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Dear Friend,
 We are delighted to present to you this beautiful community calendar for the year 5786.

In a time when the world may urge us to downplay our identity, it is more important than ever to stand tall; firm in who we are, unwavering in our beliefs, and proud in the expression of our faith. We are proud to be part of Am Yisrael, the eternal Jewish people, bound together across time and place. We stand confident in the knowledge that the Land of Israel is our ancestral homeland, the sacred land promised to our forefathers, and forever at the center of the Jewish soul. We express our faith as we light the Shabbat candles and the Menorah on Chanukah, bringing the light and love of the Torah into our lives and the lives of those around us.

At the Jewish Life Center, we witness this pride daily: in the radiant child proudly displaying their Aleph Champ ribbon, in the teen who steps up as a leader in CTeen, fostering belonging and connection, in families gathering for holiday celebrations and Shabbat dinners, and in adults who carve out time amid busy lives to engage in JLI classes, Jewish Women's Circle events, or a simple Mitzvah on the go. Though these moments may seem small on their own, together they create a vibrant tapestry of Jewish pride and community. This calendar is more than dates and events—it is a vibrant reflection of our heritage and values. Each page, image, and listed occasion serves as a reminder that living a Jewish life means embracing pride— in Torah, in Israel, and in one another.

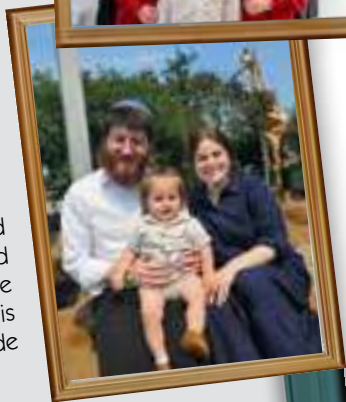
If you are new to our community, we welcome you warmly. If you have been with us for years, we thank you for your enduring dedication. It is your presence that makes the Jewish Life Center a warm, vibrant, and uplifting home for all.

As we enter the year 5786, we pray for peace, safety, and abundant blessings for all of Am Yisrael, both in Israel and around the world. We pray fervently for the swift and safe return of our hostages: v'shavu banim l'gvulam. May this be a year of blessing, strength, and radiant Jewish pride for you and your loved ones.

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Bringing together Jewish women to learn, laugh, experience, and rejuvenate the mind, body, and soul.



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Supporting the individual, the Jewish family, and our community with the remarkable gift of purity and holiness.



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SEPTEMBER 2025

ELUL - TISHREI 5786

THE SHOFAR

Elul is the month preceding Rosh Hashanah and serves as a bridge from one year to the next. It is a time to reflect on the past and prepare for the upcoming year on the Jewish calendar. We blow the shofar daily during the month of Elul, a powerful call to open our hearts. The shofar is the cry of our soul, yearning to reconnect with our Creator. The sound of the shofar reminds us to increase our Teshuva (repentance), Tefilah (prayer), and Tzedaka (charity). It urges us to mend past mistakes and dedicate ourselves to a better future. The soul-stirring sounds of the shofar inspire us to come closer to G-d and remind us of the transformative potential within each of us.

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ELUL 5785 - TISHREI 5786

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY



1 8 Elul
Labor Day

2 9 Elul

3 10 Elul
Event: JWC Mega Challah Bake

4 11 Elul

5 12 Elul
Candle Lighting: 7:18 PM

6 13 Elul
Avot 1 & 2
Ki Teitzei
Shabbat Ends: 8:13 PM

7 14 Elul

8 15 Elul

9 16 Elul

10 17 Elul
Event: Regional Trip to NY

11 18 Elul
Chai Elul
Birthday of the Baal Shem Tov and Alter Rebbe

12 19 Elul
Candle Lighting: 7:08 PM

13 20 Elul
Selichot Tonight
Avot 3 & 4
Ki Tavo
Event: Slichot Services
Shabbat Ends: 8:02 PM

14 21 Elul

15 22 Elul

16 23 Elul

17 24 Elul

18 25 Elul

19 26 Elul
Candle Lighting: 6:57 PM

20 27 Elul
Avot 5 & 6
Nitzavim
Shabbat Ends: 7:52 PM

21 28 Elul

22 29 Elul
Rosh Hashanah Eve
Birthday of the Tzemach Tzedek
Event: Rosh HaShanah Community Dinner
Candle Lighting: 6:53 PM

23 1 Tishrei
Rosh Hashanah
Candle Lighting: after 7:47 PM

24 2 Tishrei
Rosh Hashanah
Holiday Ends: 7:46 PM

25 3 Tishrei
Fast of Gedalia
5:45 AM - 7:32 PM

26 4 Tishrei
Candle Lighting: 6:47 PM

27 5 Tishrei
Shabbat Shuva
Vayeilech
Shabbat Ends: 7:41 PM

28 6 Tishrei
Event: Shacharit + Bagels, Lox & Torah

29 7 Tishrei

30 8 Tishrei

Rosh Hashana at Chabad

September 23-24

Evening Service 6:45 PM
Community Dinner 7:30 PM
Morning Services 8:00 AM
Children's Service 10:00 AM
Shofar Sounding 11:00 AM
Tashach 3:00 PM
Evening Services 7:00 PM

September 24

Morning Services 8:00 AM
Children's Service 10:00 AM
Shofar Sounding 11:00 AM
Evening Services 7:00 PM

Yom Kippur at Chabad

OCTOBER 1-2

Kol Nidrei 4:50 PM
Morning Service 8:30 AM
Children's Service 10:00 AM
Tashar 3:30 AM
Mikdash HaLevi 5:00 PM
Fast Ends 7:34 PM
Havdalah & Break-Fast

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OCTOBER

TISHREI 5786 - CHESHVAN

SHABBAT

Since Sarah our matriarch, Jewish women have been lighting Shabbat candles on Friday, eighteen minutes before sunset. For millennia, this profound act of faith and tradition ushers the holiness of Shabbat into the home. As the flames are kindled, an atmosphere of peace and tranquillity pervades the home, inviting G-d's presence and blessing. These transformative moments are marked by quiet moments of individual prayer. The flickering light not only dispels physical darkness but also illuminates the spiritual darkness that can pervade our inner and outer worlds. This sacred practice highlights the essential role of women in cultivating an atmosphere of holiness, reflection, and shalom bayit - peace in the home. Each week, the Shabbat candles transition our homes from the mundane to the sacred, while fostering a sense of connection and tranquillity.

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1 9 Tishrei
Yom Kippur Eve
Fast & Candle Lighting: 6:40 PM

2 10 Tishrei
Yom Kippur Yizkor
Event: Yom Kippur Break Fast
Fast & Yom Kippur Ends: 7:34 PM

3 11 Tishrei
Candle Lighting: 6:37 PM

4 12 Tishrei
Ha'azinu
Shabbat Ends: 7:31 PM

5 13 Tishrei
Yahrtzeit of the Rebbe Maharash

6 14 Tishrei
Sukkot Eve
Candle Lighting: 6:33 PM

7 15 Tishrei
Sukkot
Candle Lighting: after 7:27 PM

8 16 Tishrei
Sukkot
Holiday Ends: 7:26 PM

9 17 Tishrei
Sukkot
1st Intermediate Day
Event: JWC: Salad n' Study

10 18 Tishrei
Sukkot
2nd Intermediate Day
Candle Lighting: 6:27 PM

11 19 Tishrei
Sukkot
3rd Intermediate Day
Shabbat Ends: 7:22 PM

12 20 Tishrei
Sukkot
4th Intermediate Day
Event: Sushi in the Sukkah

13 21 Tishrei
Sukkot
Hoshana Rabbah
Columbus Day
Candle Lighting: 6:23 PM

14 22 Tishrei
Shemini Atzeret
Yizkor
Candle Lighting: after 7:18 PM

15 23 Tishrei
Simchat Torah
Holiday Ends: 7:17 PM

16 24 Tishrei

17 25 Tishrei
Candle Lighting: 6:18 PM

18 26 Tishrei
Blessing of the New Month
Bereishit
Shabbat Ends: 7:13 PM

19 27 Tishrei

20 28 Tishrei

21 29 Tishrei

22 30 Tishrei
Rosh Chodesh

23 1 Cheshvan
Rosh Chodesh

24 2 Cheshvan
Candle Lighting: 6:09 PM

25 3 Cheshvan
Noach
Shabbat Ends: 7:05 PM

26 4 Cheshvan
Event: Shacharit + Bagels, Lox & Torah

27 5 Cheshvan

28 6 Cheshvan

29 7 Cheshvan

30 8 Cheshvan

31 9 Cheshvan
Candle Lighting: 6:02 PM

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NOVEMBER

CESHVAN - KISLEV

RACHEL TOMB

Rachel, the matriarch of the Jewish people passed away on the 11th of Cheshvan. Jacob buried her on the side of the road in Bethlehem, as he foresaw that the Jewish people would pass there on their march to exile, driven from their homes by the Babylonians following the destruction of the First Temple in 423 BCE. Rachel was then, and continues to be, a source of comfort to her children—praying for her children and eliciting the divine promise of her children's return home.



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1 10 Cheshvan
Lech - Lecha
Shabbat Ends: 6:58 PM

2 11 Cheshvan
DST Ends

3 12 Cheshvan

4 13 Cheshvan

5 14 Cheshvan

6 15 Cheshvan

7 16 Cheshvan
Candle Lighting: 4:55 PM

8 17 Cheshvan
Vayeira
Shabbat Ends: 5:52 PM

9 18 Cheshvan

10 19 Cheshvan

11 20 Cheshvan
Veterans Day
Birthday of the Rebbe Rashab

12 21 Cheshvan

13 22 Cheshvan

14 23 Cheshvan
Candle Lighting: 4:50 PM

15 24 Cheshvan
Blessing of the New Month
Chayei Sarah
Shabbat Ends: 5:47 PM

16 25 Cheshvan

17 26 Cheshvan

18 27 Cheshvan

19 28 Cheshvan

20 29 Cheshvan

21 1 Kislev
Rosh Chodesh
Candle Lighting: 4:46 PM

22 2 Kislev
Toldot
Event: Family Havdalah
Shabbat Ends: 5:44 PM

23 3 Kislev
30 10 Kislev
Liberation of the Mittler Rebbe
Shacharit + Bagels, Lox & Torah

24 4 Kislev

25 5 Kislev

26 6 Kislev

27 7 Kislev
Thanksgiving Day

28 8 Kislev
Candle Lighting: 4:43 PM

29 9 Kislev
Vayeitzei
Birthday and Yahrzeit of the Mittler Rebbe
Shabbat Ends: 5:42 PM

Molad: Thursday, 11/20 at 1:38 (9 dhalakim) PM



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DECEMBER KISLEV - TEVET

CHANUKAH

Over 2,000 years ago, the Syrian-Greek empire sought to impose its culture and suppress Jewish practice and faith, but a small band of Jews, the Maccabees, stood up for G-d and their beliefs and miraculously triumphed. When they reclaimed the Holy Temple in Jerusalem, they found only enough pure olive oil to light the menorah for one day, yet it burned for eight days until new oil could be procured. Two millennia later, in millions of Jewish homes worldwide, we kindle our menorahs as a reminder that light always triumphs over darkness. The menorah is a symbol of Jewish faith, a reminder that regardless of the darkness surrounding us, we can add light, one candle, one moment at a time. Each of us must be a menorah and illuminate the world with acts of goodness and kindness.



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1 11 Kislev

2 12 Kislev

3 13 Kislev

4 14 Kislev

5 15 Kislev
Candle Lighting: 4:42 PM

6 16 Kislev
Vayishlach
Shabbat Ends: 5:42 PM

7 17 Kislev

8 18 Kislev

9 19 Kislev
Yud Tes Kislev
Liberation of the Alter Rebbe

10 20 Kislev
Chof Kislev

11 21 Kislev

12 22 Kislev
Candle Lighting: 4:43 PM

13 23 Kislev
Blessing of the New Month
Vayeishev
Shabbat Ends: 5:44 PM

14 24 Kislev
Eve of Chanukah
Event: Chanukah Parade & Menorah Lighting at Lafayette Village
1st Light Tonight

15 25 Kislev
Chanukah
2nd Light Tonight

16 26 Kislev
Chanukah
3rd Light Tonight

17 27 Kislev
Chanukah
4th Light Tonight

18 28 Kislev
Chanukah
5th Light Tonight

19 29 Kislev
Chanukah
6th Light Tonight
Candle Lighting: 4:46 PM

20 30 Kislev
Chanukah
Rosh Chodesh
Mikeitz
7th Light Tonight
Shabbat Ends: 5:46 PM

21 1 Tevet
Chanukah
Rosh Chodesh
8th Light Tonight

22 2 Tevet
Chanukah

23 3 Tevet

24 4 Tevet

25 5 Tevet
Didan Notzach

26 6 Tevet
Candle Lighting: 4:49 PM

27 7 Tevet
Vayigash
Shabbat Ends: 5:50 PM

28 8 Tevet
Event: Shacharit + Bagels, Lox & Torah

29 9 Tevet

30 10 Tevet
Fast of Asara BeTevet
5:58 AM - 5:39 PM

31 11 Tevet



Molad: Shabbat, 12/20 at 2:22 (10 dhalakim) AM



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JANUARY

TEVET - SHEVAT

PRAYER

In Judaism, prayer is reflective. It's a moment in time where we pause and reflect on ourselves. Where are we, and where do we want to be? It's a time of reflection and self-accounting. It is also a time of connection to our souls, G-d, and our greater Jewish community. When we recite the ancient words of the prayers, facing Jerusalem, we join millions of Jews around the globe and connect with millennia of Jews from our past who recite the same prayers. Perhaps that is one of the many reasons our prayers are crafted in the plural. We don't pray for me, we pray for us. More than just being about ourselves, prayer is a time for us to go beyond ourselves and connect with the greater Jewish community.



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1 12 Tevet
New Year's Day

2 13 Tevet

Candle Lighting: 4:54 PM 

3 14 Tevet

Vayechi

Shabbat Ends: 5:55 PM

4 15 Tevet

5 16 Tevet

6 17 Tevet

7 18 Tevet

8 19 Tevet

9 20 Tevet

Candle Lighting: 5:00 PM 

10 21 Tevet

Shemot

Shabbat Ends: 6:01 PM

11 22 Tevet

12 23 Tevet

13 24 Tevet

Yahrtzeit of the Alter Rebbe

14 25 Tevet

15 26 Tevet

16 27 Tevet

Candle Lighting: 5:07 PM 

17 28 Tevet
Blessing of the New Month

Va'eira

Shabbat Ends: 6:07 PM

18 29 Tevet

19 1 Shevat
Rosh Chodesh
MLK Day

20 2 Shevat

21 3 Shevat

22 4 Shevat

23 5 Shevat

Candle Lighting: 5:14 PM 

24 6 Shevat

Bo

Shabbat Ends: 6:14 PM

25 7 Shevat

Event: Shacharit + Bagels, Lox & Torah

26 8 Shevat

27 9 Shevat

28 10 Shevat
Yud Shevat

Beginning of the Rebbe's Leadership
Yahrtzeit of the Previous Rebbe

29 11 Shevat

30 12 Shevat

Event: Young Family Shabbat Dinner

Candle Lighting: 5:22 PM 

31 13 Shevat

Beshalach

Shabbat Ends: 6:21 PM

Molad: Sunday, 1/18 at 3:06 (11 chalakim) PM



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FEBRUARY

SHEVAT - ADAR

TREE'S NEW YEAR

There are seven species of fruit and grain which the Torah mentions specifically in connection to the Land of Israel. Although Israel is famous for its produce, there is something unique about these seven species of: wheat, barley, pomegranates, figs, dates, olives, and grapes. These seven species can be categorized into grains and fruit from trees. Grains, the necessary fuel for our physical self, and fruits, which add pleasure to life, are both crucial. This is why they are included in the blessing for the land of Israel.

On the 15th of Shevat, the New Year for Trees, there is a custom to eat from each of the seven species, but we celebrate the five fruits that grow on trees, reminding us that we cultivate our own holy spaces through our mitzvot, we need to find the enjoyment and pleasure in our Jewish experiences.

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SHEVAT - ADAR 5786

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

1 14 Shevat  Event: Tu B'Shvat Community Seder	2 15 Shevat Tu B'Shevat	3 16 Shevat	4 17 Shevat Holocaust Memorial Day	5 18 Shevat	6 19 Shevat Candle Lighting: 5:29 PM 	7 20 Shevat Yitro Shabbat Ends: 6:27 PM
8 21 Shevat	9 22 Shevat Yahrtzeit of Rebbetzin Chaya Mushka	10 23 Shevat	11 24 Shevat	12 25 Shevat	13 26 Shevat Candle Lighting: 5:36 PM 	14 27 Shevat Blessing of the New Month Mishpatim Shekalim Shabbat Ends: 6:34 PM
15 28 Shevat  Event: Kids Mega Challah Bake	16 29 Shevat Presidents Day	17 30 Shevat Rosh Chodesh	18 1 Adar Rosh Chodesh	19 2 Adar	20 3 Adar Candle Lighting: 5:43 PM 	21 4 Adar Terumah Shabbat Ends: 6:41 PM
22 5 Adar  Event: Shacharit + Bagels, Lox & Torah	23 6 Adar	24 7 Adar	25 8 Adar	26 9 Adar	27 10 Adar Candle Lighting: 5:50 PM 	28 11 Adar Tetzaveh Zachor Shabbat Ends: 6:47 PM

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MARCH

ADAR - NISSAN

PURIM

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There are many perspectives on life. We can see it as an endless monotony of days following one from the next. We can focus on the darkness and confusion, or we can see opportunities to help others, connect with G-d, and do good. When we choose to see these opportunities, joy naturally follows. This joy isn't just an emotion but a fundamental way to serve G-d and fulfill our purpose. By embracing this joyful outlook, we transform our lives and the world, fulfilling G-d's mandate to each of us.

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ADAR - NISSAN 5786

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

<p>1 12 Adar</p>	<p>2 13 Adar Fast of Esther 5:23 AM - 6:37 PM</p>	<p>3 14 Adar Purim</p>  <p>Event: Purim Community Celebration</p>	<p>4 15 Adar Shushan Purim</p>	<p>5 16 Adar</p>	<p>6 17 Adar</p> <p>Candle Lighting: 5:56 PM </p>	<p>7 18 Adar</p> <p>Ki Tisa Parah</p> <p>Shabbat Ends: 6:53 PM</p>
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<p>8 19 Adar DST Begins</p>	<p>9 20 Adar</p>	<p>10 21 Adar</p>	<p>11 22 Adar</p>	<p>12 23 Adar</p>	<p>13 24 Adar</p> <p>Candle Lighting: 7:02 PM </p>	<p>14 25 Adar Blessing of the New Month</p> <p>Vayakhel - Pekudei Hachodesh</p> <p>Birthday of Rebbetzin Chaya Mushka</p> <p>Shabbat Ends: 7:59 PM</p>
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<p>15 26 Adar</p>	<p>16 27 Adar</p>	<p>17 28 Adar</p>	<p>18 29 Adar</p>	<p>19 1 Nissan Rosh Chodesh</p>	<p>20 2 Nissan</p> <p>Yahrtzeit of the Rebbe Rashab</p> <p>Candle Lighting: 7:08 PM </p>	<p>21 3 Nissan</p> <p>Vayikra</p> <p>Shabbat Ends: 8:05 PM</p>
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<p>22 4 Nissan</p>	<p>23 5 Nissan</p>	<p>24 6 Nissan</p>	<p>25 7 Nissan</p>	<p>26 8 Nissan</p>	<p>27 9 Nissan</p> <p>Candle Lighting: 7:14 PM </p>	<p>28 10 Nissan Shabbat HaGadol</p> <p>Tzav</p> <p>Shabbat Ends: 8:11 PM</p>
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<p>29 11 Nissan</p> <p>Birthdays of the Lubavitcher Rebbe</p> <p>Event: Shacharit + Bagels, Lox & Torah</p>	<p>30 12 Nissan</p>	<p>31 13 Nissan</p> <p>Yahrtzeit of the Tzemach Tzedek</p>
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APRIL NISSAN - IYAR

THE SPLITTING OF THE SEA

Only one week following the Exodus, the Jewish nation found themselves between a mighty Egyptian army and the raging Red Sea. Should they take up arms against the Egyptians? Accept their fate and return to Egypt? Some prayed. Others accepted burial at sea. Only one man of faith continued his walk forward- to and through the sea. As the waters reached his neck, they miraculously split. When challenges arise, we must continue forward, and G-d will show us our path through.

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1 14 Nissan
Passover Eve
 1st Night Seder
 Taanit Bechorot
 Eruv Tavshilin
Event: Passover Community Seder
 Eat Chametz until: 11:11 AM
 Burn Chametz by: 12:15 PM
 Candle Lighting: 7:18 PM

2 15 Nissan
Passover
 2nd Night Seder
 Tonight Omer 1
 Candle Lighting: after 8:16 PM

3 16 Nissan
Passover
 Tonight Omer 2
 Candle Lighting: 7:20 PM

4 17 Nissan
Passover
 1st Intermediate Day
 Tonight Omer 3
 Shabbat Ends: 8:18 PM

5 18 Nissan
Passover
 2nd Intermediate Day
 Tonight Omer 4

6 19 Nissan
Passover
 3rd Intermediate Day
 Tonight Omer 5

7 20 Nissan
Passover
 4th Intermediate Day
 Tonight Omer 6
 Candle Lighting: 7:23 PM

8 21 Nissan
Passover
 Tonight Omer 7
 Candle Lighting: after 8:21 PM

9 22 Nissan
Passover
 Yizkor
 Tonight Omer 8
 Holiday Ends: 8:22 PM

10 23 Nissan
 Tonight Omer 9
 Candle Lighting: 7:26 PM

11 24 Nissan
 Tonight Omer 10
 Avot 1
Blessing of the New Month Shemini
 Shabbat Ends: 8:24 PM

12 25 Nissan
 Tonight Omer 11

13 26 Nissan
 Tonight Omer 12

14 27 Nissan
 Tonight Omer 13

15 28 Nissan
 Tonight Omer 14

16 29 Nissan
 Tonight Omer 15

17 30 Nissan
Rosh Chodesh
 Tonight Omer 16
 Candle Lighting: 7:32 PM

18 1 Iyar
Rosh Chodesh
 Tonight Omer 17
 Avot 2
Tazria - Metzora
 Shabbat Ends: 8:30 PM

19 2 Iyar
 Tonight Omer 18
 Birthday of the Rebbe Maharash

20 3 Iyar
 Tonight Omer 19

21 4 Iyar
 Tonight Omer 20

22 5 Iyar
 Tonight Omer 21

23 6 Iyar
 Tonight Omer 22

24 7 Iyar
 Tonight Omer 23
 Candle Lighting: 7:38 PM

25 8 Iyar
 Tonight Omer 24
 Avot 3
Acharei - Kedoshim
 Shabbat Ends: 8:37 PM

26 9 Iyar
 Tonight Omer 25

27 10 Iyar
 Tonight Omer 26

28 11 Iyar
 Tonight Omer 27

29 12 Iyar
 Tonight Omer 28

30 13 Iyar
 Tonight Omer 29

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MAY

IYAR - SIVAN

SHAVUOT - TORAH STUDY

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SUNDAY

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THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

1 14 Iyar
Pesach Sheini
Tonight Omer 30

Candle Lighting: 7:43 PM

2 15 Iyar
Tonight Omer 31
Avot 4

Emor

Shabbat Ends: 8:44 PM

3 16 Iyar
Tonight Omer 32

4 17 Iyar
Tonight Omer 33

5 18 Iyar
Lag BaOmer
Tonight Omer 34

Event: Lag BaOmer Community Celebration

6 19 Iyar
Tonight Omer 35

7 20 Iyar
Tonight Omer 36

8 21 Iyar
Tonight Omer 37

Candle Lighting: 7:49 PM

9 22 Iyar
Tonight Omer 38
Avot 5

Behar - Bechukotai

Shabbat Ends: 8:50 PM

10 23 Iyar
Tonight Omer 39
Mother's Day

11 24 Iyar
Tonight Omer 40

12 25 Iyar
Tonight Omer 41

13 26 Iyar
Tonight Omer 42

14 27 Iyar
Tonight Omer 43

15 28 Iyar
Tonight Omer 44

Candle Lighting: 7:55 PM

16 29 Iyar
Tonight Omer 45
Blessing of the New Month
Avot 6

Bamidbar

Shabbat Ends: 8:57 PM

17 1 Sivan
Rosh Chodesh
Tonight Omer 46

18 2 Sivan
Tonight Omer 47

19 3 Sivan
Tonight Omer 48

20 4 Sivan
Tonight Omer 49

21 5 Sivan
Shavuot Eve
Eruv Tavshilin

Event: Shavuot Late Night Learning
Candle Lighting: 8:00 PM

22 6 Sivan
Shavuot

Event: Shavuot Ice Cream Party
Candle Lighting: 8:01 PM

23 7 Sivan
Shavuot
Yizkor

Shabbat & Holiday Ends: 9:03 PM

24 8 Sivan

31 15 Sivan

Event: Shacharit + Bagels, Lox & Torah

25 9 Sivan
Memorial Day

26 10 Sivan

27 11 Sivan

28 12 Sivan

29 13 Sivan

Candle Lighting: 8:05 PM

30 14 Sivan
Avot 1

Naso

Shabbat Ends: 9:09 PM

Molad: Shabbat, 5/16 at 6:02 (15 chalukim) PM



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JUNE

SIVAN - TAMMUZ

MIKVAH - FAMILY PURITY

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7 22 Sivan	8 23 Sivan	9 24 Sivan	10 25 Sivan	11 26 Sivan	12 27 Sivan Candle Lighting: 8:14 PM 	13 28 Sivan Blessing of the New Month Avot 3 Shelach Shabbat Ends: 9:17 PM
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14 29 Sivan	15 30 Sivan Rosh Chodesh	16 1 Tammuz Rosh Chodesh	17 2 Tammuz	18 3 Tammuz Gimmel Tammuz Yom Hilula of the Lubavitcher Rebbe	19 4 Tammuz Juneteenth Candle Lighting: 8:16 PM 	20 5 Tammuz Avot 4 Korach Shabbat Ends: 9:20 PM
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21 6 Tammuz Father's Day	22 7 Tammuz	23 8 Tammuz	24 9 Tammuz	25 10 Tammuz	26 11 Tammuz Candle Lighting: 8:17 PM 	27 12 Tammuz Avot 5 Chukat - Balak Birthday and Liberation of the Previous Rebbe Shabbat Ends: 9:20 PM
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28 13 Tammuz Event: Shacharit + Bagels, Lox & Torah	29 14 Tammuz	30 15 Tammuz
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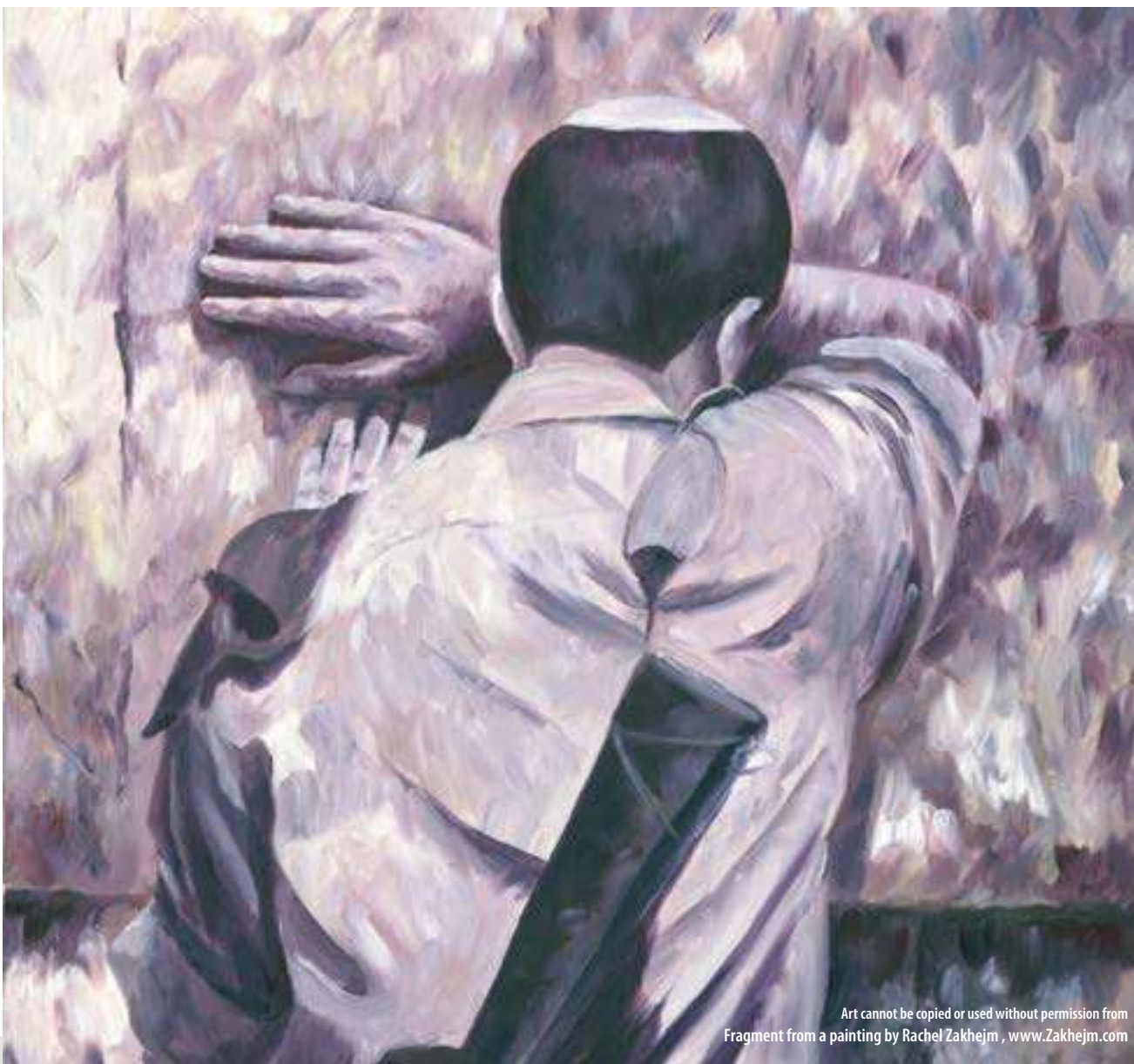


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JULY

TAMMUZ - MENACHEM AV

THREE WEEKS

The Three Weeks, between the 17th of Tammuz and 9 of Av, is a period of mourning for the destruction of both holy Temples in Jerusalem. Yet, within this sorrow lies a profound opportunity for spiritual growth. Although there are specific mourning practices during this time, our focus should be on learning about and preparing for the coming of Moshiach. Our study of the Torah, especially the teachings on redemption, transforms our loss and sorrow into hope and action for a better tomorrow. By enhancing our mitzvot, acts of kindness, and deepening our connection to Hashem, we actively participate in the ultimate healing and transformation of the world. This period is not meant to be merely about remembering the past but also about paving the way for a future of global peace through the coming of Moshiach.

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1 16 Tammuz	2 17 Tammuz Fast of Shiva Asar B'Tammuz 4:21 AM - 9:05 PM	3 18 Tammuz	4 19 Tammuz Avot 6 Independence Day Pinchas Shabbat Ends: 9:20 PM
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5 20 Tammuz	6 21 Tammuz	7 22 Tammuz	8 23 Tammuz	9 24 Tammuz	10 25 Tammuz	11 26 Tammuz Blessing of the New Month Avot 1 Matot - Massei Shabbat Ends: 9:17 PM
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12 27 Tammuz	13 28 Tammuz	14 29 Tammuz	15 1 Av Rosh Chodesh	16 2 Av	17 3 Av	18 4 Av Shabbat Chazon Avot 2 Devarim Shabbat Ends: 9:13 PM
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19 5 Av	20 6 Av	21 7 Av	22 8 Av Eve of Fast of Tishah B'Av Fast Begins: 8:27 PM	23 9 Av Fast of Tishah B'Av Fast Ends: 8:56 PM	24 10 Av	25 11 Av Shabbat Nachamu Avot 3 Va'etchanan Shabbat Ends: 9:08 PM
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26 12 Av Event: Shacharit + Bagels, Lox & Torah	27 13 Av	28 14 Av	29 15 Av Tu B'Av	30 16 Av	31 17 Av
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AUGUST

MENACHEM AV - ELUL

HOLY TEMPLE

The Beit Hamikdash, the Holy Temple in Jerusalem, was the spiritual heart of the Jewish people and a space that symbolized our deepest connection to Hashem. Its destruction on the 9th of Av, first by the Babylonians and later by the Romans, makes this day the saddest on our Jewish calendar. The day of Tisha B'Av is observed with fasting, mourning, prayer, and reflection on our immense loss. The Temple was not just a physical structure but a place where the Divine Presence rested, a physical home for G-d here in this world. Its loss signifies a rupture in our direct spiritual connection. Yet our sages teach us that within each of our homes and hearts, we can build our own miniature Temples, a home for G-d. How can we ensure that our homes are places where G-d feels welcome?

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SUNDAY

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SATURDAY

1 18 Av
Avot 4

Eikev

Shabbat Ends: 9:01 PM

2 19 Av

3 20 Av

Yahrtzeit of
Rabbi Levi Yitzchak Schneerson

4 21 Av

5 22 Av

6 23 Av

7 24 Av

Candle Lighting: 7:55 PM

8 25 Av
Avot 5

Blessing of the New Month

Re'eh

Shabbat Ends: 8:53 PM

9 26 Av

10 27 Av

11 28 Av

12 29 Av

13 30 Av
Rosh Chodesh

14 1 Elul
Rosh Chodesh

Candle Lighting: 7:47 PM

15 2 Elul
Avot 6

Shoftim

Shabbat Ends: 8:45 PM

16 3 Elul

17 4 Elul

18 5 Elul

19 6 Elul

20 7 Elul

21 8 Elul

Candle Lighting: 7:39 PM

22 9 Elul
Avot 1 & 2

Ki Teitzei

Shabbat Ends: 8:35 PM

23 10 Elul

24 11 Elul

25 12 Elul

26 13 Elul

27 14 Elul

28 15 Elul

29 16 Elul
Avot 3 & 4

Ki Tavo

30 17 Elul

Event: Shacharit + Bagels, Lox & Torah

31 18 Elul
Chai Elul

Birthday of the Baal Shem Tov and Alter Rebbe

Candle Lighting: 7:29 PM

Shabbat Ends: 8:25 PM

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It is customary to eat pomegranates on Rosh Hashanah, because their many seeds reminds us of the many Mitzvot that we do. There is however, a deeper explanation. When we eat a pomegranate, we disregard the peel and only eat the sweet fruit inside. So too we are asking G-d, that He should disregard our "peel," our external appearances. Instead, we ask that He focus on our "sweet fruit," our desire within us to to connect with Him.



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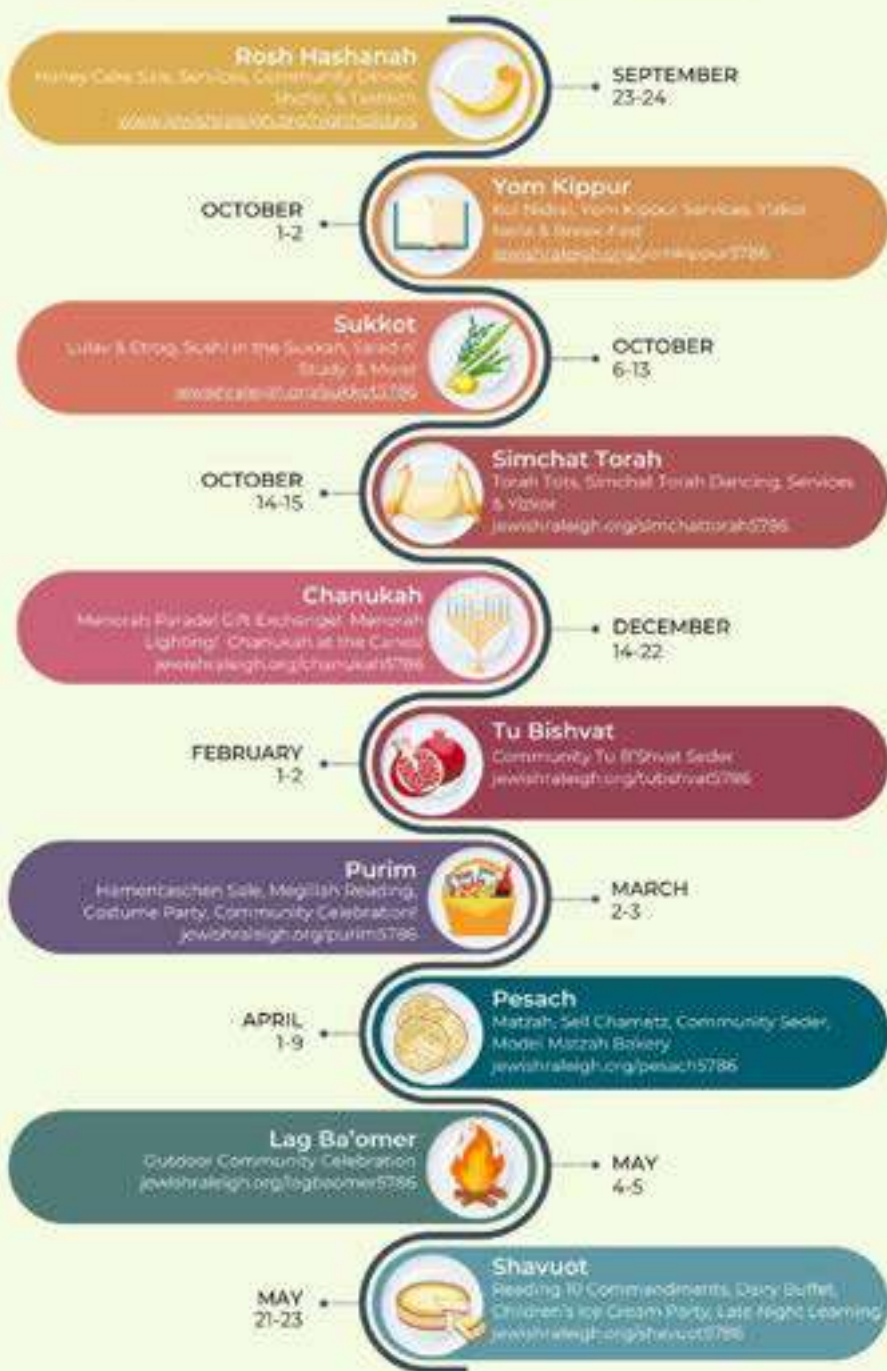
SATURDAY

 <p>JOIN US FOR HIGH HOLIDAYS at Jewish Life Center</p> <p>No Membership Needed! jewishraleigh.org/HighHolidays</p>	<p>1 19 Elul</p>	<p>2 20 Elul</p>	<p>3 21 Elul</p>	<p>4 22 Elul</p> <p>Candle Lighting: 7:20 PM </p>	<p>5 23 Elul</p> <p>Selichot Tonight Avot 5 & 6 Nitzavim - Vayeilech</p> <p>Shabbat Ends: 8:15 PM</p>	
<p>6 24 Elul</p>	<p>7 25 Elul Labor Day</p>	<p>8 26 Elul</p>	<p>9 27 Elul</p>	<p>10 28 Elul</p>	<p>11 29 Elul Rosh Hashanah Eve</p> <p>Birthday of the Tzemach Tzedek Event: Rosh HaShanah Community Dinner</p> <p>Candle Lighting: 7:09 PM </p>	<p>12 1 Tishrei Rosh Hashanah</p> <p>Candle Lighting: after 8:04 PM </p>
<p>13 2 Tishrei Rosh Hashanah</p> <p>Holiday Ends: 8:03 PM</p>	<p>14 3 Tishrei Fast of Gedalia 5:35 AM - 7:49 PM</p>	<p>15 4 Tishrei</p>	<p>16 5 Tishrei</p>	<p>17 6 Tishrei</p>	<p>18 7 Tishrei</p> <p>Candle Lighting: 6:59 PM </p>	<p>19 8 Tishrei Shabbat Shuva</p> <p>Ha'azinu</p> <p>Shabbat Ends: 7:54 PM</p>
<p>20 9 Tishrei Yom Kippur Eve</p> <p>Fast & Candle Lighting: 6:56 PM </p>	<p>21 10 Tishrei Yom Kippur</p> <p>Event: Yom Kippur Break Fast Fast & Yom Kippur Ends: 7:51 PM</p>	<p>22 11 Tishrei</p>	<p>23 12 Tishrei</p>	<p>24 13 Tishrei</p> <p>Yahrtzeit of the Rebbe Maharash</p>	<p>25 14 Tishrei Sukkot Eve</p> <p>Candle Lighting: 6:49 PM </p>	<p>26 15 Tishrei Sukkot</p> <p>Candle Lighting: after 7:43 PM </p>
<p>27 16 Tishrei Sukkot</p> <p>Holiday Ends: 7:42 PM</p>	<p>28 17 Tishrei Sukkot 1st Intermediate Day</p>	<p>29 18 Tishrei Sukkot 2nd Intermediate Day</p>	<p>30 19 Tishrei Sukkot 3rd Intermediate Day</p>	 <p>REGISTER FOR CHABAD HEBREW SCHOOL</p> <p>JEWISHRALEIGH.ORG/HEBREW SCHOOL</p>	 <p>Mishpacha & Me</p> <p>Ages 0-3 jewishraleigh.org/mishpacha 919.846.2449</p>	 <p>BAR/BAT MITZVAH Lessons</p> <p>rabbilevi@jewishraleigh.org</p>

Molad: Friday, 9/11 at 8:59 (1 chelek) PM

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1 onion 1 tsp. sweet paprika
1 red bell pepper ½ tsp. cumin
1 tomato ½ tsp. turmeric
1 jalapeno pepper ½ tsp. salt
2 cloves garlic 4 eggs
3 tbsp. oil
4-5 sprigs fresh parsley
1 cup chopped (canned) tomatoes

Dice all the vegetables. Sauté the onion in the oil until translucent. Add the red pepper, jalapeno pepper, garlic, tomato and chopped tomatoes. Add the paprika, cumin, turmeric, and salt, and simmer until vegetables are cooked through and soft. Make 4 "wells" in the pan and drop one egg into each one. Cover and cook until eggs are just set. Garnish with fresh parsley. Serve with pita or flatbread.

ZAATAR FLATBREAD

Your favorite pizza dough
1/4 cup Zaatar
1/4 cup olive oil
1/2 t salt

Place an overturned sheet pan in the oven and pre-heat at highest temp (about 550°). In a small bowl, stir the za'atar, salt and olive oil so that you have a wet mixture. Add more oil or za'atar as desired. On a floured surface, roll a small ball of dough into a circle (not too flat). Smear a heaping tablespoon of the zaatar mixture onto the dough. Dust a pizza peel with flour and



transfer the flatbread dough to the hot overturned sheet pan in the oven. Bake for 4 minutes or until golden brown. Remove from oven let cool and repeat the steps with the rest of the dough.

Chicken Shawarma on "Skewer-Spit"

2 Lb. Boneless chicken thighs (or breasts)
3 T olive oil
2 T lemon juice
3 T Shawarma spice blend
1 large red onion
2 skewers

Cut chicken into 2-3 inch pieces. In a bowl, mix the chicken together with lemon juice, olive oil and shawarma blend. Let marinade for a minimum of 30 minutes. Preheat oven to 375° Skewer stack preparation: Place half an onion (flat side down) on a baking sheet and press the skewers into it, 1-2 inches apart. Layer the pieces of chicken on the skewers. (To prevent tipping, you can add additional skewers, or place some oven-safe dishes around the shawarma. But it's ok if it does tip.) Bake for 1 hour. When ready, slice the shawarma from top to bottom into thin strips. Serving suggestion: in Pita stuffed with Israeli salad, pickles, tahini, French fries.



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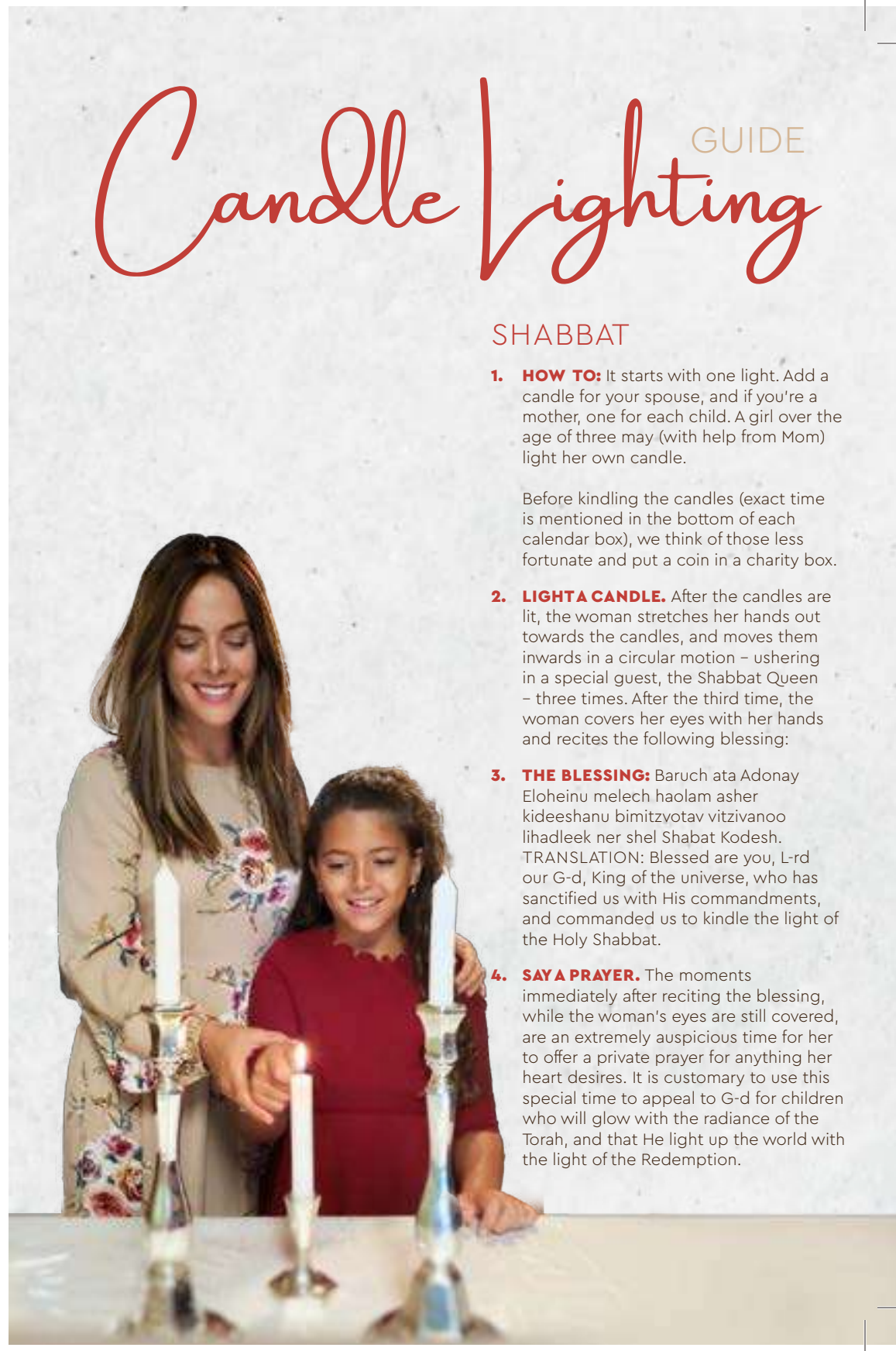
- 1. HOW TO:** It starts with one light. Add a candle for your spouse, and if you're a mother, one for each child. A girl over the age of three may (with help from Mom) light her own candle.

Before kindling the candles (exact time is mentioned in the bottom of each calendar box), we think of those less fortunate and put a coin in a charity box.

- 2. LIGHT A CANDLE.** After the candles are lit, the woman stretches her hands out towards the candles, and moves them inwards in a circular motion – ushering in a special guest, the Shabbat Queen – three times. After the third time, the woman covers her eyes with her hands and recites the following blessing:

- 3. THE BLESSING:** Baruch ata Adonay Eloheinu melech haolam asher kideshanu bimitzvotav vitzivanoo lihadleek ner shel Shabat Kodesh.
TRANSLATION: 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.

- 4. SAY A PRAYER.** The moments immediately after reciting the blessing, while the woman's eyes are still covered, are an extremely auspicious time for her to offer a private prayer for anything her heart desires. It is customary to use this special time to appeal to G-d for children who will glow with the radiance of the Torah, and that He light up the world with the light of the Redemption.



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				1 20 Tishrei Sukkot 4 th Intermediate Day	2 21 Tishrei Sukkot Hoshana Rabbah	3 22 Tishrei Shemini Atzeret Yizkor Candle Lighting: after 7:33 PM
4 23 Tishrei Simchat Torah Holiday Ends: 7:32 PM	5 24 Tishrei	6 25 Tishrei	7 26 Tishrei	8 27 Tishrei	9 28 Tishrei Candle Lighting: 6:29 PM	10 29 Tishrei Bereishit Shabbat Ends: 7:23 PM
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18 7 Cheshvan	19 8 Cheshvan	20 9 Cheshvan	21 10 Cheshvan	22 11 Cheshvan	23 12 Cheshvan Candle Lighting: 6:11 PM	24 13 Cheshvan Lech Lecha Shabbat Ends: 7:06 PM
25 14 Cheshvan	26 15 Cheshvan	27 16 Cheshvan	28 17 Cheshvan	29 18 Cheshvan	30 19 Cheshvan	31 20 Cheshvan Vayeira Candle Lighting: 6:03 PM Shabbat Ends: 6:59 PM

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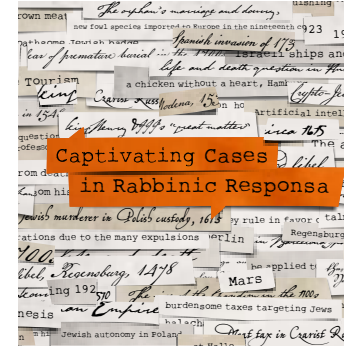


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