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C-Teen Rabbi Mendy Wilschanski

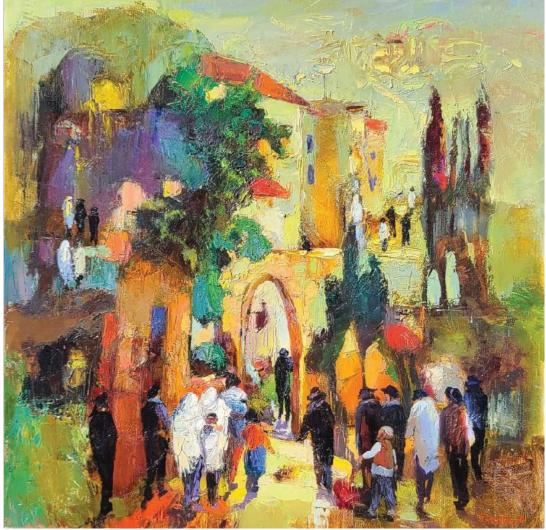
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Elul-Tishrei

ROSH HASHANAH: Sep. 18 evening—Sep 20

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Tashlich: On the first afternoon of Rosh Hashanah it is customary to visit a natural body of water that contains fish. There we recite a short prayer and "cast" our past sins down the river of time.

Apple & Honey: Dipping a piece of apple into honey at the first meal of Rosh Hashanah symbolizes the hope that our new year be blessed with sweetness and goodness. For the same reason, it is customary to eat other sweet foods, such as tzimmes.

FAST OF GEDALIA: Sep. 21

This fast day commemorates the tragic assassination of Gedalia, the Jewish governor of Judea who was installed after Nebuchadnezzar's invasion of Israel and the subsequent Babylonian exile.

YOM KIPPUR: Sep. 27 evening—Sep. 28

Yom Kippur is a 25-hour fast beginning at sunset on September 27, and continuing through nightfall the following night. Although it is a solemn day, it is not a sad day. In fact, in a subtle way, it is one of the happiest days of the year, for we receive one of G-d's most precious gifts—forgiveness.

For more info, inspiration and observances: Chabad.org/Tishrei

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Tishrei– Cheshvan

SUKKOT: Oct. 2 evening—Oct. 9

The Festival of Sukkot is observed through the performance of three mitzvot:

Sukkah: For the duration of the holiday it is a mitzvah to eat in a Sukkah, a temporary hut covered by loose tree branches.

Lulav & Etrog: Each day of the festival (except Shabbat) we take the "four species" and shake them together.

Joy: The overarching mitzvah of Sukkot is joy. When our Holy Temple stood in Jerusalem, men and women, young and old would join in music, dancing and juggling for all seven days of the festival!

For more info, inspiration and observances: Chabad.org/Tishrei

SHEMINI ATZERET/ SIMCHAT TORAH: Oct. 9 evening—Oct. 11

On the evening of Simchat Torah (in some communities, on the eve of Shemini Atzeret as well) great celebrations take place in the synagogue, focusing on the Jew's connection to the holy Torah. Children play a central role in the festivities, waving flags and riding on their parents' shoulders.

On Simchat Torah day the yearly cycle of Torah reading is completed and the cycle begins anew. We express our joy by singing and dancing while embracing the Torah scrolls.

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MITZVAH SPOTLIGHT: Kosher

What is Kosher? Kosher stands for quality, purity, wholesomeness and truth. The word "kosher" literally means "fit for use," and fitness—physical and spiritual—is a matter of making the right choices. The kosher laws were not made for physical health, but it comes as no surprise that what is good for the soul is good for the body as well.

The body and soul are intimately connected. The Kabbalah teaches that whatever happens to the soul is reflected in the body, and the food the body consumes impacts the soul.

Many religions involve prayer, meditation, charity, ethics, and at times, various forms of self-denial. Judaism, however, encompasses every aspect of life, the spiritual as well as the physical. In a real sense, kosher laws represent the meeting of body and soul.

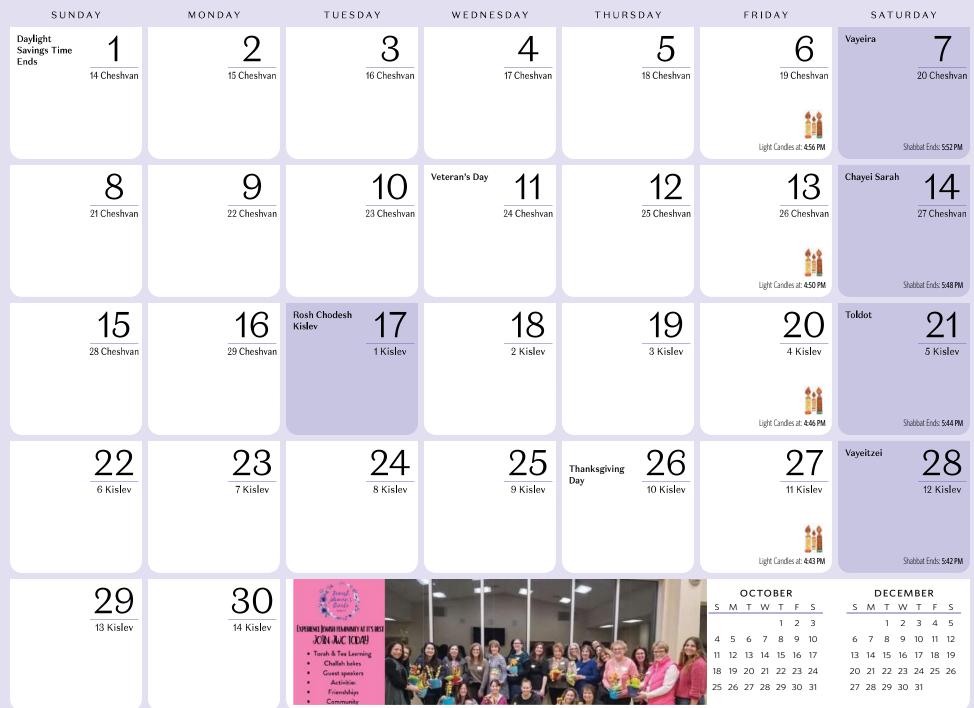
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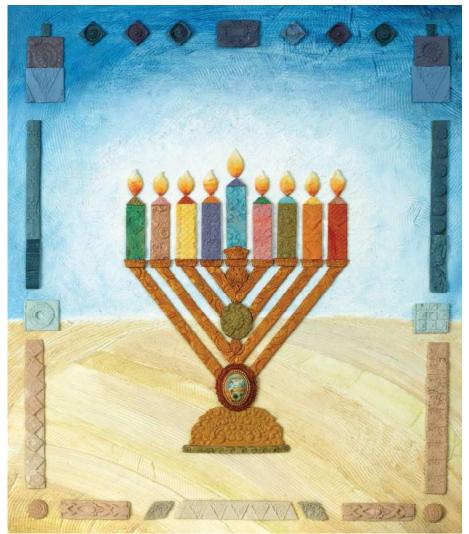




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Kislev–Tevet

CHANUKAH: Dec. 10 evening-Dec. 18

Chanukah celebrates the miraculous victory of the Jewish Maccabees over the Syrian-Greek armies in the 2nd century BCE. When the Jewish nation recaptured the Beit Hamikdash, the Holy Temple in Jerusalem, they found a little jug with just enough oil to light the menorah for one day. Miraculously, the oil burned for eight days until more arrived. To commemorate this miracle, we light the menorah, preferably with olive oil, for the eight days of Chanukah. We also savor traditional foods, such as potato latkes, fried in oil.

The Menorah: The lit menorah dramatizes and publicizes the Chanukah miracle. Therefore, we light it at night when it shines brightest. On Friday, it is lit before sunset in honor of Shabbat.

All family members should participate in this beautiful ceremony of light. The menorah is placed in a doorway or window so passersby can share in its light.

On the eve of the first day of Chanukah we light one candle on the menorah, and add one candle each night until eight are lit on the 8th night. The candles are placed from right to left and are lit from left to right, beginning with the newest candle. There must be enough oil or candle length to burn until half hour after

nightfall. A "shamash" servant candle is used to light the candles and is then placed in its designated holder on the menorah. After the candles are lit, the Haneiros Halalu prayer is recited and the family often gathers together to eat latkes and play dreidel.

The Dreidel: During the era of the Chanukah miracle, Jews were forbidden from studying Torah, but this did not stop them from teaching their children the sacred teachings. When inspectors would arrive to enforce the law, Jewish children would guickly hide their books and begin playing with tops. The custom of playing dreidel (tops) commemorates this triumphant courage.

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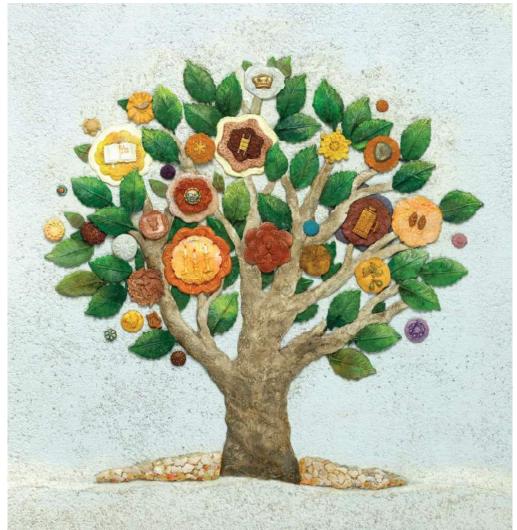
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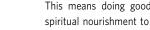




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Tevet-Shevat

TU B'SHEVAT: January 28

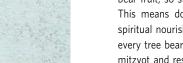
Jewish tradition regards the 15th day of Shevat as the New Year for Trees, the beginning of the season when trees begin to bud in the Holy Land of Israel. Just as Rosh Hashanah, the New Year for Creation, is viewed as the day on which man is judged, Tu B'Shevat is a day of judgment for earth's vegetation.

To commemorate this special day, Jews throughout the world eat foods that are distinctive to, and characteristic of, the Holy Land, including the seven types of fruits and grain mentioned in the Torah: wheat, barley, grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives, and dates. On this day, a new seasonal fruit is customarily eaten for the first time. The blessings Shechevanu and Ha'eitz are said over the fruit.

Tending the Garden

The Torah states: "For man is the tree of the field." There are many lessons to be learned from this metaphor. One lesson has particular relevance on Tu B'Shevat: just as healthy trees bear fruit, so should one strive to produce fruits in his life. This means doing good deeds and mitzvot which brings spiritual nourishment to those around us. Furthermore, not every tree bears the same fruit. In addition to our common mitzvot and responsibilities, we each have a special role to play in making the world a beautiful garden.

For more info, inspiration and observances: Chabad.org/TuBshevat





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Shevat Molad: Wednesday, 5:35pm + 3 chalakim



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Shevat-Adar

PURIM EVE: February 25

Purim, a very exciting holiday, celebrates the liberation of the Jewish people from an annihilation plot instigated by the evil Haman, a descendant of the Jew-hating tribe of Amalek and an advisor to the Persian King Achashverosh.

We begin the festivities of Purim this evening by listening to a reading of the megillah. When Haman's name is read, we twirl gragger-noisemakers and stomp our feet to drown out his evil name.

PURIM: February 26

We listen to the megillah again during the day. Afterward, we send a gift of at least two different kinds of food to a friend, and give charity to at least two poor people. As on all festivals, we celebrate Purim with a special meal during the daytime.

Masks and Costumes: The miracle of Purim is unique in that it occurred through natural causes. The sea didn't split. The earth didn't shatter. There were no plagues. Had it not been for the daring intervention of Esther, Achashverosh's Jewish queen, Haman's plot would have wiped out the entire Jewish population of Persia in one day. Queen Esther was in the right place at the right time. The hand of G-d was "masked" beneath the "costume" of natural events. To symbolize this, children and many adults, wear face masks or costumes on Purim.

SHUSHAN PURIM: February 27

Select cities observe Purim on the 15th of Adar instead of the 14th to commemorate the Purim victory on this day in the Persian capital of Shushan. A prominent example is the city of Jerusalem, which, like Shushan, is surrounded by a wall dating back to the days of Joshua (13th century BCE).

For more info, inspiration and observances: Chabad.org/Purim



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FEBRUARY 2021 Shevat/Adar 5781





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Adar-Nissan

PESACH (PASSOVER): March 27 evening—April 4

This eight-day holiday celebrates the liberation of the Israelites from Egyptian slavery and the birth of the Jewish nation more than 3,300 years ago. Pesach is rich with traditions that help us achieve "freedom" in our own lives.

Chametz: Food and drink made of leavened wheat, barley, rye, oats, spelt or their derivatives is called chametz and is forbidden during Pesach. In Egypt, an animal offering was brought on the morning before Pesach, and the chametz prohibition actually begins around that time. Thus, mid-morning on March 26.

Seder Nights: The celebration of Pesach begins with the seder on the evening of the 14th of Nissan (March 27).

The Seder: On the first two nights of Pesach we conduct a seder. It is a festive, yet serious event. Around a table set with the finest crystal and silver and the best kosher wine, we reenact the exodus from Egypt. We think of ourselves as also being in bondage in Egypt, suffering Pharaoh's oppression, and joining the walk out of Egypt and across the Sea of Reeds.

Matzah: One of the main mitzvot of Pesach is eating matzah. Many have the custom to eat hand-baked shmurah matzah, which closely resembles the bread baked by the Jews at the hurried moment of their exodus.

The Four Cups of Wine: The Torah uses four expressions of freedom in connection with our liberation from Egypt (see Exodus 6:6-7). This is one of the reasons we celebrate the liberation with the four cups at the Seder.

The Last Day of Pesach: The seder nights, celebrating our liberation from Egypt, emphasize our past exodus. As we conclude the festival, we look toward the time when, as we are promised in the Torah, Jews will merit a final redemption from all oppressors. The eighth and last day of Pesach is traditionally associated with this fervent hope for the imminent coming of Moshiach, when we will be able to commit ourselves to our spiritual development.

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Nissan-Iyar

COUNTING THE OMER

After the exodus from Egypt, it took 49 days for the people of Israel to reach Mount Sinai and receive the Torah from G-d. The Kabbalists explain that the 49 days correspond to the 49 traits of the human heart. On each day of their original journey from Egypt, the Children of Israel refined one of these traits. Each year, we retrace this inner journey by "Counting the Omer" beginning on the second night of Pesach and ending before Shavuot.

PESACH SHENI: April 26

The Second Pesach. One year after the exodus, G-d commanded the Jewish people to celebrate Pesach in the desert. Some of the men were ritually impure and could not purify themselves in time to offer their Paschal sacrifice (Numbers 9). G-d told Moses they would get a second chance to offer their sacrifice on lyar 14 (one month after the Paschal sacrifice is normally brought). This "second chance" continued until the cessation of sacrifices with the destruction of the Second Temple in 70 CE. Now we commemorate the day by eating matzah.

The eternal significance of the Second Passover is that it is never too late to rectify a past failing. Even if a person has failed to fulfill a certain aspect of his or her mission in life, there is always a Second Passover on which to make good.

LAG B'OMER: April 30

The 33rd day of the Omer counting period is celebrated as a holiday. On this date in the early second century, the students of Rabbi Akiva stopped dying from an epidemic. On this day, Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai, a Mishnaic sage, mystical thinker, and the author of the Zohar, passed away. Having fulfilled his mission in this world he asked that the anniversary be celebrated as a happy day. Throughout the world, Lag B'Omer is celebrated with festivities and bonfires and serves as an occasion for wedding and Bar Mitzvah celebrations.

For more info, inspiration and observances:

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SHAVUOT: May 16 evening—May 18

Shavuot marks the day upon which G-d gave the Torah to the entire Jewish nation over 3,300 years ago. In Hebrew, the word shavuot means "weeks" and stands for the seven weeks during which the Jewish people prepared themselves for the giving of the Torah. During this time they rid themselves of the scars of bondage and became a holy nation ready to stand before G-d.

The giving of the Torah was a far-reaching event that touched the essence of the Jewish soul, then and for all time. Our sages have compared it to a wedding between G-d and the Jewish people: He became our G-d and we accepted the responsibilities of this unique relationship. The Torah, as a marriage contract, spells out the terms of this relationship.

It is customary to decorate one's home with flowers to remind us of the flowers that blossomed on Mount Sinai when the Torah was given. Another very delicious custom is to eat dairy foods during this festival. Shavuot is also an appropriate time to rededicate ourselves to our precious heritage. Many make a point of attending the Shavuot Torah reading with all members of the family, young and old-even newborn children.

For more info, inspiration and observances: Chabad.org/Shavuot

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THE THIRD TEMPLE BY MIRA FISEN

Sivan-Tammuz

GIMMEL TAMMUZ: June 13

The 3rd day of Tammuz is the yartzeit of the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Schneerson, of blessed memory. It is a day to reflect on the Rebbe's impact on us as 21st century Jews, and the goals he set for our generation. It is a time to strengthen our commitment to these teachings and goals, finalizing the process of redemption with the arrival of Moshiach.

For more info, inspiration and observances: Chabad.org/3tammuz

THE THREE WEEKS: June 27-July 18

For eight hundred and thirty years there stood an edifice upon a Jerusalem hilltop, a Temple that served as the point of contact between heaven and earth. So central was this edifice to the relationship between man and G-d that nearly two-thirds of the mitzvot are contingent upon its existence.

Over time, the Temple was destroyed, rebuilt and destroyed again. The "Three Weeks" mark a period of national mourning for the Temples' destruction and the wandering exile that it brought. During this time we do not celebrate weddings or hold festivities.

The "Three Weeks" begin with a fast on the 17th of Tammuz, and conclude with a 25-hour fast on Tisha B'Av, the 9th of Av.

For more info, inspiration and observances: Chabad.org/ThreeWeeks









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Tammuz– Av

TISHA B'AV: July 17 evening—July 18

The 9th day of Av is the saddest day on the calendar. On this date, G-d decreed that the Jews would wander in the desert for forty years. The two Temples in Jerusalem were destroyed on this date. The first crusade and the liquidating of the Warsaw ghetto were both on the 9th of Av, reinforcing it as a pivotal, if painful, point in time.

Tisha B'Av has been set aside as the national day of mourning for all of our nation's tragedies. But within our sadness shines a beacon of hope which will ultimately carry us through. In addition to remembering the many tragic events, this day is used as a day of prayer to the Al-mighty. We pray for Him to bring us the final redemption through our righteous Mashiach and the rebuilding of the Third Temple, may it be speedily in our days.

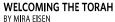
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JULY 2021 Tammuz/Av 5781



Av Molad: Friday, 9:59pm + 9 chalakim





Av-Elul

MONTH OF ELUL: Divine Grace

When a king returns to his palace, he passes through outlying fields. Anyone may approach him, and he greets all with a shining countenance...

Chassidic masters compare the month of Elul to when the "King is in the field." G-d is available to all who turn to Him. He graciously accepts all requests.

Elul is an appropriate time to reflect on the past year and resolve to correct any shortcomings. It is a time to turn the page and come into the new year with a refreshed perspective and renewed heart.

Some of the observances during Elul:

- From now and throughout the High Holiday season, we include the blessing "May you be inscribed and sealed for a good year" (Leshanah tovah tikateiv veteichateim) in letters and greetings to one another.
- We give extra charity and devote more time to studying our tradition and Torah.
- In preparation for Rosh Hashanah, we hear the sounding of the ram's horn shofar each weekday.
- We recite Psalm 27 at the end of the morning and afternoon prayers from the first day of Elul through Hoshanah Rabbah (Tishrei 21)—a total of 50 days.
- The Baal Shem Tov instituted the custom of reciting three additional chapters of Psalms each day, from Rosh Chodesh Elul until Yom Kippur. On Yom Kippur the remaining 36 chapters are recited, completing the entire book of Psalms.
- Elul is the time to have one's tefillin and mezuzot checked by an accredited scribe to ensure that they are in good condition and fit for use.

For more info, inspiration and observances:

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AUGUST 2021 Av/Elul 5781





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Elul-Tishrei

ROSH HASHANAH: Sep. 6 evening—Sep. 8

Rosh Hashanah celebrates the beginning of creation. On this day, G-d charged Adam with the responsibility of helping the world reach perfection. Rosh Hashanah, therefore, is a time for us to reflect on the purpose of creation and resolve to make our lives more meaningful by contributing to all of creation.

The Shofar: On Rosh Hashanah we hear the sounding of the shofar, the ram's horn. It is the oldest and most soulful of wind instruments, sounding like a primal outcry from the depth of the soul. Its blasts signify our proclamation of G-d as King of the universe and awaken us to repent and return to Him.

Tashlich: On the first afternoon of Rosh Hashanah it is customary to visit a natural body of water that contains fish. There we recite a short prayer and "cast" our past sins down the river of time.

Apple & Honey: Dipping a piece of apple into honey at the first meal of Rosh Hashanah symbolizes the hope that our new year be blessed with sweetness and goodness. For the same reason, it is customary to eat other sweet foods, such as tzimmes.

FAST OF GEDALIA: Sep. 9

This fast day commemorates the tragic assassination of Gedalia, the Jewish governor of Judea who was installed after Nebuchadnezzar's invasion of Israel and the subsequent Babylonian exile.

YOM KIPPUR: Sep. 15 evening—Sep. 16

Yom Kippur is a 25-hour fast beginning at sunset on September 15, and continuing through nightfall the following

night. Although it is a solemn day, it is not a sad day. In fact, in a subtle way, it is one of the happiest days of the year, for we receive one of G-d's most precious gifts—forgiveness.

SUKKOT: Sep. 20 evening—Sep. 27

The Festival of Sukkot is observed through the performance of three mitzvot:

Sukkah: For the duration of the holiday it is a mitzvah to eat in a Sukkah, a temporary hut covered by loose tree branches.

Lulav & Etrog: Each day of the festival (except Shabbat) we take the "four species" and shake them together.

Joy: The overarching mitzvah of Sukkot is joy. When our Holy Temple stood in Jerusalem, men and women, young and old would join in music, dancing and juggling for all seven days of the festival!

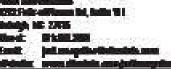
SHEMINI ATZERET/SIMCHAT TORAH: Sep. 27 evening—Sep. 29

On the evening of Simchat Torah (in some communities, on the eve of Shemini Atzeret as well) great celebrations take place in the synagogue, focusing on the Jew's connection to the holy Torah. Children play a central role in the festivities, waving flags and riding on their parents' shoulders.

On Simchat Torah day the yearly cycle of Torah reading is completed and the cycle begins anew. We express our joy by singing and dancing while embracing the Torah scrolls.

For more info, inspiration and observances: Chabad.org/Tishrei







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Dear Friend,

It is our pleasure to present you with the newly designed Jewish Art Calendar for the upcoming year 5781/2020-21.

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, Sha'arei Israel and Chabad of Raleigh 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.

These past few months have been challenging for all of us on so many levels due to the COVID-19 pandemicbut the need for strong community bonds and enhanced Jewish engagement has only increased.

Since the pandemic began back in March, we've been in constant connection with those needing help, whether with shopping or financial needs, hundreds of challah and other deliveries or for the many who are just looking for a listening ear or an encouraging word. Our programs, such as C-Teen, summer camp, Hebrew School, Jewish Women's Circle, free monthly Shabbat meals to seniors and our many adult education classes continue to run, both virtually as well as some in an in person socially-distanced manner, per local health guidelines.

Our source of financial support is derived from generous contributions of people like yourself from our community. Your kind and generous support in any amount helps us to continue our work in strengthening Jewish identity, pride and awareness. You can donate by visiting www. jewishraleigh.org/donate.Thank you for making it possible for us to continue our vital work in the region.

On a personal note, please contact us to let us know what we can do to make Judaism relevant and uplifting in your life or if there is any other need that we can help provide to you.

May G-d grant each and every one of you and your families a very healthy, happy, sweet and prosperous New Year, and may we soon merit the realization of the timeless collective Jewish prayer to experience the era of revealed holiness, true peace, happiness and good health with the coming of Moshiach, Amen!

Enjoy the Calendar!

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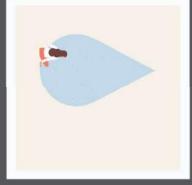
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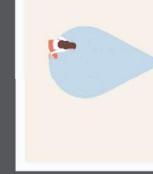
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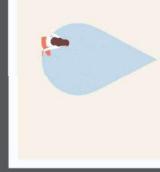
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