

# THE JEWISH PEOPLE'S PLANNER

A 16-Month Calendar for  
5784/2023-2024

Including:

Corresponding Jewish and Civil Dates Arranged by Calendar week,  
Space for Recording Daily Tasks, Appointments, and Reminders  
Jewish, Civil, Federal, and National-Israeli Holidays,  
Weekly Torah and Haftarah Readings,  
Fast Days and Rosh Hodesh,  
Space for Notes, To-Dos, and Event Planning,  
An Area to List Contact Information,  
A Description and Explanation of the Jewish Holidays,  
Jewish Calendar Facts for Each Month,  
Important Monthly Astronomical Occurrences,  
A Jewish and Civil-Year's View of 2025, and  
Candle-Lighting Times for Selected North-American Cities

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## ARRANGEMENT AND DISPLAY OF THE CALENDAR PAGES

The planner's calendar pages are arranged by civil-calendar week within the 16 months from late-August, 2023 through December, 2024, corresponding to mid-Elul 5783 through Kislev 5785, with space for recording such things as daily tasks, appointments and reminders. All calendar listings follow the same pattern: Civil date, civil month, day of the week, Jewish date, and Jewish month, followed by any religious and/or secular holidays, events, and candle-lighting times associated with the date.

As an example, the first date in the planner reads, "27 AUG SUN 10 ELUL" This line says August 27 falls on Sunday corresponding to 10 Elul and there are no Jewish or civil holidays, events, or candle-lightings associated with this date.

The top of each calendar page displays the civil and Jewish months and dates associated with that page; the bottom is left blank for recording notes, things-to-do, etc. At the very end of the weekly-calendar pages are blank pages for event planning.

An information section offers Jewish holiday and calendar facts about each month, along with interesting astronomical events within the month, concluding with a full-year view of the Jewish and civil calendars for 2025.

## RULES FOR USING JEWISH CALENDARS

- Jewish holidays and birthday celebrations falling in Adar in common years, occur on the same date in Adar II in leap years.  
Example: If a child is born on 19 Adar 5761 (March 14, 2001), then that birthday is celebrated on 19 Adar II in Jewish leap years.
- Yahrzeits in Adar occurring in common years are commemorated on the same date in Adar I in leap years.  
Example: if a death occurs on 6 Adar 5773 (February 16, 2013), then the yahrzeit is observed on 6 Adar I in Jewish leap years.
- All events occurring in Adar I or Adar II in leap years, fall on the same date in Adar in common years.  
Example: If a birth or death happens on 24 Adar I 5771, then in Jewish common years, the event is observed on 24 Adar. The same applies to Adar II.
- The month of Adar in common years has twenty-nine days and the month of Adar I, falling in leap years, has thirty days. If a yahrzeit or

birthday occurs on 30 Adar I, then in common years, yahrzeits are observed on 30 Shevat, but birthdays on 1 Nisan.

Example: A death occurring on 30 Adar I 5771 (March 6, 2011) is observed on 30 Shevat 5772 (February 23, 2012), and all other common years, whereas a birth happening on that day is celebrated 1 Nisan 5772 (March 24, 2012), and in all other common years.

- The months of Heshvan and Kislev have variable lengths of either twenty-nine or thirty days. If an event occurs on the thirtieth of either month and in a subsequent year the month has only twenty-nine days, then the event is commemorated on the twenty-ninth of the month.

Example: A death occurs on November 3, 2013, corresponding to 30 Heshvan 5774. Four years later, in 5778, Heshvan has only twenty-nine days. The yahrzeit will be remembered on the twenty-ninth, which is the same as November 18, 2017. This rule equally applies to the month of Kislev.

## **ACTIONS REQUIRED BY THE CALENDARS' PARENTHETICAL NUMBERS**

### **(1) SHABBATOT PRECEDING PASSOVER:**

Shabbat Shekalim: Additional Torah Reading Exodus 30:11-16. Read Haftarah II Kings 12:1-17 (Sephardim Read II Kings 12:1-17).

Shabbat Zakhor: Additional Torah Reading Deuteronomy 25:17-19. Read Haftarah: I Samuel 15:2-34 (Sephardim begin the haftarah with Verse 1).

Shabbat Parah: Additional Torah Reading Numbers 19:1-22. Read Haftarah: Ezekiel 36:16-38 (Sephardim read haftarah Ezekiel 36:16-36).

Shabbat Hahodesh: Additional Torah Reading Exodus 12:1-20. Read Haftarah: Ezekiel 45:16-46:18 (Sephardim read Ezekiel 45:18-46:16).

Shabbat Hagadol: No Additional Torah Reading. Read Haftarah: Malachi 3:4-24.

### **(2) HAFTAROT ON DOUBLE-TORAH PORTIONS:**

Aharei/Kedoshim: Read Haftarah Kedoshim

Behar/Behukkotai: Read Haftarah Behukkotai

Hukat/Balak: Read Haftarah Balak

Mattot/Masei: Read Haftarah Masei

Tazria/Metzora: Read Haftarah Metzora

Nitzavim/Vayeilekh: Read Haftarah Nitzavim

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- (4) **SHABBAT ROSH HODESH:** Additional Torah Reading Numbers 28:9-15.  
Read Haftarah Isaiah 66:1-24.
- (5) **SHABBAT FALLING ON THE DAY BEFORE ROSH HODESH:** Read Haftarah I Samuel 20:18-42.
- (6) **SHABBAT(OT) OF HANUKKAH:**  
1st Shabbat Read Haftarah Zechariah 2:14-17; 3:1-10; 4:1-7.  
2nd Shabbat Read Haftarah I Kings 7:40-50 (Sephardim Read I Kings 7:13-26).
- (7) **PARASHAT PEKUDEI FOR SEPHARDIM:**  
Read Haftarah 1 Kings 7:40-50
- (8) **PARASHAT PINCHAS FALLING AFTER 17 TAMMUZ:** Read Haftarah Mattot (Jeremiah 1:1-19; 2:1-3).
- (9) **SHABBAT PRECEDING ROSH HODESH:** The New Month is Announced and Blessed .
- (10) **MACHZOR HAGADOL:** Birkat Hachamah is recited as the Sun rises.  
(Recurrs every twenty-eight Years).

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE PLANNER'S CONTENTS**

- The three public fast days known as Bet-Hey-Bet, observed in Iyyar and Heshvan, and Yom Kippur Katan, the fast days occurring the day before every Rosh Hodesh, except for the months of Tishri, Kislev, Nisan, and Elul, are not shown.
- The 17<sup>th</sup> of Tammuz and the 9<sup>th</sup> of Av are cited, but not bein hametzarim, the three weeks between them.
- The three preparatory days before Shavuot, the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> of Sivan, are not labeled.
- The omer is counted from the second day of Pesah to Shavuot, but only Omer 1 and Lag Ba-Omer (33<sup>rd</sup> day) are listed.
- Selihot is displayed, but not the succeeding Selihot days, which continue until the day before Yom Kippur.
- The state holiday of Kurdish Jewry, Seharane, originally celebrated in Kurdistan on 22 - 24 Nisan, is now generally celebrated sometime during Hol HaMoed Sukkot or just after, so as not to interfere with Mimouna (see Jewish Holidays Falling 22 Adar II - 22 Nisan, below). The celebration is not listed because it has no fixed date and is not recognized as a national-Israeli holiday.
- When a Jewish holiday is celebrated for more than one day, all days are listed, but only the evening before and the first day of the holiday are highlighted.

## **Facts and Statistics About Jewish Year 5784**

Jewish New Year 5784 begins on Saturday, September 16, 2023 with a molad (lunation time) of 7d 11h 882p (5:49:50 AM).

Jewish New Year 5784 comes 2,112,206 days after 1 Tishri of Jewish year 1.

Jewish Year 5784 is a deficient leap year, having 383 days. The months of Heshvan and Kislev have 29 days each and the month of Adar I, a 30-day month inserted after the month of Shevat, ensures that Passover falls in “the month of spring” (Exodus 13:4).

Jewish Year 5784 is year 8 of the 19-year Metonic Cycle within cycle 304 since creation.

**Aug. 27 – Sep. 2, 2023    10 – 16 Elul 5783**

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27 AUG SUN 10 ELUL

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28 AUG MON 11 ELUL

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29 AUG TUE 12 ELUL

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30 AUG WED 13 ELUL

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31 AUG THU 14 ELUL

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1 SEP FRI 15 ELUL    6:10PM

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2 SEP SAT 16 ELUL    KI TAVO

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**September 3 – 9, 2023 17 – 23 Elul 5783**

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3 SEP SUN 17 ELUL

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4 SEP MON 18 ELUL **LABOR DAY(f)**

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5 SEP TUE 19 ELUL

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6 SEP WED 20 ELUL

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7 SEP THU 21 ELUL

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8 SEP FRI 22 ELUL 5:59PM

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9 SEP SAT 23 ELUL NITZAVIM/VAYELEKH(2)(9)

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**Sep. 10 – 16, 2023    24 Elul 5783 – 1 Tishri 5784**

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10 SEP SUN 24 ELUL    **SELIHOT GRANDPARENTS' DAY**

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11 SEP MON 25 ELUL

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12 SEP TUE 26 ELUL

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13 SEP WED 27 ELUL

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14 SEP THU 28 ELUL

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15 SEP FRI 29 ELUL    **EREV ROSH HASHANAH 5:47PM**

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16 SEP SAT 1 TISHRI    **ROSH HASHANAH 1ST DAY 6:45PM**

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**April 21 – 27, 2024 13 – 19 Nisan 5784**

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21 APR SUN 13 NISAN

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22 APR MON 14 NISAN **FAST OF 1ST BORN EREV PESAH/1ST SEDER 7:25PM**  
**EARTH DAY**

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23 APR TUE 15 NISAN **PESAH 1ST DAY/2ND SEDER 7:26PM**

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24 APR WED 16 NISAN PESAH 2ND DAY/OMER 1

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25 APR THU 17 NISAN HOL HAMOED PESAH

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26 APR FRI 18 NISAN HOL HAMOED PESAH 6:29PM

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27 APR SAT 19 NISAN HOL HAMOED PESAH

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**April 28 – May 4, 2024    20 – 26 Nisan 5784**

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28 APR SUN 20 NISAN    HOL HAMOED PESAH

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29 APR MON 21 NISAN    PESAH 7TH DAY

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30 APR TUE 22 NISAN    PESAH 8TH DAY    **MIMOUNA**

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1 MAY WED 23 NISAN

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2 MAY THU 24 NISAN

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3 MAY FRI 25 NISAN    6:37PM

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4 MAY SAT 26 NISAN    AHAREI(9)

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## **Jewish Holidays Falling 23 Nisan – 23 Iyyar 5784 May 1 - 31, 2024**

**YOM HASHOAH** – Israel’s national commemoration of the Holocaust.

**YOM HAZIKARON** – Literally, “Day of Remembrance.” An Israeli national holiday memorializing those Israelis who died in service to their country and by acts of terrorism.

**YOM HAATSMAUT** – Israeli Independence Day, falling on 5 Iyyar, corresponds to May 14, 1948.

**VICTORY OVER NAZI GERMANY DAY**- This national Israeli holiday, observed every May 9, commemorates Germany’s signing the Instrument of Surrender to the allies, ending World War II. This holiday is the only Israeli holiday linked to a civil calendar date.

**HERZL DAY** – A national Israeli holiday commemorating the life of Theodore Herzl and his work. Herzl died before Israel's establishment, yet, he is singled out for mention in Israel’s Declaration of Independence and is officially referred to as “the spiritual father of the Jewish State.” In 1898, he predicted a Jewish state in 50 years; a prophecy come true.

**PESACH SHENI** – Hebrew for “Second Passover,” occurring exactly one month after Passover. In Temple times, impure men at Passover were not permitted to offer a Passover sacrifice; they were given a second chance one month later.

**LAG BA-OMER** – “The 33rd day of the counting of the Omer,” a joyous day in the Jewish calendar. Some celebrate because this is the traditionally recognized birth and/or death date of the first century Jewish mystic Simeon bar Yochai, believed to be buried in Meron, in northern Israel. Consequently, several well-known customs and practices developed for Lag Ba-Omer, including the lighting of bonfires and pilgrimages to Meron. Others celebrate Lag Ba-Omer because a plague killing thousands of students of first/second century Rabbi Akiba miraculously ceased on this day.

### **Some Jewish Calendar Facts for Iyyar**

- The months of Iyyar, Tammuz, Av, Tishri, and Heshvan are not named anywhere in the Bible.

- From the second day of Passover to Shavuot, a total of 49 days, the Jewish people count the Omer. Each day reciting another blessing, as the counting of each day is its own mitzvah.
- The name of this month has two spellings, Iyar and Iyyar. The accepted custom is Iyyar with two “yuds,” serving as an acrostic for Abraham (aleph), Isaac (yud), Jacob (yud) and Rachel (resh).
- On 7 Iyyar(498 BCE), Jerusalem's rebuilt walls were dedicated, nearly 88 years after their destruction by Nebuchadnezzar II.
- On 11 Iyyar (1948 CE), the Israeli Army defeated the advancing Syrian Armed Forces at the Battle at Degania. The battle, lasting nine hours, is considered the first Israeli victory of its war for independence.

### **Astronomical Events in May, 2024**

- May 6, 7 - Eta Aquarids Meteor Shower
- May 8 - New Moon
- May 9 - Mercury at Greatest Western Elongation
- May 21 - Sun enters Gemini
- May 23 - Full Moon

### **Jewish Holidays Falling 24 Iyyar – 24 Sivan 5784 June 1 - 30, 2024**

**YOM YERUSHALAYIM** - “Jerusalem Day” celebrates the recapturing of the old city of Jerusalem, Israel’s historic capital, during the Six-Day War in 1967.

**SHAVUOT** – Fifty days after Passover comes the biblical holiday of Shavuot, the day when God gave the Israelites the Ten Commandments and Torah at Mt. Sinai. It is traditionally celebrated for two days because of the time lag in ancient days between knowing the date in Jerusalem and communicating it to the Diaspora. Biblically, the holiday is a celebration of the first fruits of the spring harvest (Deuteronomy 16:9).

### **Some Jewish Calendar Facts for Sivan**

- The month of Sivan, mentioned only once in the Bible, in the Book of Esther, gets its name through Babylonia from the Akkadian month Simānu.

## September – December, 2025

<p>1 SEP MON 8 ELUL LABOR DAY(f)</p> <p>2 SEP TUE 9 ELUL</p> <p>3 SEP WED 10 ELUL</p> <p>4 SEP THU 11 ELUL</p> <p>5 SEP FRI 12 ELUL</p> <p>6 SEP SAT 13 ELUL KI TETZE</p> <p>7 SEP SUN 14 ELUL GRANDPARENTS' DAY</p> <p>8 SEP MON 15 ELUL</p> <p>9 SEP TUE 16 ELUL</p> <p>10 SEP WED 17 ELUL</p> <p>11 SEP THU 18 ELUL</p> <p>12 SEP FRI 19 ELUL</p> <p>13 SEP SAT 20 ELUL KI TAVO</p> <p>14 SEP SUN 21 ELUL SELIHOT</p> <p>15 SEP MON 22 ELUL</p> <p>16 SEP TUE 23 ELUL</p> <p>17 SEP WED 24 ELUL</p> <p>18 SEP THU 25 ELUL</p> <p>19 SEP FRI 26 ELUL</p> <p>20 SEP SAT 27 ELUL NITZAVIM(9)</p> <p>21 SEP SUN 28 ELUL</p> <p>22 SEP MON 29 ELUL EREV ROSH HASHANAH</p> <p>23 SEP TUE 1 TISHRI ROSH HASHANAH 1ST DAY</p> <p>24 SEP WED 2 TISHRI ROSH HASHANAH 2ND DAY</p> <p>25 SEP THU 3 TISHRI FAST OF GEDALTAH</p> <p>26 SEP FRI 4 TISHRI</p> <p>27 SEP SAT 5 TISHRI VAYELEKH SHUVAH(3)</p> <p>28 SEP SUN 6 TISHRI</p> <p>29 SEP MON 7 TISHRI</p> <p>30 SEP TUE 8 TISHRI</p> <p>1 OCT WED 9 TISHRI EREV YOM KIPPUR</p> <p>2 OCT THU 10 TISHRI YOM KIPPUR</p> <p>3 OCT FRI 11 TISHRI</p> <p>4 OCT SAT 12 TISHRI HAAZINU</p> <p>5 OCT SUN 13 TISHRI</p> <p>6 OCT MON 14 TISHRI EREV SUKKOT</p> <p>7 OCT TUE 15 TISHRI SUKKOT 1ST DAY</p> <p>8 OCT WED 16 TISHRI SUKKOT 2ND DAY</p> <p>9 OCT THU 17 TISHRI HOL HAMOED SUKKOT</p> <p>10 OCT FRI 18 TISHRI HOL HAMOED SUKKOT</p> <p>11 OCT SAT 19 TISHRI HOL HAMOED SUKKOT</p> <p>12 OCT SUN 20 TISHRI HOL HAMOED SUKKOT</p> <p>13 OCT MON 21 TISHRI HOSHANA RABBA COLUMBUS/INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY(f)</p> <p>14 OCT TUE 22 TISHRI SHEMINI ATZERET</p> <p>15 OCT WED 23 TISHRI SIMCHAT TORAH</p> <p>16 OCT THU 24 TISHRI</p> <p>17 OCT FRI 25 TISHRI</p> <p>18 OCT SAT 26 TISHRI BERESHIT(9)</p> <p>19 OCT SUN 27 TISHRI</p> <p>20 OCT MON 28 TISHRI</p> <p>21 OCT TUE 29 TISHRI</p> <p>22 OCT WED 30 TISHRI ROSH HODESH</p> <p>23 OCT THU 1 HESHVAN ROSH HODESH HESHVAN</p> <p>24 OCT FRI 2 HESHVAN</p> <p>25 OCT SAT 3 HESHVAN NOAH</p> <p>26 OCT SUN 4 HESHVAN</p> <p>27 OCT MON 5 HESHVAN</p> <p>28 OCT TUE 6 HESHVAN</p> <p>29 OCT WED 7 HESHVAN YOM HA-ALTYAH</p> <p>30 OCT THU 8 HESHVAN</p> <p>31 OCT FRI 9 HESHVAN HALLOWEEN</p>	<p>1 NOV SAT 10 HESHVAN LEKH LEKHA</p> <p>2 NOV SUN 11 HESHVAN</p> <p>3 NOV MON 12 HESHVAN RABIN REMEMBRANCE DAY</p> <p>4 NOV TUE 13 HESHVAN FEDERAL ELECTION DAY</p> <p>5 NOV WED 14 HESHVAN</p> <p>6 NOV THU 15 HESHVAN</p> <p>7 NOV FRI 16 HESHVAN</p> <p>8 NOV SAT 17 HESHVAN VAYERA</p> <p>9 NOV SUN 18 HESHVAN</p> <p>10 NOV MON 19 HESHVAN</p> <p>11 NOV TUE 20 HESHVAN VETERANS DAY(f)</p> <p>12 NOV WED 21 HESHVAN</p> <p>13 NOV THU 22 HESHVAN</p> <p>14 NOV FRI 23 HESHVAN</p> <p>15 NOV SAT 24 HESHVAN HAYYEI SARAH(9)</p> <p>16 NOV SUN 25 HESHVAN</p> <p>17 NOV MON 26 HESHVAN</p> <p>18 NOV TUE 27 HESHVAN</p> <p>19 NOV WED 28 HESHVAN</p> <p>20 NOV THU 29 HESHVAN SIGD</p> <p>21 NOV FRI 1 KISLEV ROSH HODESH KISLEV</p> <p>22 NOV SAT 2 KISLEV TOLEDOT</p> <p>23 NOV SUN 3 KISLEV</p> <p>24 NOV MON 4 KISLEV</p> <p>25 NOV TUE 5 KISLEV</p> <p>26 NOV WED 6 KISLEV BEN-GURION DAY</p> <p>27 NOV THU 7 KISLEV THANKSGIVING DAY(f)</p> <p>28 NOV FRI 8 KISLEV</p> <p>29 NOV SAT 9 KISLEV VAYETZE</p> <p>30 NOV SUN 10 KISLEV</p> <p>1 DEC MON 11 KISLEV</p> <p>2 DEC TUE 12 KISLEV</p> <p>3 DEC WED 13 KISLEV</p> <p>4 DEC THU 14 KISLEV</p> <p>5 DEC FRI 15 KISLEV</p> <p>6 DEC SAT 16 KISLEV VAYISHLAH</p> <p>7 DEC SUN 17 KISLEV</p> <p>8 DEC MON 18 KISLEV</p> <p>9 DEC TUE 19 KISLEV</p> <p>10 DEC WED 20 KISLEV</p> <p>11 DEC THU 21 KISLEV</p> <p>12 DEC FRI 22 KISLEV</p> <p>13 DEC SAT 23 KISLEV VAYESHEV(9)</p> <p>14 DEC SUN 24 KISLEV EREV HANUKKAH 1ST CANDLE</p> <p>15 DEC MON 25 KISLEV HANUKKAH 1ST DAY</p> <p>16 DEC TUE 26 KISLEV HANUKKAH 2ND DAY</p> <p>17 DEC WED 27 KISLEV HANUKKAH 3RD DAY</p> <p>18 DEC THU 28 KISLEV HANUKKAH 4TH DAY</p> <p>19 DEC FRI 29 KISLEV HANUKKAH 5TH DAY</p> <p>20 DEC SAT 30 KISLEV MIKETZ(4)(6) ROSH HODESH</p> <p>21 DEC SUN 1 TEVET HANUKKAH 6TH DAY</p> <p>22 DEC MON 2 TEVET HANUKKAH 7TH DAY</p> <p>23 DEC TUE 3 TEVET ROSH HODESH TEVET</p> <p>24 DEC WED 4 TEVET HANUKKAH 8TH DAY</p> <p>25 DEC THU 5 TEVET CHRISTMAS DAY(f)</p> <p>26 DEC FRI 6 TEVET</p> <p>27 DEC SAT 7 TEVET VAYIGGASH</p> <p>28 DEC SUN 8 TEVET</p> <p>29 DEC MON 9 TEVET</p> <p>30 DEC TUE 10 TEVET FAST OF 10TH OF TEVET</p> <p>31 DEC WED 11 TEVET NEW YEAR'S EVE</p>
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