchat Torah, as the rolled cabbage reminds us of the Torah scrolls.

Preparing Cabbage for Stuffing:

Place cabbage in the freezer and leave there for 2 to 3 days. Remove and allow to defrost overnight. Cabbage rolls can be made in the morning. When cabbage has defrosted, cabbage leaves are limp. Remove leaves carefully, lifting each one separately and tearing off at bottom. Leaves come out very large this way. Rinse out individual leaves well so as to remove any insects.

Rolling Cabbage with Meat Filling:

Place a spoonful of chopped meat mixture on the rib of each leaf. Roll cabbage leaf along its length. When you are nearly finished rolling it, tuck in both outer ends and continue rolling. Cabbage leaves will remain neatly rolled up if they are stuffed while they are still warm.

Note: Using the leaves that are too small to roll, by lining the pan with them, and then placing another layer on top of the rolled cabbage in the pot enhances the flavor of the dish.

1 medium cabbage

Sauce:
2 tbsp. margarine
2 onions, sliced
3 cups canned tomatoes, with juice
1 ½ tsp. salt
½ tsp. pepper
Beef bones (optional)

Meat:
1 pound chopped meat
4 tbsp. uncooked rice
4 tbsp. grated onion
1 egg
3 tbsp. cold water
Seasoning
3 tbsp. honey
¼ cup lemon juice
¼ cup seedless raisins

SAUCE: Heat margarine in 6-quart pot and sauté onions. Add tomatoes, salt, pepper and bones. Cook for 30 minutes.

MEAT: In a bowl combine meat, rice, onion, egg and water. Place one large tablespoon of mixture onto each leaf and roll as described above.

TO COOK: Place cabbage rolls in sauce. Cover and cook for 1½ hours over low heat. Sauce should cover at least half of the rolls. If more sauce is necessary, add 1 cup tomato juice.

After 1½ hours add honey, lemon juice and raisins.

Note: Stuffed cabbage freezes well. When reheating defrosted stuffed cabbage, 6 potatoes cut in quarters may be added. Cook until potatoes are tender.

CHEESE BLINTZES

Cheese blintzes are served hot, with sour cream or apple-sauce. They are a special favorite on Shavuot, when it is customary to eat dairy products (not hard cheese) before the

main lunch meal.

Batter:
4 eggs
1 cup milk
1 cup flour
1 tbsp. sour cream
¼ cup sugar
1 tsp. vanilla extract
Pinch of salt

Filling:
16 ounces cottage cheese
2 egg yolks
2 tbsp. margarine or butter, melted
2 tbsp. sugar
1 tsp. vanilla extract
¼ cup raisins (optional)
⅓ cup oil for frying

BATTER: Combine eggs and milk. Add sour cream and blend well. Add flour gradually. Mix well until batter is smooth. Heat a small amount of oil in an 8-inch frying pan, on a low flame, until hot but not smoking. Ladle a small amount of batter (approximately 1 ounce) into pan, tipping pan in all directions until batter covers the entire bottom of the pan. Fry on one side until set and golden, approximately 1 minute. Slip pancake out of pan and repeat until all batter is used. Add oil to pan as necessary.

FILLING: In another bowl, mix all ingredients for filling.

ASSEMBLE: Fill each pancake on golden side with 3 tbsp. of filling. Fold in sides to center and roll blintz until completely closed. Replace rolled blintzes in pan and fry for 2 minutes, turning once.

FANCY KREPLACH

Kreplach, a chopped meat or chicken mixture encased in dough and then cooked or fried, is traditionally served the afternoon before Yom Kippur, on Hoshana Rabbah and at the Purim feast.

Dough:
2 cups flour
½ tsp. salt
3 tbsp. oil
2 egg yolks
½ cup water
1 ½ tsp. baking powder or baking soda

Filling:
1 onion, diced
2 tbsp. oil
1 cup ground cooked meat or chicken
1 tsp. salt
¼ tsp. pepper
1 egg
1 tbsp. matzah meal

DOUGH: Combine flour, salt and oil. In a separate bowl, beat egg yolks, water and baking powder (or soda). Add to flour mixture. Knead and roll out, thinly, on floured surface. Cut into 3-inch squares or circles.

FILLING: Sauté onion in oil. Add chopped meat and brown for 5 minutes. Remove from heat and cool. Add salt, pepper, egg and matzah meal, and mix well. Fill center of each square or circle with meat mixture. Fold into triangles, or bring both sides and bottom together towards center, pinching together and thus forming a triangle. Place in lightly salted boiling water for approximately 20 minutes until kreplach float to top. When ready, remove from pot and serve in soup. Can also be served as side dish. For firmer kreplach, fry in heated oil in skillet over medium flame until golden brown on both sides.

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ADAR 13 | FAST OF ESTHER

This date was chosen by Haman to annihilate all Jews in all 127 provinces of the Persian Empire, with the permission of King Achashverosh. Queen Esther thwarted his plan and received the king's permission for the Jews to resist. However, they were still in mortal danger, and therefore forbidden by Jewish law to fast (for the purpose of arousing Divine mercy) on that day, so as not to weaken themselves when they might have to fight for their lives. The only member of the Jewish People who was certainly safe was Queen Esther herself. Therefore only she fasted, which is why the fast is called by her name.

ADAR 14 | PURIM

Purim commemorates the day when Jews throughout the Persian Empire were miraculously saved, and rested from fighting their enemies on the previous day, having totally routed them.

HOW TO CELEBRATE PURIM

Listen to the Megillah

To relive the miraculous events of Purim, we listen to the reading of the Megillah (the Scroll of Esther) on Monday night, March 2, and again during the daytime of Tuesday, March 3. When Haman's name is mentioned, we twirl graggers and stamp our feet to "drown out" his evil name. Tell the children that Purim is the only time when it's a mitzvah to make noise!

Send Gifts of Food

On Purim we emphasize the importance of Jewish unity and friendship by sending gifts of food to friends. Send a gift of at least two kinds

of ready-to-eat foods (for example, pastry, fruit, beverage) to at least one friend on March 3, during the daytime. It is proper that men send to men, and women to women. Sending these gifts should be done through a third party. Children, in addition to sending their own gifts of food, make enthusiastic messengers.

Give Gifts to the Needy

Concern for the needy is a year-round responsibility for the Jew. On Purim, particularly, it is a special mitzvah to remember the poor. Give charity to at least two—but preferably more—needy individuals on March 3, during the daytime. The mitzvah is best fulfilled by giving directly to the needy. If, however, you cannot find poor people, place at least several coins into pushkas (charity boxes). Even small children should fulfill this mitzvah.

Eat the Festive Meal

As on all festivals, we celebrate Purim with a special festive meal on March 3, during the daytime, when family and friends gather together to rejoice in the Purim spirit.

Machatzit Hashekel

When the Holy Temple stood in Jerusalem, each Jew contributed a half-shekel annually, thereby having a share in the sacrifices offered on behalf of the entire Jewish People. Today we commemorate this by giving 3 "half" coins (e.g., 3 half-dollars) to charity. This mitzvah should be done on March 2 or 3.

ADAR 15

Shushan Purim commemorates the day when the Jews of Shushan, capital of Persia, rested



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from fighting their enemies, after the king granted them an extra day to finish off the job. It, instead of the previous day, is observed as Purim in all cities surrounded by a wall since the time of Joshua, such as Jerusalem. Elsewhere it is celebrated as a minor holiday.

NISSAN 13

Search for Chometz

On the evening of March 31 we search our homes for chometz.

See the month of April for more information on preparing for Passover.

A JOYOUS PURIM!

Shana Tova!
Jacob Hayes

Tizku leshanim
rabot
from
Miriam, David
et toute la familie
El Baz

Shana Tova
from
The Moss
Family

Shana Tova
The Zimmer
Family

Shana Tova
Aaron & Kes
Mitchell

Peace, happiness
and we hope for
the new year with
everything good,
Georgios Katsoulis
& the family

Shana Tova
Sir Walter
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HOW TO PREPARE FOR PASSOVER

What is Chometz?

Chometz is any food or drink made from wheat, barley, rye, oats or spelt, or their derivatives, which is forbidden on Passover because it is leavened or fermented. If a food contains any of these ingredients and is not certified as "kosher for Passover," it's considered chometz. If a food contains even a trace of chometz, we don't eat it, we don't sell it, and we make sure not to have any of it in our possession on any of the days of Passover.

Cleaning for Passover

Take all the chometz—both food and utensils used throughout the year (and not koshered for Passover)—and store it all away in closets or rooms that you will lock or tape shut. You'll sell this chometz temporarily to a non-Jew.

Clean your entire house, purging it of all crumbs and small pieces of food. Also check for chometz in your car and office—don't overlook desks and drawers.

How to Prepare the Kitchen

Since the kitchen has been used the whole year long for chometz, it's going to need some work to prepare it for Passover use. Contact us for details.

Shopping for Passover

While shopping for Passover, we must be careful that the foods we buy are not only

kosher but are also kosher-for-Passover—that is, completely chometz-free.

In addition to raw ingredients, there are many kosher-for-Passover packaged foods available. However, be careful to purchase only those packaged foods that display the insignia of a reliable supervising agency, together with "P" or "kosher for Passover."

Obviously, all leavened foods such as bread and cake made from wheat, barley, rye, oats or spelt are actual chometz and are prohibited on Passover. Examples are breakfast cereals, licorice, most candy bars, pasta, vinegar, beer and whiskey.

How to Sell the Chometz

Since we can't own chometz on Passover, we need to sell to a non-Jew, before the time indicated on the calendar, all chometz that we will not consume or destroy before Passover. This is not a simple transaction. That is why we empower a competent Rabbi to do it for us.

Burning the Chometz

On the morning of April 1, we burn the chometz that was found during the search and all other chometz that is not stored away to either be sold to the non-Jew or eaten on Shabbat morning.

NISSAN 15-16 | THE SEDER NIGHTS

The first two nights of Passover we conduct a Seder—a festive yet solemn event. At a table royally set with our best crystal and



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silver and the finest of kosher wines, we re-enact the Exodus from Egypt in ancient times. We also pray for the forthcoming redemption speedily in our days.

At the Seder, each person considers himself as if he was going out of Egypt. We are with our people as they descend into exile and suffer cruel oppression. We are with them when G-d sends the Ten Plagues to punish Pharaoh and his nation, with them as they leave Egypt, and with them at the crossing of the Red Sea.

Second Night of Pesach

On the second night of Pesach (April 2) we begin Sefirat Ha'omer, the counting of the 49 days between Pesach and Shavuot.

NISSAN 22: LAST DAY OF PASSOVER

The eighth day of Passover is traditionally associated with our fervent hope for the coming of Moshiach.

The Baal Shem Tov, founder of Chassidus, instituted the custom of eating a special third meal on the last day of Passover, complete with matzah and wine, called the "Meal of Moshiach." On that day, he said, one can feel the approach of Moshiach.

Passover does not end until the night of April 9, at the time indicated on the calendar. Until approximately an hour after that time, no chometz should be bought or eaten.

A Happy and Kosher Passover!

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1 יד ניסן
14 Nissan
First Seder
Eruv Tavshilin

ערב פסח
Eve of Passover
Eat chometz until **10:55** a.m.
Burn chometz by **11:55** a.m.
Light candles at **7:21** p.m.



2 טו ניסן
15 Nissan Second Seder

יום א דחג הפסח
1st day of PASSOVER
Light candles after **8:32** p.m.
In evening count Omer 1



3 טז ניסן
16 Nissan Sefirah 1

יום ב דחג הפסח
2nd day of PASSOVER
Light candles at **7:24** p.m.
In evening count Omer 2



4 יז ניסן
17 Nissan Sefirah 2

יום א דחול המועד פסח
1st Intermediate Day of PASSOVER
Shabbat ends at **8:35** p.m.
In evening count Omer 3

5 יח ניסן
18 Nissan Sefirah 3

יום ב דחול המועד פסח
2nd Intermediate Day of PASSOVER
In evening count Omer 4

6 יט ניסן
19 Nissan Sefirah 4

יום ג דחול המועד פסח
3rd Intermediate Day of PASSOVER
In evening count Omer 5

7 כ ניסן
20 Nissan Sefirah 5

יום ד דחול המועד פסח
4th Intermediate Day of PASSOVER
Light candles at **7:31** p.m.
In evening count Omer 6



8 כא ניסן
21 Nissan Sefirah 6

שביעי של פסח
7th day of PASSOVER
Light candles after **8:43** p.m.
In evening count Omer 7



9 כב ניסן
22 Nissan Sefirah 7

אחרון של פסח
8th day of PASSOVER
Yizkor
Yom Tov ends at **8:45** p.m.
In evening count Omer 8

10 כג ניסן
23 Nissan Sefirah 8

אסרו חג
Isru Chag
Light candles at **7:36** p.m.
In evening count Omer 9



11 כד ניסן
24 Nissan Sefirah 9

שמיני SHEMINI
Avot: chapter 1
Blessing of the new month
Shabbat ends at **8:48** p.m.
In evening count Omer 10

12 כה ניסן
25 Nissan Sefirah 10

In evening count Omer 11

13 כו ניסן
26 Nissan Sefirah 11

In evening count Omer 12

14 כז ניסן
27 Nissan Sefirah 12

In evening count Omer 13

15 כח ניסן
28 Nissan Sefirah 13

In evening count Omer 14

16 כט ניסן
29 Nissan Sefirah 14

In evening count Omer 15

17 ל ניסן
30 Nissan Sefirah 15

ראש חודש אייר
Rosh Chodesh Iyar
Light candles at **7:48** p.m.
In evening count Omer 16
New Moon: 5:18 ¹⁴/₁₈ a.m.



18 א אייר
1 Iyar Sefirah 16

ראש חודש אייר
Rosh Chodesh Iyar
תזריע-מצורע
TAZRIA-METZORA
Avot: chapter 2
Shabbat ends at **9:02** p.m.
In evening count Omer 17

19 ב אייר
2 Iyar Sefirah 17

In evening count Omer 18

20 ג אייר
3 Iyar Sefirah 18

In evening count Omer 19

21 ד אייר
4 Iyar Sefirah 19

In evening count Omer 20

22 ה אייר
5 Iyar Sefirah 20


In evening count Omer 21

23 ו אייר
6 Iyar Sefirah 21

In evening count Omer 22

24 ז אייר
7 Iyar Sefirah 22

אחרי-קדושים
ACHAREI-KEDOSHIM
Avot: chapter 3
Shabbat ends at **9:16** p.m.
In evening count Omer 24



25 ח אייר
8 Iyar Sefirah 23

26 ט אייר
9 Iyar Sefirah 24

Summer Term Week 1
In evening count Omer 25

27 י אייר
10 Iyar Sefirah 25

In evening count Omer 26

28 יא אייר
11 Iyar Sefirah 26

In evening count Omer 27

29 יב אייר
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In evening count Omer 29

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SEFIRAT HA'OMER | COUNTING OF THE OMER

The festivals of Pesach and Shavuot are linked: Pesach marks our physical liberation (the Exodus from Egypt and the birth of the Jewish nation), and on Shavuot we received the Torah—the spiritual essence and liberation of the Jewish people. To note this link, we count every one of the forty-nine days between these two festivals. This counting, called Sefirat Ha'omer, expresses our eager anticipation of receiving the Torah.

The counting begins on the second night of Pesach, immediately after nightfall, and is continued every subsequent evening (after nightfall).

IYAR 14 | PESACH SHENI

The Second Passover. The year after the Exodus, G-d commanded the Jewish People to celebrate Passover in the desert. However, some complained that they had become ritually impure and would not be able to purify themselves in time to offer their Passover sacrifice. G-d told Moses they would get a second chance to offer their sacrifice on Iyar 14 (a month after Nissan 14, when the Passover sacrifice is normally brought). This applied until the cessation of sacrifices with the destruction of the Second Temple in 70 CE. Many still have a custom of celebrating the day by eating matzah.

IYAR 18 | LAG B'OMER

The 33rd day of the Omer counting is celebrated as a holiday. Two reasons: 1) Between Passover and Shavuot, one year in the early 2nd century, 24,000 disciples of Rabbi Akiva (greatest Sage of Israel in the Mishnaic period) passed away because they were not respectful enough to each other.

Therefore, this period is a time of semi-mourning (no weddings, etc.). On the 33rd (LaG = 33) day of the Omer, they stopped dying. 2) An outstanding later disciple of Rabbi Akiva, Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai, Mishnaic Sage and author of the Zohar, principal work of Jewish mysticism (Kabbalah), passed away. Having fulfilled his mission in this world, he asked that the anniversary be celebrated as a happy day.

Children have a custom to play with bows and arrows, and are taken on trips to parks or the countryside. There is a widespread custom to light bonfires the previous night.

SIVAN 6-7: SHAVUOT

Shavuot is a major festival, celebrating an event so important that the world would be an entirely different place without it. 3,338 years ago on this day, the entire Jewish nation stood at the foot of Mount Sinai, and the transmission of Torah from heaven to earth began.

The literal meaning of the word Torah is "instructions." The same Manufacturer who produced the world provides instructions on what to do with it. Every story of the Torah is a lesson in life with a myriad of applications. Nothing it contains is irrelevant or anachronistic, because the Torah is eternal wisdom, beyond space and time. In fact, our Sages say, Torah is the blueprint by which the world was designed.

Shavuot Observances

On the first night of Shavuot many communities host an all-night learnathon. The next morning, May 22, every man, woman and child attends



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services to hear the Ten Commandments read from a Torah scroll. It is especially important for children to be there, since they served as our guarantors the first time the Torah was given. Before the main meat meal on the first day of Shavuot, the tradition is to eat a festive dairy meal (not hard cheese). Cheesecake is a big hit.

Some have the custom on Shavuot to decorate their synagogues and homes with flowers, fruits and greens.

King David passed away on Shavuot. So did the founder of the Chassidic movement, Rabbi Yisrael Baal Shem Tov.

Shana Tova
Douglas &
Barbara
Abraham

Shana Tova &
Best Wishes
from
Adam, Sveta,
Maya & David
Sterrie

Shana tova to the
Oxford Jewish
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Wendy, Stacey &
Joshua Cherny

Shana Tova
Sophie Hanina

A very happy
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Shelly & Michael
Pinto-Duschinsky

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Allan, Birgit &
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יד אייר
14 Iyar
Sefirah 29

פסח שני
PESACH SHENI
Light candles at 8:00 p.m.
In evening count Omer 30

2

טו אייר
15 Iyar
Sefirah 30

אמור
EMOR
Avot: chapter 4
Shabbat ends at 9:30 p.m.
In evening count Omer 31

3

טז אייר
16 Iyar
Sefirah 31

In evening count Omer 32

4

יז אייר
17 Iyar
Sefirah 32

In evening count Omer 33

5

יח אייר
18 Iyar
Sefirah 33



לג בעומר
LAG B'OMER
In evening count Omer 34

6

יט אייר
19 Iyar
Sefirah 34

In evening count Omer 35

7

כ אייר
20 Iyar
Sefirah 35

In evening count Omer 36

8

כא אייר
21 Iyar
Sefirah 36



Light candles at 8:00 p.m.
In evening count Omer 37

9

כב אייר
22 Iyar
Sefirah 37

בהר-בחוקותאי
BEHAR-BECHUKOTAI
Avot: chapter 5
Shabbat ends at 9:42 p.m.
In evening count Omer 38

10

כג אייר
23 Iyar
Sefirah 38

In evening count Omer 39

11

כד אייר
24 Iyar
Sefirah 39

In evening count Omer 40

12

כה אייר
25 Iyar
Sefirah 40

In evening count Omer 41

13

כו אייר
26 Iyar
Sefirah 41

In evening count Omer 42

14

כז אייר
27 Iyar
Sefirah 42

In evening count Omer 43

15

כח אייר
28 Iyar
Sefirah 43



Light candles at 8:00 p.m.
In evening count Omer 44

16

כט אייר
29 Iyar
Sefirah 44

במדבר
BAMIDBAR
Avot: chapter 6
Blessing of the new month
Shabbat ends at 9:58 p.m.
In evening count Omer 45
New Moon: 6:02^{15/16} p.m.

17

א סיון
1 Sivan
Sefirah 45

ראש חודש סיון
Rosh Chodesh Sivan
In evening count Omer 46

18

ב סיון
2 Sivan
Sefirah 46

In evening count Omer 47

19

ג סיון
3 Sivan
Sefirah 47

In evening count Omer 48

20

ד סיון
4 Sivan
Sefirah 48

In evening count Omer 49

21

ה סיון
5 Sivan
Sefirah 49
Eruv Tavshilin



ערב שבועות
Eve of Shavuot
Light candles at 8:42 p.m.

22

ו סיון
6 Sivan



שבועות
SHAVUOT
Light candles at 8:44 p.m.

23

ז סיון
7 Sivan

שבועות
SHAVUOT
Yizkor
Shabbat ends at 10:11 p.m.

24

ח סיון
8 Sivan
אסרו חג
Isru Chag

25

ט סיון
9 Sivan

26

י סיון
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יג סיון
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Light candles at 8:00 p.m.

30

יד סיון
14 Sivan

נשא
NASSO
Avot: chapter 1
Shabbat ends at 10:23 p.m.

31

טו סיון
15 Sivan

SIVAN 25

When Alexander the Great entered Israel (c. 313 BCE), the Ishmaelites and Canaanites sought to prove from the Jewish Torah their right to a portion of the land. Geviha ben Pesisa, a shrewd gatekeeper of the Torah academy, persuaded the Sages to let him debate these claims. "If I win," he told them, "you can say that even an ordinary Jew was able to beat them." He convincingly refuted all the enemies' arguments, and they fled before him. The Egyptians, too, claimed that the Jews should repay the gold and silver their ancestors had borrowed when they left Egypt 1000 years before (Exodus 12:35-36). Geviha countered that they still owe us far more than that for all our ancestors' slave labor in Egypt for hundreds of years! Alexander recognized Geviha's triumph, and the Sages proclaimed the day a holiday.

TAMMUZ 3

Passing of the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, in 1994. The Rebbe emphasized many times after the passing of his father-in-law, in 1950, that the anniversary of the passing of a righteous Jewish leader is an auspicious time for us to rededicate ourselves to the realization of his most cherished goals.

The Rebbe's leadership continues to inspire us. He

has taught us that with every good deed we do, we bring the world one step closer to perfection. Indeed, every kind word we speak, and even our positive thoughts, have a potent beneficial effect. By remembering the Rebbe's vision and by connecting to his purpose, we can hasten the unfolding of the final Redemption and a better life for all humankind.

TAMMUZ 12-13

Birthday of Rabbi Yosef Yitzchak Schneersohn (1880-1950), sixth leader of Chabad-Lubavitch.

Release of Rabbi Yosef Yitzchak Schneersohn from Bolshevik imprisonment in Leningrad in 1927. His imprisonment followed his implacable struggle to preserve Jewish religious life throughout the Soviet Union. Aided by his faithful followers, he established a vast underground network of Torah schools, and of financial aid for construction and upkeep of mikvaos (ritual pools for marital purity), for Shabbat observers and for the purchase of religious objects. Although the initial sentence was death, international pressure brought commutation to 10 years' hard labor in the Arctic, and then to three years' exile in the Urals. After a few days in exile, he was released on Tammuz 12-13 and, soon after, forced to leave Russia. His release was considered, under the circumstances, miraculous.



Traffic All The Way To The Beit Hamikdash, Oil on Canvas by Gady Dadon



TEFILLIN

"You shall bind them as a sign upon your hand, and they shall be for a reminder between your eyes"—Deuteronomy 6:8.

You have a brain. It is in one world. Your heart is in another. And your hands often end up involved in something completely foreign to both of them. Three diverse machines.

So you put on tefillin. First thing in the day, you connect your head, your heart and your hand with these leather straps—all to work as one, with one intent: a dedicated service of the Almighty. And then, when you go out to meet the world, all your actions find harmony in a single coordinated purpose.

Tefillin are a pair of black leather boxes containing Hebrew parchment scrolls. A set includes two tefillin—one for the head and one for the arm.

Each consists of three main components: the scrolls, the box and the strap. The scrolls are inserted into boxes made of leather that are painted black.

One box is strapped on your head, and the other onto your arm next to your heart. It's done once a day—preferably during the morning prayers. If that is not practical, say at least the passage called the Shema. It's done by Jewish males, age 13 and up, every day except Shabbat and major Jewish holidays.

With gratitude to
Rabbi Eli and Freidy
for providing
sustenance in all
seasons, and wishing
Shana tova to all.
Louise Gordon

Shana Tova
Peter Bergamin

Shana Tova
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Freidy
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& Family

Dear Oxford Jewish
Community, we wish
you a Shana Tova
filled with happiness
and prosperity.
Love,
The Rands

Shana Tova from the
Waterman Family
Andrea, Darren,
Ahava, Nate & Coby

Every good wish for
the New Year to all at
Oxford Chabad
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TAMMUZ 17

Moses descended from Mt. Sinai, after G-d had taught him the entire Torah for 40 days. In his hands he carried the two stone tablets engraved with the Ten Commandments. But when he saw the Jewish People worshipping the Golden Calf, he smashed the tablets.

In later generations, King Menashe set up an idol in the Temple; Apostomos (a Greek general?) burnt a Torah scroll; the daily sacrifices had to stop; and the Romans breached Jerusalem's wall (70 CE).

This day is observed as one of the six public fast days. It begins the "Three Weeks," a period of national mourning for the destruction of the two Temples, during which we celebrate no weddings and schedule no festivities.

AV 9: TISHA B'AV

Saddest day in the Jewish calendar. Commemorated as a 25-hour fast, beginning at sunset of the previous evening.

Anniversary of the Divine decree that the Jewish People remain in the desert for 40 years, until that generation died out, after they cried over the 10 spies' false report about the Land of Israel.

Anniversary of the destruction (by the Babylonians under Nebuchadnezzar) of the First Temple (422 BCE), and (by the Romans under Titus) of the Second

Temple (70 CE).

Capture by Romans of Beitar, last Jewish fortress to hold out in the Bar Kochba rebellion, with terrible loss of life (c. 135 CE). Jerusalem was ploughed up and turned into a non-Jewish city, Aelia Capitolina (c. 135 CE).

Av 9 in 1492 was the deadline by which all Jews who refused to be baptized had to leave Spain. Over 300,000 departed, many perishing from starvation, piracy, or violence. Those who converted but secretly remained Jewish—known as Marranos—faced torture or execution by the Inquisition.

World War I also began on Av 9, triggering upheaval in Jewish communities, the Russian Revolution's repression of Judaism, deadly pogroms in Ukraine, and the eventual rise of Nazism and the Holocaust.

AV 15

Anniversary of several happy events: the end of the 40-year decree that the Jewish People remain in the desert; the reconciliation of the tribe of Benjamin with the other tribes of Israel; the removal of the guards stationed by Jeroboam ben Nebat to prevent pilgrimages of the Ten Tribes of Israel to the Temple in Jerusalem; and the grant of Roman permission to bury the dead of Beitar, after 14 years. "There were no greater holidays for the Jewish People than Av 15 and Yom Kippur."



Jerusalem of Gold, Oil on Canvas by Yossi Bitton



MOSHIACH—OUR REDEEMER

"I believe with complete faith in the coming of Moshiach. And though he may tarry, I shall wait, anticipating his arrival each day." (Number 12 of Maimonides' 13 Principles of Faith)

Belief in Moshiach is Central to Judaism

The concept of Moshiach is basic to Jewish belief. It is found in the writings of the prophets, which are filled with references to Moshiach. Throughout history our ancestors have prayed for Moshiach's arrival.

Why Do We Need Moshiach?

In the Messianic Era, the Divine plan for the world will be fully realized. There will be universal peace, prosperity, goodness and knowledge of G-d.

How Will Moshiach Affect Our Lives?

The coming of Moshiach will not cause a break with the past and the beginning of something entirely new. On the contrary, it is the culmination and crowning stroke of all our efforts toward a world of peace and consummate holiness.

Moshiach will free the Jewish People from all servitude to foreign nations, rebuild the Holy Temple in Jerusalem and gather all the Jews of the entire world to Israel. Peace and prosperity will be universal, and all the nations of the world will serve the one G-d.

How Do We Prepare for Moshiach?

By doing more mitzvot, learning more Torah and praying for his revelation, we hasten Moshiach's coming and prepare ourselves to greet him.

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Toff

Shana Tova
Liz Bikoff

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AV 20

Rabbi Levi Yitzchak Schneerson, renowned scholar and Kabbalist, and father of the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Schneerson, passed away (1944).

AV 30: ROSH CHODESH ELUL

First day of Rosh Chodesh Elul. Moses ascended Mt. Sinai, for the third time, with the tablets he had carved. The next 40 days, till Yom Kippur, were days of Divine acceptance and favor, during which G-d's mercy was aroused to totally forgive His people for the sin of the Golden Calf. We reenact this year by

year, devoting time during the month of Elul (and the Ten Days of Teshuvah till Yom Kippur) to review our ways, seeking to correct whatever needs correcting in thought, speech, and deed.

ELUL 18

Birthday of Rabbi Yisrael Baal Shem Tov (1698-1760), founder of Chassidism, renowned for his love of every Jew. Birthday of Rabbi Shneur Zalman of Liadi (1745-1812), known as the Alter Rebbe, founder of the Chabad-Lubavitch intellectual branch of Chassidism, author of Tanya and Shulchan Aruch HaRav.

BRIT MILAH

The bris, or brit milah, is the covenant of circumcision, performed on Jewish boys on the eighth day of life. It is a sacred act that seals the eternal covenant between G-d and the Jewish people—a bond first established with Abraham and reaffirmed through every generation. More than a physical act, the bris is a deeply spiritual ceremony that connects the child to this timeless promise: "This is My covenant, which you shall keep... every male among you shall be circumcised" (Genesis 17:10).

Held during the day, often followed by festive blessings and a meal, the ceremony includes the recitation of prayers and the naming of the child, marking his official entry into the Jewish community. The mohel, a trained practitioner, performs the circumcision, while the sandek (often a grandfather) holds the baby during the procedure, a role considered a great honor. Tradition teaches that Elijah the Prophet attends every bris, and a special chair—"the Chair of Elijah"—is prepared for him. The sandek is seated in this chair, symbolizing Elijah's presence and witness to the covenant.

Circumcision is not merely a tradition—it is a statement of identity, a visible sign of the covenant between G-d and each Jewish male. It also serves as a powerful reminder that everything in the world, including ourselves, is created with potential but requires refinement and completion. Despite the discomfort, Jews have upheld this mitzvah throughout exile and persecution, a testament to enduring faith. Through the bris, each generation is reminded of the unbreakable covenant that defines Jewish destiny.

MEZUZAH

The mezuzah is a small parchment scroll, handwritten by a trained scribe, containing two Torah passages from the Shema (Deuteronomy 6:4-9 and 11:13-21). These verses declare the oneness of G-d and the Jewish people's obligation to love and serve Him. Housed in a protective case, the mezuzah is affixed to the right-hand doorpost of Jewish homes and rooms, as commanded in the Torah: "And you shall write them upon the doorposts of your house and upon your gates" (Deuteronomy 6:9).

More than a ritual object, the mezuzah serves as a constant reminder of G-d's presence and our relationship with Him. Each time we enter or leave, it offers a moment of reflection—reaffirming our commitment to live with purpose and holiness. It is customary to touch the mezuzah and kiss the fingers as a sign of love and reverence.

According to tradition, the mezuzah offers spiritual protection to the home and its inhabitants. The Divine name "Sha-ddai" written on the back of the scroll is seen as an acronym for "Guardian of the doorways of Israel."

By placing mezuzot on our doorposts, we make a statement: that this home is a sanctuary, rooted in faith, mitzvot, and connection to G-d.

Wishing you a sweet and joyful new year filled with blessings and prosperity. May the coming year be marked with good health, happiness, and success.
Shana Tova!
Sara, Hannah & Adam Ratner

Shana Tova
from the
Loewenthals

In loving memory of
Amber Borowiec
(Hertford 2017-20,
Oxford Chabad
Society committee,
Sinai Scholar)
A twin sister of
Charis Borowiec

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from all the
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Marcus &
Maxine Roberts
& Family

Wishing the Oxford
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Love, Jade &
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TISHREI 1-2: ROSH HASHANAH

Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, is a two-day holiday marking the start of the High Holy Days. On these days the Heavenly Court decides the fate of every living being for the coming year. It is customary to eat symbolic foods that express our hope for sweetness and abundance, such as challah and apples dipped in honey, along with pomegranates, carrots, and the head of a fish.

The central mitzvah of Rosh Hashanah is hearing the shofar (ram's horn) during the daytime. Its blasts awaken the soul, recall the revelation at Sinai, and proclaim G-d as King of the Universe. On the second afternoon the Tashlich ceremony is performed near a body of water, symbolically casting away sins.

TISHREI 9-10: YOM KIPPUR

The day before Yom Kippur is marked with festive meals and the custom of parents blessing their children. It's also a time to ask forgiveness from others. Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, is the holiest day of the year. We refrain from eating, drinking, washing, applying lotions, marital relations, and wearing leather shoes, as we devote the day to prayer and repentance.

TISHREI 15-21: SUKKOT

Sukkot commemorates the Divine protection in the desert. We eat meals in the sukkah, a temporary hut covered with branches. Each day (except Shabbat), we shake the Four Species—lulav, etrog, hadassim, and aravot—as a mitzvah representing unity and joy.

SHABBAT CANDLES

Darkness is setting upon the world; the workweek is coming to a close. A week of activity, a week of growth, a tiring week. But as the sun goes down, a new day is being ushered in: the day for which we toiled the entire week, a day of rest and tranquility, the holy Shabbat.

Greeting the Shabbat (and also Jewish holidays) are girls and women across the globe. Shortly before sunset they light candles, which usher in peace and blessing to their homes and to the world.

The Torah enjoins us to "honor the Shabbat and call it a delight." Now, one element of this "delight" is to have candles lit. In addition to creating a bright and cheery ambiance, the candles ensure that we don't spend the evening stumbling around in the dark. The Torah clearly tells us that we may not kindle fire on Shabbat. So the key is to light the delight-giving candles before the onset of the day.

The mystics explain that Shabbat is the day that brings illumination to our world, which so often seems to be dark and negative. Furthermore, candles are a metaphor for Torah and for the human soul.

The Shabbat candles represent the light we introduce into the world through studying Torah and observing its precepts. And they also represent the additional soul that our sages say we are given on Shabbat.



Shabbat Candles, Oil on Canvas by Chaya Hindy



Shana Tova to all
at Oxford Chabad.
Best wishes for
the year 5786
Jeremy Paton

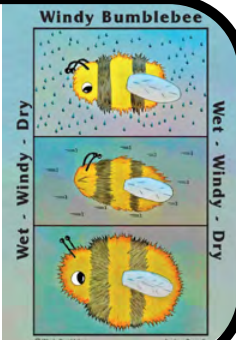
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With great love to
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27 5:54	6:59	9:56	12:56	1:26	6:52	7:26

TIMES SHOWN ARE FOR OXFORD

1 יט אלול
19 Elul

2 כ אלול
20 Elul

3 כא אלול
21 Elul

4 כב אלול
22 Elul

Light candles at 7:27 p.m.

5 כג אלול
23 Elul
נצבים-וילך
NITZAVIM-VAYELECH
Shabbat Selichot
Avot: chapters 5-6
Shabbat ends at 8:35 p.m.

6 כד אלול
24 Elul

7 כה אלול
25 Elul

8 כו אלול
26 Elul

9 כז אלול
27 Elul

10 כח אלול
28 Elul

11 כט אלול
29 Elul

ערב ראש השנה
Eve of Rosh Hashanah
Light candles at 7:11 p.m.
New Moon: 8:59 1/4 p.m.

12 א תשרי
1 Tishrei

יום א דראש השנה
First day of
ROSH HASHANAH
Light candles after 8:17 p.m.

13 ב תשרי
2 Tishrei
Tashlich

יום ב דראש השנה
Second day of
ROSH HASHANAH
Yom Tov ends at 8:15 p.m.

14 ג תשרי
3 Tishrei
צום גדליה
FAST OF GEDALIAH
Fast begins at 4:51 a.m.
Fast ends at 7:58 p.m.

15 ד תשרי
4 Tishrei

16 ה תשרי
5 Tishrei

17 ו תשרי
6 Tishrei


18 ז תשרי
7 Tishrei
Light candles at 6:55 p.m.

19 ח תשרי
8 Tishrei
האיזינו
HA'AZINU
Shabbat Shuva
Shabbat ends at 8:01 p.m.

20 ט תשרי
9 Tishrei
ערב יום כפור
Eve of Yom Kippur
Light candles at 6:50 p.m.
Fast begins at 7:04 p.m.

21 י תשרי
10 Tishrei

יום כפור
YOM KIPPUR
Yizkor
Yom Kippur ends at 7:56 p.m.

22 יא תשרי
11 Tishrei

23 יב תשרי
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13 Tishrei


25 יד תשרי
14 Tishrei
ערב חג הסוכות
Eve of Sukkot
Light candles at 6:39 p.m.

26 טו תשרי
15 Tishrei

יום ב דחג הסוכות
First Day of SUKKOT
Light candles after 7:44 p.m.

27 טז תשרי
16 Tishrei

יום ב דחג הסוכות
Second Day of SUKKOT
Yom Tov ends at 7:42 p.m.

28 יז תשרי
17 Tishrei
א דחול המועד סוכות
1st Intermediate Day of SUKKOT

29 יח תשרי
18 Tishrei
ב דחול המועד סוכות
2nd Intermediate Day of SUKKOT

30 יט תשרי
19 Tishrei
ג דחול המועד סוכות
3rd Intermediate Day of SUKKOT







*Sept. 12-13 Rosh Hashanah 5787
*Sept. 14 Fast of Gedaliah
*Sept. 21 Yom Kippur
*Sept. 26-Oct. 4 Sukkot
*Dec. 5-12 Chanukah
Dec 20 Fast of 10 Tevet
Mar. 22 Fast of Esther
*Mar. 23 Purim
*Apr. 22-29 Passover
*May 25 Lag B'Omer
*June 11-12 Shavuot
Jul. 22 Fast of 17 Tammuz
*Aug. 12 Fast of 9 Av
*Oct. 2-3 Rosh Hashanah 5788
* Indicates that holiday begins the previous evening

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20	6:46	6:55	6:52	5:59	6:22	6:38
25	6:34	6:42	6:40	5:52	6:16	6:30
26	7:39	7:50	7:47	7:07	7:08	7:27


CANDLE-LIGHTING TIMES - SHABBAT ENDS APPROX. 65 MINUTES AFTER CANDLE-LIGHTING

OCTOBER 2026

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
TIMES ARE SHOWN FOR OXFORD OCTOBER 2025				1 20 Tishrei	2 21 Tishrei	3 22 Tishrei
				SUKKOT	 HOSHANA RABBAH Light candles at 6:22 p.m.	 SHEMINI ATZERET Light candles after 7:28 p.m.
4 23 Tishrei	5 24 Tishrei	6 25 Tishrei	7 26 Tishrei	8 27 Tishrei	9 28 Tishrei	10 29 Tishrei
SIMCHAT TORAH Yom Tov ends at 7:25 p.m.					 Light candles at 6:07 p.m.	BEREISHEET Shabbat ends at 7:12 p.m.
11 30 Tishrei	12 1 Cheshvan	13 2 Cheshvan	14 3 Cheshvan	15 4 Cheshvan	16 5 Cheshvan	17 6 Cheshvan
Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan	Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan				 Light candles at 5:51 p.m.	NOACH Shabbat ends at 6:57 p.m.
18 7 Cheshvan	19 8 Cheshvan	20 9 Cheshvan	21 10 Cheshvan	22 11 Cheshvan	23 12 Cheshvan	24 13 Cheshvan
					 Light candles at 5:37 p.m.	LECH LECHA Shabbat ends at 6:44 p.m.
25 14 Cheshvan	26 15 Cheshvan	27 16 Cheshvan	28 17 Cheshvan	29 18 Cheshvan	30 19 Cheshvan	31 20 Cheshvan
					 Light candles at 4:23 p.m.	VAYEIRA Shabbat end at 5:31 p.m.

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1 21 Cheshvan	2 22 Cheshvan	3 23 Cheshvan	4 24 Cheshvan	5 25 Cheshvan	6 26 Cheshvan	7 27 Cheshvan
					 Light candles at 4:11 p.m.	CHAYEI SARA Shabbat ends at 5:20 p.m.
8 28 Cheshvan	9 29 Cheshvan	10 30 Cheshvan	11 1 Kislev	12 2 Kislev	13 3 Kislev	14 4 Kislev
		Rosh Chodesh Kislev	Rosh Chodesh Kislev		 Light candles at 4:00 p.m.	TOLDOT Shabbat ends at 5:10 p.m.
15 5 Kislev	16 6 Kislev	17 7 Kislev	18 8 Kislev	19 9 Kislev	20 10 Kislev	21 11 Kislev
					 Light candles at 3:50 p.m.	VAYEITZEI Shabbat ends at 5:03 p.m.
22 12 Kislev	23 13 Kislev	24 14 Kislev	25 15 Kislev	26 16 Kislev	27 17 Kislev	28 18 Kislev
					 Light candles at 3:43 p.m.	VAYISHLACH Shabbat ends at 4:57 p.m.
29 19 Kislev	30 20 Kislev					TIMES ARE SHOWN FOR OXFORD NOVEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 21 Kislev	2 22 Kislev	3 23 Kislev	4 24 Kislev	5 25 Kislev
					 FIRST NIGHT OF CHANUKAH Light candles at 3:39 p.m.	CHANUKAH VAYEISHEV Shabbat ends at 4:54 p.m.
6 26 Kislev	7 27 Kislev	8 28 Kislev	9 29 Kislev	10 30 Kislev	11 1 Tevet	12 2 Tevet
CHANUKAH	CHANUKAH	CHANUKAH	CHANUKAH	CHANUKAH Rosh Chodesh Tevet	 Light candles at 3:37 p.m.	CHANUKAH MIKETZ Shabbat ends at 4:53 p.m.
13 3 Tevet	14 4 Tevet	15 5 Tevet	16 6 Tevet	17 7 Tevet	18 8 Tevet	19 9 Tevet
					 Light candles at 3:38 p.m.	VAYIGASH Shabbat ends at 4:55 p.m.
20 10 Tevet	21 11 Tevet	22 12 Tevet	23 13 Tevet	24 14 Tevet	25 15 Tevet	26 16 Tevet
FAST OF 10 TEVET Fast begins at 6:14 a.m. Fast ends at 4:39 p.m.					 Light candles at 3:41 p.m.	VAYECHI Shabbat ends at 4:59 p.m.
27 17 Tevet	28 18 Tevet	29 19 Tevet	30 20 Tevet	31 21 Tevet		TIMES ARE SHOWN FOR OXFORD DECEMBER 2025