



DECEMBER

KISLEV - TEVET

CHANUKAH

During the time of the Second Temple, the Jews fought the Greeks who were threatening the spiritual existence of Judaism. After a completely miraculous victory, the Jews were once again reunited with their precious Temple. With no usable olive oil for the holy Menorah, but for one small jug, G-d performed yet another miracle and that jug of oil lasted 8 nights instead of one. Donuts fried in oil are customary Chanukah treats to remind us of this great miracle.

Pictured: Chanukah Menorahs Outside Jewish Homes in Jerusalem

THIS MONTH AT A GLANCE

Dec. 9	Tuesday	Yud Tes Kislev
Dec. 15-22	Mon.-Mon.	Chanukah
Dec. 20-21	Sat.-Sun.	Rosh Chodesh
Dec. 25	Thursday	Hey Tevet
Dec. 30	Tuesday	Asara BeTevet (Fast Day)

** Religious Work Proscription/Non-Working Day

CHANUKAH GELT PROGRAM

We offer Chanukah gelt and toys to the the children of inmates in PA, MD, WV, OH and NJ for Aleph Members. Interested? Please fill out a 'Chanukah Gelt Program Form' which can be found on our website, under "Holiday Program". If you are not an Aleph member, contact us for an application.

ALEPH OFFERS ASSISTANCE TO FAMILIES OF INMATES


This includes covering the cost of travel to visit. If you know a family that needs any kind of assistance, contact us: 412-421-0111 ext. 100 or email info@alephne.org

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SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

	1 11 Kislev	2 12 Kislev	3 13 Kislev	4 14 Kislev	5 15 Kislev	6 16 Kislev Vayishlach Candle Lighting: 4:35 PM  Shabbat Ends: 5:38 PM
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7 17 Kislev	8 18 Kislev	9 19 Kislev Yud Tes Kislev	10 20 Kislev Chof Kislev	11 21 Kislev	12 22 Kislev	13 23 Kislev Blessing of the New Month Vayeishev Candle Lighting: 4:35 PM  Shabbat Ends: 5:39 PM
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YUD TES KISLEV

During the month of Kislev, we remember Rabbi Schneur Zalman of Liadi, founder of Chabad Chassidism. He was imprisoned on false charges for his teachings of the Torah. He was interrogated and detained but ultimately cleared of all charges.

14 24 Kislev Eve of Chanukah	15 25 Kislev Chanukah	16 26 Kislev Chanukah	17 27 Kislev Chanukah	18 28 Kislev Chanukah	19 29 Kislev Chanukah	20 30 Kislev Chanukah Rosh Chodesh Mikeitz Candle Lighting: 4:38 PM  Shabbat Ends: 5:41 PM
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CHANUKAH

Chanukah is the Jewish eight-day, wintertime “festival of lights,” celebrated with a nightly menorah lighting, special prayers and fried foods. The Hebrew word Chanukah means “dedication,” and is thus named because it celebrates the rededication of the Holy Temple.

21 1 Tevet Chanukah Rosh Chodesh	22 2 Tevet Chanukah	23 3 Tevet	24 4 Tevet	25 5 Tevet	26 6 Tevet	27 7 Tevet Vayigash Candle Lighting: 4:41 PM  Shabbat Ends: 5:45 PM
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HEYTEVET

5 Tevet is celebrated as a day of rejoicing in the Chabad-Lubavitch community. In 1987, U.S. Federal Court issued a decision in favor of Agudas Chassidei Chabad (“Union of Chabad Chassidim”) regarding the ownership of the priceless library of the 6th Rebbe.

28 8 Tevet	29 9 Tevet	30 10 Tevet Fast of Asara BeTevet 6:10 AM - 5:34 PM	31 11 Tevet	<p>Shabbat & Jewish holidays start at Sundown.</p> <p>The times listed might not be accurate for your location. Please check the Candle Lighting times for your area at www.AlephNE.org/CandleLighting</p>
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ASARAH B'TEVET

Fast of Tevet – Asarah B’Tevet is observed as a day of fasting, mourning and repentance. Arrange for sack dinners from your chaplain! Contact us if you are experiencing problems obtaining them.

	Los Angeles	Miami	Jerusalem	Milwaukee	Greenfield Park	San Juan
12/5	4:26	5:12	3:55	3:59	4:10	5:30
12/12	4:27	5:13	3:56	3:59	4:10	5:32
12/19	4:29	5:16	3:59	4:01	4:12	5:35
12/26	4:33	5:20	4:02	4:05	4:16	5:38

Shabbat ends on Saturday approximately 65 min. after listed times.

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

Jewish Holy Days

According to the Gregorian Calendar

YEAR 2026-2029

Holy Day	Hebrew Date	Work	2026	2027	2028	2029
		Permitted				
Fast of 10th of Tevet	Tevet 10		Dec. 30-25	Dec. 20-26	Jan. 9	Dec. 16
15th of Shevat	Shevat 15		Feb. 2	Jan. 23	Feb. 12	Jan. 31
Fast of Esther	Adar 13		Mar. 2	Mar. 22	Mar. 9	Feb. 28
Purim	Adar 14		Mar. 3	Mar. 23	Mar. 12	Feb. 29
Fast of Firstborn	Nissan 14		Apr. 1	Apr. 21	Apr. 10	Mar. 30
Passover {First 2 Days}	Nissan 15-16	No	Apr. 2-3	Apr. 22-23	Apr. 11-12	Mar. 31 - Apr. 1
Passover {Intermediate Days}	Nissan 17-20		Apr. 4-7	Apr. 24-27	Apr. 13-16	Apr. 2-5
Passover {Last 2 Days}	Nissan 20-21	No	Apr. 8-9	Apr. 28-29	Apr. 17-18	Apr. 6-7
Lag B'Omer	Iyar 18		May 5	May 25	May 14	May 3
Shavuot	Sivan 6-7	No	May 22-23	June 11-12	May 31 - June 1	May 20-21
Fast of 17th of Tamuz	Tammuz 17		Jul. 2	Jul. 22	Jul. 11	Jul. 1
Fast of 9th of Av	Av 9		Jul. 23	Aug. 12	Aug. 1	Jul. 21
Rosh Hashana	Tishrei 1-2	No	Sept. 12-13	Oct. 2-3	Sept. 21-22	Sept. 10-11
Fast of Gedaliah	Tishrei 3		Sept. 14	Oct. 4	Sept. 24	Sept. 12
Yom Kippur	Tishrei 9-10	No	Sept. 21	Oct. 11	Sept. 30	Sept. 19
Sukkot {First 2 Days}	Tishrei 15-16	No	Sept. 26-27	Oct. 16-17	Oct. 5-6	Sept. 24-25
Sukkot {Intermediate Days}	Tishrei 17-21		Sept. 28-Oct. 2	Oct. 18-22	Oct. 7-11	Sept. 26-30
Shemini Atzeret	Tishrei 22	No	Oct. 3	Oct. 23	Oct. 12	Oct. 1
Simchat Torah	Tishrei 23	No	Oct. 4	Oct. 24	Oct. 13	Oct. 2
Chanukah	Kislev 25, Tevet 2/3		Dec. 5-12	Dec. 25 - Jan 1	Dec. 13-20	Dec. 2-9

Candle Lighting Guide



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HOW TO LIGHT SHABBAT CANDLES

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 a-ta A-do-nay E-lo-hei-nu me-lech ha-o-lam a-she-ri ki-dee-sha-nu bi-mitz-vo-tav vi-tzi-va-noo li-had-leek ner shel Sha-bat Ko-desh.

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.

JEWISH HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Candles are lit to honor the Jewish Festivals, on which different blessings are recited. For the appropriate blessing use the third column of the chart. On the onset of the Holiday light a 48 hour candle to assist in lighting the holiday candles the next night.

DATE	HOLIDAY	CANDLE LIGHTING BLESSING
Sep 22	Rosh Hashana Begins (Sunset)	***1 & 4
Sep 23	Rosh Hashana Day 1	**1 & 4
Sep 24	Rosh Hashana Day 2	
Oct. 1	Yom Kippur Begins (Sunset)	*2 & 4
Oct. 2	Yom Kippur	
Oct. 6	Sukkot Begins (Sunset)	***3 & 4
Oct. 7	Sukkot Day 1	**3 & 4
Oct. 8	Sukkot Day 2	
Oct. 13	Shemini Atzeret Begins (Sunset)	***3 & 4
Oct. 14	Shemini Atzeret	**3 & 4
Oct. 15	Simchat Torah	
Dec. 14	Chanukah Begins (Sunset)	
Dec. 22	Chanukah Ends (Nightfall)	
March 2	Purim Begins (Sunset)	
March 3	Purim Day	
April 1	Pesach Begins (Sunset)	***3 & 4
April 2	Pesach Day 1	**3 & 4
April 3	Pesach Day 2	
April 7	Final Days of Pesach Begin (Sunset)	***3
April 8	Pesach Day 7	**3
April 9	Pesach Day 8	
May 21	Shavuot Begins (Sunset)	***3 & 4
May 22	Shavuot Day 1	****3 & 4
May 23	Shavuot Day 2	

* Do not light after sunset

** Light after the time indicated from a pre-lit flame

*** If lighting after sunset, light from a pre-lit flame

**** Light before the time indicated from a pre-lit flame

- 1 Bo-ruch A-toh A-do-noi E-lo-hei-nu Me-lech Ho-olom A-she-ri Ki-deshanu Be-mitz-vo-tav Vi-tzvi-vo-nu Le-had-lik Ner Shel [Fridays add: Sha-bat vi-she] Yom Ha-zi-karon
- 2 Bo-ruch A-toh A-do-noi E-lo-hei-nu Me-lech Ho-olom A-she-ri Ki-deshanu Be-mitz-vo-tav Vi-tzvi-vo-nu Le-had-lik Ner Shel [Fridays add: Sha-bat vi-she] Yom Ha-Ki-pu-rim
- 3 Bo-ruch A-toh A-do-noi E-lo-hei-nu Me-lech Ho-olom A-she-ri Ki-deshanu Be-mitz-vo-tav Vi-tzvi-vo-nu Le-had-lik Ner Shel [Fridays add: Sha-bat vi-she] Yom Yom Tov
- 4 Ba-ruch A-tah A-do-noi E-loi-hei-nu Me-lech ha-o-lam she-he-chee-ya-nu v'ki-yi-ma-nu vi-hi-gi-ya-nu liz-man ha-zeh.