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Dear Friend,

It is our pleasure to present you with the newly designed Jewish Art Calendar for the upcoming year of 5777. The calendar includes exquisite Jewish art highlighting Jewish holidays and practices, a brief guide with explanations of timely holiday observances and "Esther's Holiday Treats & Tips".

A calendar is not merely a tool to keep us on track. Jewish tradition teaches that a calendar is much more than that. When our ancestors in Egypt had just begun to taste the flavor of freedom, G-d gave them the first commandments, the first cables that connect us to Him. The very first Mitzvah was the instruction to sanctify time itself by establishing the Jewish monthly cycle.

It is this cycle that gives life and meaning to the entire year and to the life-cycle in general.

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With the firm belief in the inherent beauty, spirituality and value of each individual and the significance of every moment and act of goodness to change the world, Chabad continues to welcome people of all backgrounds and affiliations in a non-judgmental fashion and is dedicated to meeting the social, educational, and religious needs of the community. We invite you to take advantage of the many programs we provide for all ages throughout the year.

Join us, bring a friend and experience the Joys of Judaism!

As we approach Rosh Hashanah, we wish you and your loved ones a happy, healthy and sweet new year. May you be inscribed in the book of life, blessing, prosperity and peace.

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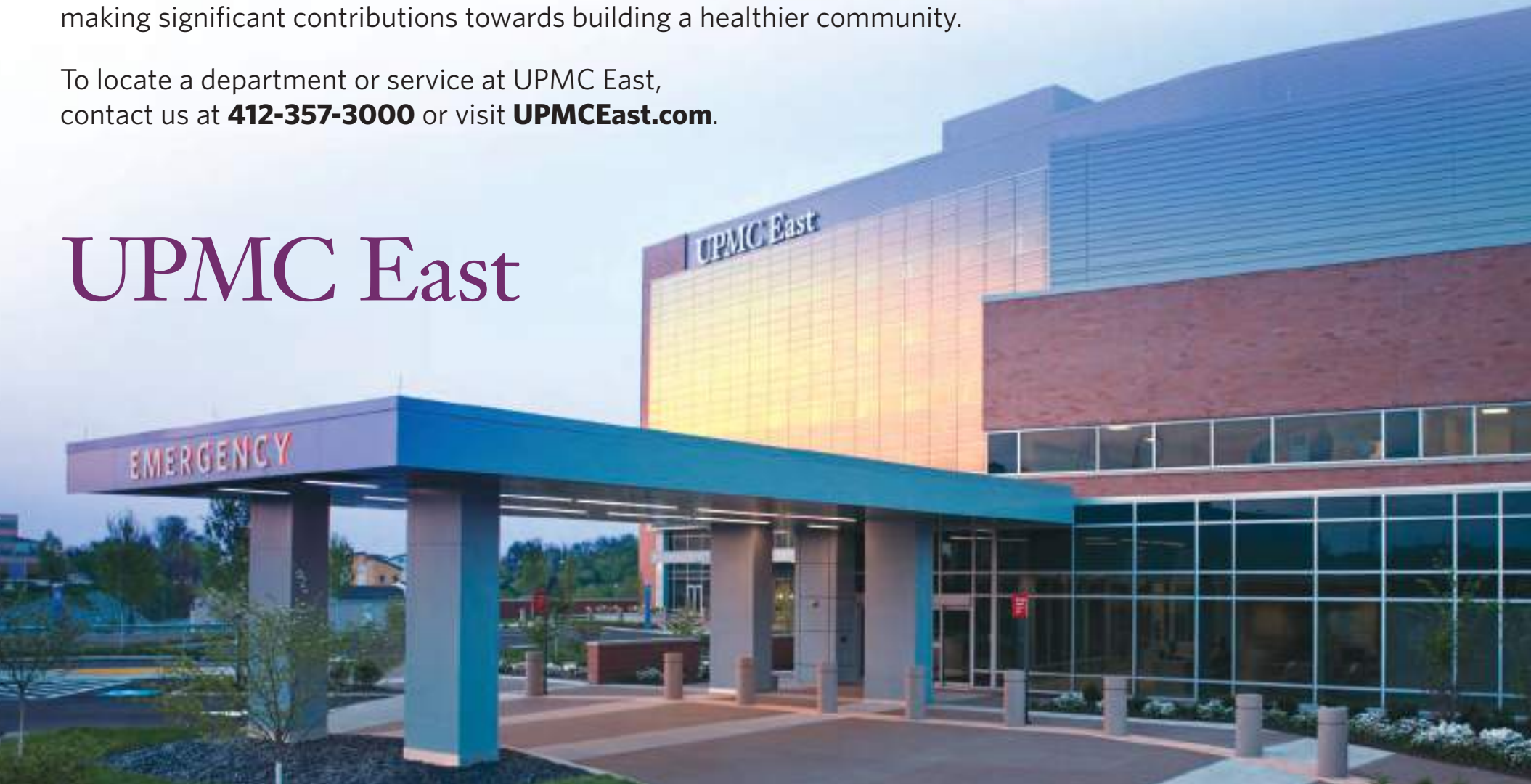
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MENACHEM AV - ELUL

» ROSH HASHANAH

The festival of Rosh Hashanah is observed on the first and second day of the Jewish year. It is the anniversary of the creation of Adam and Eve. Rosh Hashanah thus emphasizes the special relationship between G-d and humanity: our dependence upon G-d as our creator and sustainer, and G-d's dependence upon us as the ones who make His presence known and felt in His world.

On This auspicious holiday, we beseech from G-d to grant us a sweet new year full of health and happiness. We eat an apple dipped in honey which symbolizes and is reminiscent of the sweet year we will have.



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Wishing you and your family
a happy and healthy sweet new year!
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1 28 Av
Lunch
N' Learn

2 29 Av
First
Fridays
Esther Schapiro
Candle Lighting: 7:31 PM

3 30 Av
Rosh Chodesh
Re'eh
Shabbat Ends: 8:28 PM

4 1 Elul
Rosh Chodesh

5 2 Elul
Labor Day
Tamra Marks

6 3 Elul

7 4 Elul

8 5 Elul
Lunch
N' Learn

9 6 Elul
Candle Lighting: 7:19 PM

10 7 Elul
Shoftim
Shabbat Ends: 8:16 PM

11 8 Elul

12 9 Elul
Keny Schapiro

13 10 Elul

14 11 Elul

15 12 Elul
Lunch
N' Learn
Herman Bloomfield

16 13 Elul
Candle Lighting: 7:07 PM

17 14 Elul
3rd Shabbat
Morning Service
Ki Tetzai
Shabbat Ends: 8:04 PM

18 15 Elul

19 16 Elul

20 17 Elul

21 18 Elul
Chai Elul

22 19 Elul
Lunch
N' Learn

23 20 Elul
Candle Lighting: 6:56 PM

24 21 Elul
Selichot Tonight
Ki Tavo
Shabbat Ends: 7:52 PM

25 22 Elul

26 23 Elul

27 24 Elul

28 25 Elul

29 26 Elul
Lunch
N' Learn

30 27 Elul
Candle Lighting: 6:44 PM

Molad Tishrei: 5777: Shabbat, 2:40pm +4 Chalackim

OCTOBER 2016

ELUL - TISHREI

» **LULAV & ETROG**

Jewish unity is one of the central themes of the holiday of Sukkot. The “Lulav and Etrog” consist of a palm branch, two willows, three myrtles and one citron (etrog). They symbolize four types of Jews, with differing levels of Torah knowledge and observance.

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1 28 Elul
 Nitzavim
 Shabbat Ends: 7:41 PM

2 29 Elul
 Rosh Hashana Eve
 High Holiday Services at Chabad Center
 Candle Lighting: 6:41 PM

3 1 Tishrei
 Rosh Hashana
 High Holiday Services at Chabad Center
 Candle Lighting: after 7:37 PM

4 2 Tishrei
 Rosh Hashana
 Holiday Ends: 7:36 PM

5 3 Tishrei
 Fast of Gedalia
 Fast: 5:55 AM - 7:22 PM

6 4 Tishrei

7 5 Tishrei
 First Fridays
 Candle Lighting: 6:33 PM

8 6 Tishrei
 Vayelech
 Shabbat Shuva
 Shabbat Ends: 7:29 PM

9 7 Tishrei

10 8 Tishrei
 Columbus Day

11 9 Tishrei
 Yom Kippur Eve
 High Holiday Services at Chabad Center
 Candle Lighting & Fast: 6:26 PM

12 10 Tishrei
 Yom Kippur
 Yizkor
 High Holiday Services at Chabad Center
 Fast Ends: 7:23 PM

13 11 Tishrei
 Lunch N' Learn

14 12 Tishrei
 Claire Iszauk
 Candle Lighting: 6:22 PM

15 13 Tishrei
 3rd Shabbat Morning Service
 Ha'azinu
 Shabbat Ends: 7:19 PM

16 14 Tishrei
 Eve of Sukkot
 Candle Lighting: 6:19 PM

17 15 Tishrei
 Sukkot
 Candle Lighting: after 7:16 PM

18 16 Tishrei
 Sukkot
 Holiday Ends: 7:15 PM

19 17 Tishrei
 Sukkot
 1st Intermediate Day

20 18 Tishrei
 Sukkot
 2nd Intermediate Day

21 19 Tishrei
 Sukkot
 3rd Intermediate Day
 Candle Lighting: 6:12 PM

22 20 Tishrei
 Sukkot
 4th Intermediate Day
 Shabbat Ends: 7:09 PM

23 21 Tishrei
 Sukkot
 Hoshana Rabbah
 Candle Lighting: 6:09 PM

24 22 Tishrei
 Shemini Atzeret
 Yizkor
 Community Celebration @ Chabad
 Candle Lighting: after 7:07 PM

25 23 Tishrei
 Simchat Torah

26 24 Tishrei

27 25 Tishrei
 Lunch N' Learn

28 26 Tishrei
 Candle Lighting: 6:02 PM

29 27 Tishrei
 Blessing of the New Month
 Bereishit

30 28 Tishrei

31 29 Tishrei

Holiday Ends: 7:05 PM

Mordechai Schapiro

Candle Lighting: 6:02 PM

Chana Schapiro
 Shabbat Ends: 7:00 PM

Molad Tishrei 5777: Shabbat, 2:40pm +4 Chalackim | Chesvan 5777: Monday, 3:24am +5 Chalackim

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Rosh Chodesh

2 1 Cheshvan
Rosh Chodesh

Grayce Weisberg

3 2 Cheshvan

Lunch
N' Learn

4 3 Cheshvan

First
Fridays

Candle Lighting: 5:54 PM

5 4 Cheshvan

Noach

Shabbat Ends: 6:53 PM

6 5 Cheshvan

DST ENDS

7 6 Cheshvan

8 7 Cheshvan

Jon Weisberg

9 8 Cheshvan

10 9 Cheshvan

Lunch
N' Learn

11 10 Cheshvan
Veterans Day

Candle Lighting: 4:47 PM

12 11 Cheshvan

Lech Lecha

Shabbat Ends: 5:47 PM

13 12 Cheshvan

14 13 Cheshvan

15 14 Cheshvan

16 15 Cheshvan

Jena Iszauk

17 16 Cheshvan

Lunch
N' Learn

18 17 Cheshvan

Candle Lighting: 4:41 PM

19 18 Cheshvan
3rd Shabbat
Morning Service

Vayeira

Shabbat Ends: 5:42 PM

20 19 Cheshvan

21 20 Cheshvan

22 21 Cheshvan

Ted and Anita Heyman

23 22 Cheshvan

24 23 Cheshvan
Thanksgiving

25 24 Cheshvan

Candle Lighting: 4:37 PM

26 25 Cheshvan
Blessing of the New Month

Chayei Sarah

Milton Heyman

Shabbat Ends: 5:39 PM

27 26 Cheshvan

28 27 Cheshvan

29 28 Cheshvan

30 29 Cheshvan

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KISLEV - TEVET

» **CHANUKAH**

Chanukah -- the eight-day festival of lights that begins on the eve of the 25th of Kislev -- celebrates the triumph of light over darkness, of purity over adulteration, of spirituality over materiality.

More than twenty-one centuries ago, the Holy Land was ruled by the Seleucids (Syrian-Greeks), who sought to forcefully Hellenize the people of Israel. Against all odds, a small band of faithful Jews defeated one of the mightiest armies on earth, drove the Greeks from the land, reclaimed the Holy Temple in Jerusalem and rededicated it to the service of G-d.



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1 1 Kislev
 Rosh Chodesh
 Lunch
 N' Learn

2 2 Kislev
 First
 Fridays
 Candle Lighting: 4:35 PM

3 3 Kislev
 Toldot
 Shabbat Ends: 5:37 PM

4 4 Kislev

5 5 Kislev

6 6 Kislev

7 7 Kislev

8 8 Kislev
 Lunch
 N' Learn

9 9 Kislev
 Candle Lighting: 4:34 PM

10 10 Kislev
 Vayetzei
 Shabbat Ends: 5:38 PM

11 11 Kislev

12 12 Kislev

13 13 Kislev

14 14 Kislev
 Sam Steinberg

15 15 Kislev
 Lunch
 N' Learn

16 16 Kislev
 Candle Lighting: 4:36 PM

17 17 Kislev
 3rd Shabbat
 Morning Service
 Vayishlach
 Shabbat Ends: 5:40 PM

18 18 Kislev

19 19 Kislev
 Yud Tes Kislev

20 20 Kislev

21 21 Kislev

22 22 Kislev
 Lunch
 N' Learn

23 23 Kislev
 Ruth Warshaw
 Candle Lighting: 4:39 PM

24 24 Kislev
 1st Chanukah Light Tonight
 Blessing of the New Month
 Vayeshvev
 Shabbat Ends: 5:43 PM

25 25 Kislev
 Chanukah
 2nd Light Tonight
 Hannah Weisberg

26 26 Kislev
 Chanukah
 3rd Light Tonight

27 27 Kislev
 Chanukah
 4th Light Tonight
 Annual Chanukah
 Celebration

28 28 Kislev
 Chanukah
 5th Light Tonight

29 29 Kislev
 Chanukah
 6th Light Tonight
 Lunch
 N' Learn

30 1 Tevet
 Chanukah
 7th Light Tonight
 Rosh Chodesh
 Candle Lighting: 4:44 PM

31 2 Tevet
 Chanukah
 8th Light Tonight
 Mikeitz
 Shabbat Ends: 5:48 PM

Molad Tevet 5777: Thursday, 4:52am +7 Chalakim

JANUARY 2017

TEVET - SHEVAT

» **SHABBAT**

Shabbat is the centerpiece of Jewish life, and has been so since the infancy of our nation. We remember that G-d created the world in six days, and on the seventh day, he rested. Therefore, Shabbat is a day of rest and celebration that begins on Friday at sunset and ends on the following evening after nightfall.

To usher in the Shabbat, women and girls unite together to light the candles. As the candles are lit, peace and serenity fill the home and brighten up our world. The light of the candles have shone for hundreds of generations and it is a testament to our never-ending faith.



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TEVET - SHEVAT 5777

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1 3 Tevet
Chanukah
New Year's Day



2 4 Tevet

3 5 Tevet

4 6 Tevet

5 7 Tevet
Lunch
N' Learn
Janet Weisberg

6 8 Tevet
First
Fridays
Candle Lighting: 4:50 PM



7 9 Tevet
Vayigash
Shabbat Ends: 5:54 PM

8 10 Tevet
Tenth Tevet Fast Day
Fast: 6:10 AM - 5:41 PM

9 11 Tevet

10 12 Tevet

11 13 Tevet

12 14 Tevet
Lunch
N' Learn

13 15 Tevet
Ernie Friedman
Alene Brodie
Candle Lighting: 4:57 PM



14 16 Tevet
Vayechi
Shabbat Ends: 6:01 PM

15 17 Tevet

16 18 Tevet
Martin Luther
King, Jr. Day

17 19 Tevet

18 20 Tevet

19 21 Tevet
Lunch
N' Learn

20 22 Tevet
Candle Lighting: 5:05 PM



21 23 Tevet
Blessing of the New Month
3rd Shabbat
Morning Service
Shemot
Shabbat Ends: 6:08 PM

22 24 Tevet

23 25 Tevet

24 26 Tevet

25 27 Tevet

26 28 Tevet
Lunch
N' Learn

27 29 Tevet
Candle Lighting: 5:14 PM



28 1 Shevat
Rosh Chodesh
Va'eira
Shabbat Ends: 6:16 PM

29 2 Shevat

30 3 Shevat
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31 4 Shevat


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FEBRUARY 2017

SHEVAT - ADAR

» **THE JEWISH WEDDING**

A Jewish wedding is much more than a “ceremony” or a symbolic ritual. It is a spiritual process which actually creates a soul connection between the bride and groom. Beneath the chupah, a fusion of souls occurs; two souls which were separated before birth, joyfully reunite.

Thus the momentousness of the occasion. An appreciation of the awesomeness of the moment results in the serious atmosphere which prevails beneath the chupah -- at the moment when the union is being effected. And it is the very same appreciation which triggers the unbridled joy which follows at the wedding reception; an appropriate celebration for an event of this magnitude.



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1 5 Shevat

2 6 Shevat
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3 7 Shevat
 First Fridays
 Candle Lighting: 5:22 PM

4 8 Shevat
 Bo
 Shabbat Ends: 6:24 PM

5 9 Shevat

6 10 Shevat
 Yud Shevat
 Shaineh Eisenman

7 11 Shevat

8 12 Shevat

9 13 Shevat
 Lunch N' Learn

10 14 Shevat
 Candle Lighting: 5:31 PM

11 15 Shevat
 Tu B'Shevat
 Beshalach
 Shabbat Ends: 6:31 PM

12 16 Shevat

13 17 Shevat

14 18 Shevat
 Evelyn Solomon

15 19 Shevat

16 20 Shevat

17 21 Shevat
 Candle Lighting: 5:39 PM

18 22 Shevat
 3rd Shabbat Morning Service
 Yitro
 Shabbat Ends: 6:39 PM

19 23 Shevat
 Sarah Burgess

20 24 Shevat
 Presidents Day

21 25 Shevat

22 26 Shevat

23 27 Shevat
 Lunch N' Learn

24 28 Shevat
 Candle Lighting: 5:47 PM

25 29 Shevat
 Blessing of the New Month
 Mishpatim - Shekalim
 Shabbat Ends: 6:47 PM

26 30 Shevat
 Rosh Chodesh

27 1 Adar
 Rosh Chodesh

28 2 Adar

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Molad Adar 5777: Sunday, 6:20am +9 Chalakim

MARCH 2017

ADAR - NISSAN

>> PURIM

The jolly festival of Purim is celebrated every year on the 14th of the Hebrew month of Adar (late winter/early spring).

We celebrate by reading of the Megillah (book of Esther), which recounts the salvation of the Jewish people in ancient Persia from Haman's plot "to destroy, kill and annihilate all the Jews, young and old, infants and women, in a single day." This is done once on the eve of Purim and then again on the following day. We also celebrate by giving money gifts to at least two poor people and sending gifts of two kinds of food to at least one person, as well as taking part in a festive feast which is held in the evening.



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1 3 Adar
Eleanore Handley

2 4 Adar
Lunch N' Learn

3 5 Adar
First Fridays
Candle Lighting: 5:55 PM

4 6 Adar
Terumah
Shabbat Ends: 6:55 PM

5 7 Adar

6 8 Adar

7 9 Adar
Ron Kaufman

8 10 Adar

9 11 Adar
Fast of Esther
Lunch N' Learn
Fast: 5:15 AM - 6:47 PM

10 12 Adar
Candle Lighting: 6:03 PM

11 13 Adar
Tetzaveh - Zachor
Shabbat Ends: 7:02 PM

12 14 Adar
DST BEGINS
Purim
Community Purim Celebration

13 15 Adar
Shushan Purim

14 16 Adar

15 17 Adar
Alvin Solomon

16 18 Adar
Lunch N' Learn

17 19 Adar
Candle Lighting: 7:10 PM

18 20 Adar
3rd Shabbat Morning Service
Ki Tisa - Parah
Shabbat Ends: 8:10 PM

19 21 Adar
Gertrude Steinberg
Miriam Klinzing

20 22 Adar

21 23 Adar

22 24 Adar

23 25 Adar
Lunch N' Learn

24 26 Adar
Bari Jill Sternberg
Candle Lighting: 7:18 PM

25 27 Adar
Blessing of the New Month
Vayakhel-Pekudei Hachodesh
Mayer Handley
Shabbat Ends: 8:17 PM

26 28 Adar
Marie Friedman

27 29 Adar
Louis Steiner

28 1 Nissan
Rosh Chodesh
Miriam Klinzing

29 2 Nissan

30 3 Nissan
Lunch N' Learn

31 4 Nissan
Candle Lighting: 7:25 PM

Molad Nissan 5777: Monday, 7:04pm + 10 Chalaktim

APRIL 2017

NISSAN - IYAR

» JONAH

The story of Jonah teaches us how no one is beyond the reach of G-d's hand. Just as Jonah's endeavor to escape G-d's providence was unsuccessful, so too, we are incapable of eluding divine justice for transgressions we may have committed.

On a more uplifting note: G-d spared the people of Nineveh although He had already decreed that they would be destroyed because of their evil ways. This teaches us that no matter our past behavior, G-d's benevolence and mercy awaits us if we only repent full-heartedly.



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 Tonight Omer 3

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 2nd Intermediate Day
 Tonight Omer 4

Eli Schapiro
 Candle Lighting: 7:39 PM

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 3rd Intermediate Day
 Tonight Omer 5

Shabbat Ends: 8:41 PM

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Passover
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 Tonight Omer 6

Candle Lighting: 7:41 PM

17 21 Nissan

Passover
 Tonight Omer 7

Candle Lighting: after 8:43 PM

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Passover - Yizkor
 Tonight Omer 8

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 Holiday Ends: 8:44 PM

19 23 Nissan

Tonight Omer 9

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Lunch N' Learn

21 25 Nissan

Tonight Omer 11

Candle Lighting: 7:47 PM

22 26 Nissan

Tonight Omer 12
 Blessing of the New Month

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Shabbat Ends: 8:49 PM

23 27 Nissan

Tonight Omer 13

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25 29 Nissan

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26 30 Nissan

Rosh Chodesh
 Tonight Omer 16

27 1 Iyar

Rosh Chodesh
 Tonight Omer 17

Lunch N' Learn

28 2 Iyar

Tonight Omer 18

Candle Lighting: 7:54 PM

29 3 Iyar

Tonight Omer 19

Tazria - Metzora

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30 4 Iyar

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MAY 2017

IYAR - SIVAN

>> JERUSALEM

For a Jew, the Land of Israel is more than a place. It is a body for the soul of a people. As Yom Kippur is to the Jewish year, so Israel is to the Jewish space: a place to find where you began, where you belong and what you truly are. A Jew does not travel to Israel, but returns there.

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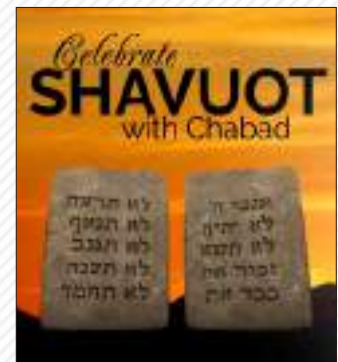


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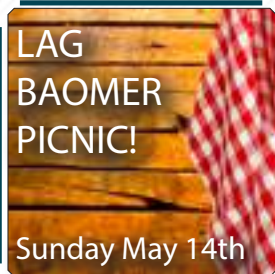
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Sunday May 14th

1 5 Iyar
Tonight Omer 21
G-d Bless Israel
🕎 Lorraine Sultanov

2 6 Iyar
Tonight Omer 22

3 7 Iyar
Tonight Omer 23

4 8 Iyar
Tonight Omer 24
Lunch
N' Learn

5 9 Iyar
Tonight Omer 25
First
Fridays
Candle Lighting: 8:01 PM 🕎

6 10 Iyar
Tonight Omer 26
Acharei - Kedoshim
Shabbat Ends: 9:05 PM

7 11 Iyar
Tonight Omer 27

8 12 Iyar
Tonight Omer 28

9 13 Iyar
Tonight Omer 29

10 14 Iyar
Pesach Sheini
Tonight Omer 30

11 15 Iyar
Tonight Omer 31
Lunch
N' Learn

12 16 Iyar
Tonight Omer 32
Candle Lighting: 8:08 PM 🕎

13 17 Iyar
Tonight Omer 33
Emor
🕎 Reuven Yonah Weisberg
Shabbat Ends: 9:13 PM

14 18 Iyar
Lag BaOmer
Tonight Omer 34
Mother's Day
Community
Picnic

15 19 Iyar
Tonight Omer 35
🕎 Matthew Weisberg

16 20 Iyar
Tonight Omer 36

17 21 Iyar
Tonight Omer 37

18 22 Iyar
Tonight Omer 38
Lunch
N' Learn

19 23 Iyar
Tonight Omer 39
Candle Lighting: 8:15 PM 🕎

20 24 Iyar
Tonight Omer 40
Blessing of the New Month
Behar - Bechukotai
3rd Shabbat
Morning Service
Shabbat Ends: 9:21 PM

21 25 Iyar
Tonight Omer 41

22 26 Iyar
Tonight Omer 42

23 27 Iyar
Tonight Omer 43

24 28 Iyar
Tonight Omer 44

25 29 Iyar
Tonight Omer 45
Lunch
N' Learn

26 1 Sivan
Rosh Chodesh
Tonight Omer 46
Candle Lighting: 8:21 PM 🕎

27 2 Sivan
Tonight Omer 47
Bamidbar
Shabbat Ends 9:28 PM 🕎

28 3 Sivan
Tonight Omer 48

29 4 Sivan
Tonight Omer 49
Memorial Day

30 5 Sivan
Shavuot Eve
Evening
of Study
Candle Lighting: 8:24 PM 🕎

31 6 Sivan
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Ten Commandments
and Ice Cream Party
Candle Lighting: after 9:32 PM 🕎

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JUNE 2017

SIVAN - TAMMUZ

» **THE FIDDLE**

"If words are the pen of the heart," taught Rabbi Schneur Zalman of Liadi, "then song is the pen of the soul." The soul's pen, however, writes in the opposite direction from the heart's. While words carry meaning downwards from G-d's own primal consciousness into the minds of sages and the lips of prophets to inscribe them upon human hearts, song carries the soul upwards to be absorbed within the Infinite Light.

That is why a traditional Jewish song, a niggun generally has no words. Words limit and define, but the niggun tears the soul beyond all bounds. Beyond words.



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1 7 Sivan
Shavuot Yizkor
Leslie Chodock
Holiday Ends: 9:32 PM

2 8 Sivan
First Fridays
Candle Lighting: 8:26 PM

3 9 Sivan
Naso
Shabbat Ends: 9:34 PM

4 10 Sivan

5 11 Sivan

6 12 Sivan
Eric Solomon

7 13 Sivan

8 14 Sivan
Lunch N' Learn

9 15 Sivan
Candle Lighting: 8:30 PM

10 16 Sivan
Be'halot'cha
Shabbat Ends: 9:39 PM

11 17 Sivan

12 18 Sivan
Aidel Weisberg

13 19 Sivan

14 20 Sivan

15 21 Sivan
Lunch N' Learn

16 22 Sivan
Alan Iszauk
Candle Lighting: 8:34 PM

17 23 Sivan
Blessing of the New Month
3rd Shabbat Morning Service
Shelach
Shabbat Ends: 9:42 PM

18 24 Sivan
Father's Day

19 25 Sivan
Mordechai Schapiro

20 26 Sivan

21 27 Sivan

22 28 Sivan
Lunch N' Learn

23 29 Sivan
Candle Lighting: 8:35 PM

24 30 Sivan
Rosh Chodesh
Korach
Shabbat Ends: 9:43 PM

25 1 Tammuz
Rosh Chodesh

26 2 Tammuz

27 3 Tammuz
Gimmel Tammuz

28 4 Tammuz
Beverly Lynn Reich

29 5 Tammuz
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30 6 Tammuz
Sylvia Heyman
Candle Lighting: 8:35 PM

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JULY 2017

TAMMUZ - MENACHEM AV

>> KLEZMER

The term klezmer comes from a combination of Hebrew words: kli, meaning "tool" and zemer, meaning "to make music".

Klezmer is a musical tradition of the Ashkenazi Jews of Eastern Europe. Played by professional musicians called klezmerim, the genre originally consisted largely of dance tunes and instrumental display pieces for weddings and other celebrations. Klezmer is easily identifiable by its characteristic expressive melodies, reminiscent of the human voice, complete with laughing and weeping.



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1 7 Tammuz
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Shabbat Ends: 9:43 PM

2 8 Tammuz

3 9 Tammuz
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4 10 Tammuz
Independence Day

5 11 Tammuz
David Weisberg
Debbie Iszauk

6 12 Tammuz
Lunch N' Learn

7 13 Tammuz
Candle Lighting: 8:34 PM

8 14 Tammuz
Balak
Shabbat Ends: 9:41 PM

9 15 Tammuz
Sydne Boswell

10 16 Tammuz

11 17 Tammuz
Fast of Shiva
Asar B'Tammuz
Fast: 4:07 AM - 9:23 PM

12 18 Tammuz

13 19 Tammuz
Lunch N' Learn
Ronna Spitz

14 20 Tammuz
Zach Weisberg
Candle Lighting: 8:31 PM

15 21 Tammuz
Pinchas
Shabbat Ends: 9:36 PM

16 22 Tammuz
Dr. Myron Friedlander

17 23 Tammuz

18 24 Tammuz

19 25 Tammuz
Stanley H. Sultanov
Randy and Marsha Boswell

20 26 Tammuz
Lunch N' Learn

21 27 Tammuz
Candle Lighting: 8:26 PM

22 28 Tammuz
Blessing of the New Month
Matot - Massei
Shabbat Ends: 9:30 PM

23 29 Tammuz
David Iszauk
Enice Bloomfield

24 1 Av
Rosh Chodesh

25 2 Av

26 3 Av
Alvin Weisberg

27 4 Av
Lunch N' Learn
Gideon Guthmann

28 5 Av
Candle Lighting: 8:20 PM

29 6 Av
Devarim
Shabbat Chazon
Shabbat Ends: 9:23 PM

30 7 Av

31 8 Av
Fast Begins: 8:35 PM
Mendy Schapiro

Molad Av 5777: Sunday, 10:00pm + 14 Chalakiim

AUGUST 2017

MENACHEM AV - ELUL

» **THE TORAH**

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The Zohar tell us "When the Congregation takes out the Scroll of the Torah to read in it, the Heavenly Gates of Mercy are opened, and G-d's love is aroused." Thus, the opening of the Ark and the reading of the Torah is a very special time, a time of Heavenly mercy and love, when our prayers are especially acceptable.



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1 9 Av
Fast of Tisha B'av
Fast Ends: 9:04 PM

2 10 Av

3 11 Av
Lunch N' Learn

4 12 Av
Candle Lighting: 8:12 PM

5 13 Av
Va'etchanan
Shabbat Nachamu
Shabbat Ends: 9:14 PM

6 14 Av

7 15 Av
Tu B'av

8 16 Av
Miriam Steiner

9 17 Av
Jesse Kaufman

10 18 Av
Lunch N' Learn

11 19 Av
Melitta Chodock
Candle Lighting: 8:03 PM

12 20 Av
Eikev
Shabbat Ends: 9:04 PM

13 21 Av

14 22 Av

15 23 Av

16 24 Av

17 25 Av
Lunch N' Learn

18 26 Av
Candle Lighting: 7:54 PM

19 27 Av
Blessing of the New Month
Re'eh
Shabbat Ends: 8:54 PM

20 28 Av

21 29 Av
Esther Schapiro

22 30 Av
Rosh Chodesh

23 1 Elul
Rosh Chodesh

24 2 Elul
Lunch N' Learn

25 3 Elul
Candle Lighting: 7:44 PM

26 4 Elul
Shoftim
Shabbat Ends: 8:42 PM

27 5 Elul

28 6 Elul

29 7 Elul

30 8 Elul

31 9 Elul
Lunch N' Learn
Keny Schapiro



Molad Elul 5777: Tuesday, 10:44am + 15 Chalakim

SEPTEMBER 2017

ELUL - TISHREI

» **THE SHOFAR**

The central observance of Rosh Hashanah is the sounding of the shofar, the ram's horn, which also represents the trumpet blast of a people's coronation of their king. The cry of the shofar also symbolizes a call for repentance, for Rosh Hashanah is the anniversary of man's first sin and his repentance thereof, and serves as the first of the "Ten Days of Repentance" which culminate in Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement.

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1 10 Elul

Candle Lighting: 7:33 PM 

2 11 Elul

Ki Tetzei

Shabbat Ends: 8:30 PM

3 12 Elul

4 13 Elul
Labor Day

5 14 Elul

Herman Bloomfield

6 15 Elul

7 16 Elul

Lunch
N' Learn

8 17 Elul

Candle Lighting: 7:21 PM 

9 18 Elul
Chai Elul

Ki Tavo

Tamra Marks
Shabbat Ends: 8:18 PM

10 19 Elul

11 20 Elul

12 21 Elul

13 22 Elul

14 23 Elul

Lunch
N' Learn

15 24 Elul

Candle Lighting: 7:10 PM 

16 25 Elul
Selichot Tonight

Nitzavim - Vayelech

Shabbat Ends: 8:06 PM

17 26 Elul


18 27 Elul


19 28 Elul

20 29 Elul
Rosh Hashana Eve
Eruv Tavshillin


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21 1 Tishrei
Rosh Hashana



Candle Lighting: after 7:58 PM 

22 2 Tishrei
Rosh Hashana



Candle Lighting: 6:58 PM 

23 3 Tishrei

Ha'azinu

Shabbat Ends: 7:54 PM

24 4 Tishrei
Fast of Gedalia

Fast: 5:43 AM - 7:40 PM

25 5 Tishrei


26 6 Tishrei

27 7 Tishrei


28 8 Tishrei

Lunch
N' Learn

29 9 Tishrei
Yom Kippur Eve

Candle Lighting & Fast: 6:46 PM 

30 10 Tishrei
Yom Kippur
Yizkor



Shabbat, Holiday & Fast Ends: 7:43 PM

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- 3 T. Margarine, softened
- 1 t. Baking soda
- 4 cups flour
- 1 t cinnamon

Preheat oven to 325.

Grease and flour (**TIP:** I like to use the "baking spray with flour") a 9 by 13-inch cake pan.

In a large mixer bowl, 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, and cinnamon and beat together well.

Pour into greased cake pan. Bake for an hour.

SUKKOT- SIMCHAT TORAH

Un-stuffed Cabbage

- 2 cans of tomato sauce
- 1 large can tomato juice
- 1 cup water
- 1 large onions
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 2 lb. ground meat
- 1 1/2 t. salt
- 3/4 tsp. pepper
- 1 potato, grated
- 2 eggs or 3 egg whites
- 2 bags of shredded cabbage

Pour the tomato sauce and juice into a large pot. Add lemon juice and water. Bring to a boil. Then add the cabbage and let it continue cooking.

In the meantime prepare the meatballs: In a large bowl, mix together the meat, spices, potato, eggs, and onion, diced small. Roll a Tablespoon of the mixture at a time into meatballs, add it to the sauce in the pot. Simmer at least 2-3 hours (Mixing occasionally). Simmer for 45 minute - 1 hour.

CHANUKAH

Sweet Potato Latkes

- 2 medium potatoes, shredded
- 1 small sweet potato, shredded
- 1 small onion, grated
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1 1/4 tsp. salt
- 4 tablespoons flour
- 3 tablespoons olive oil

TIP: For more moist Latkes add 1 small zucchini, shredded and drained

Mix all the ingredients (except the oil) in a large bowl. Heat 3 tablespoons olive oil in a frying pan at medium-high heat. Place spoonfuls of mixture into pan and flatten each with spatula. Fry latkes until golden brown on both sides.

PURIM

Savory Hamantashen

- 1 sheet of puff pastry
- 2 tomatoes diced
- 1/2 onion diced
- 1/2 cup of crumbled feta cheese
- 1/4 cup of fresh basil diced

Cut out triangle shape pieces of puff pastry dough using a knife or cookie cutter. Saute the onions until tender. Add the tomatoes and cook for several minutes. Place 1 teaspoon in the center of each triangle. Top with some feta cheese and basil. Bake in oven on 375 for 15 to 20 minutes until golden and crispy.

TIP: Replace the tomatoes and onions with olives and capers for another option.

PESACH

Matza Balls

- 2 eggs slightly beaten
- 2 tablespoons oil or Shmaltz (chicken fat)
- 2 tablespoons soup stock or water
- 1/2 cup matzah meal
- 1 teaspoon salt

Beat eggs slightly with fork. Add other ingredients, except matzah meal, and mix. Add matzah meal gradually until thick. Stir. Refrigerate for 20 minutes in covered bowl. Wet hands and form into balls. Boil 1 Quart of water with 1 T salt. Drop the balls into bubbling water. Cook for 30 minutes. (8 balls per each 1/2 cup of matzah meal).

Note: Many communities have the custom of not eating wetted matzah on the first seven days of Passover. In these communities, matzah balls and other recipes that use matzah are used only on the eighth day of Passover.

SHAVUOS

Creamy Cheesecake

- 1 8 inch graham cracker crust
- 8 oz. cream cheese
- 8 oz. Cottage cheese
- 2 eggs
- 3/4 cups sugar
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract

Pre heat oven to 350. Place the cream cheese, cottage cheese, eggs, sugar, and vanilla in a bowl. Using an electric mixer, blend at low speed. Eventually, as the ingredients blend, increase speed to high. Blend until smooth. Pour filling into graham cracker pan. **TIP:** For Marble cheese cake drizzle with chocolate syrup and gently swirl batter with a knife. Place the pan in the preheated oven and bake for 30 minutes. **TIP:** When the cheesecake is ready, turn off the oven and leave the cheesecake inside for an additional half hour - this will avoid cracking the top.



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