

# THE JEWISH PEOPLE'S PLANNER

A 16-Month Weekly Calendar and  
Almanac for 5785/2024-2025

Including:

Two-Page Spread for Each Week:  
One Page with Corresponding Jewish and Civil Dates allowing for Recording Daily  
Tasks, Appointments, and Reminders, and  
A Facing Page for Recording Weekly Goals, Objectives, Notes/Reflections, and  
To-Dos.

An Area to List Contact Information,  
Jewish, Civil, Federal and National-Israeli Holidays,  
Weekly Torah and Haftarah Readings,  
Fast Days, Rosh Hodesh, and Omer Count  
An Explanation and Description of Jewish and National-Israeli Holidays,  
Jewish Calendar Facts for Each Month,  
Important Monthly Astronomical Occurrences,  
Weekly Inspirational Quotes  
16-Month Full-View Jewish and Civil "At-A-Glance" Calendars,  
Detailed View of Jewish, Civil and National-Israeli Holidays for 2026,  
A Jewish, Civil and National-Israeli Holiday List for 2027, and  
Candle-Lighting Times for Selected North-American Cities.

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## **ARRANGEMENT AND DISPLAY OF THE CALENDAR AND ALMANAC PAGES**

The planner's calendar pages are arranged by civil-calendar week within the 16 months from September, 2024 through December, 2025, corresponding to late-Av 5784 through mid-Tevet 5786. Each week is spread over two pages. The left page holds dates, holidays, and candle-lighting times while providing space for recording such things as daily tasks, appointments, and reminders. Its facing page has spaces for recording weekly Goals and Objectives, Notes/Reflections, assignments, and things to-do. This page also gives overviews of the previous and subsequent months' civil and Jewish calendars.

All calendar entries employ 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.

The first date reads, "1 SEP SUN 28 AV." This line says September 1 falls on Sunday, corresponding to 28 Av, and there are no Jewish or civil holidays, or candle-lightings associated with this date. The next date, "2 SEP MON 29 AV LABOR DAY(f)" shows Monday, September 2, corresponding to 29 Av, is Labor Day, a federal holiday.

The top of each calendar page displays the civil and Jewish months and dates associated with that page; the bottom of the left page holds an inspirational quote. At the very end of the weekly-calendar pages are monthly calendars with space for notes and planning.

Almanac information is located immediately below and peppered throughout. An almanac section, at the end, offers Jewish holiday and calendar facts for each month, along with interesting astronomical events for that month, and historical information. This section concludes with a full-year view of the Jewish and civil calendars for 2026 and a listing of civil and religious holidays for 2027.

## RULES FOR USING JEWISH CALENDARS

- Jewish-calendar days begin at 6 PM and end the next day at 6 PM, local time. Religious days are different, they run from sunset to sunset.  
Example: If a birth or death occurred on August 26, 2024, corresponding to 22 Av, at 9:30 AM, then that event is recorded in the Jewish calendar as 22 Av. However, if the event occurred at 9:30 PM on the same day, then the date of the birth or death is 23 Av in the Jewish calendar because it happened at or after 6 PM.
- Jewish holiday 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.
- 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.
- Yahrzeits falling in Adar 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.
- 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 TORAH READING 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/Vayelekh: Read Haftarah Nitzavim

**(3) SHABBAT SHUVAH:** Read Haftarah Hosea 14:2-10 and Micah 7:18-20 (Ashkenazim Add: Joel 2:15-27).

**(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 I 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:** No additional Torah or haftarah readings. The New Month is announced and blessed.

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**(10) MACHZOR HAGADOL:** A ceremony falling on a Wednesday every twenty-eight years with a recitation of Birkat Hachamah, a "Blessing for the Sun," as it rises in the east and figuratively re-enacts its creation at the same time, position, and day of the week as it did on its actual day of creation. Next occurrence: Sunrise, April 8, 2037.

## 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 fast days of 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.
- 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 in Israel sometime during Hol HaMoed Sukkot or just after, so as not to interfere with Mimouna (see Jewish Holidays Falling 3 Nisan – 2 Iyyar 5785, below). The celebration is not listed because it has no fixed date and is not recognized as a national-Israeli holiday.

## MEANING OF THE PARENTHETICAL SUFFIXES

- The letter (f) means the holiday is a federal holiday.
- The letter (o) indicates the holiday is observed on a day other than its official date.

## USING THE TABLE OF CANDLE-LIGHTING TIMES

Holiday and Sabbath candle-lighting times listed on each calendar page are for New York City, Eastern Standard Time (EST). To convert to your location, find your closest city and week number within the required month, using the Table of Candle-Lighting Times, below.

Example: The Sabbath candle-lighting time for New York City on October 25, 2024, the fourth Sabbath of the month, is 4:42 PM. Suppose, of the cities listed in the Table of Candle-Lighting Times, the closest city to you is Chicago, IL. The Table shows a time difference of -7 minutes. Therefore, the candle-lighting time is seven minutes earlier than New York City's time, or  $4:42 \text{ PM} - :07 = 4:35 \text{ PM}$ . Compensate if day-light saving time is in effect.

Example: Erev Peach candle-lighting time for New York City on April 12, 2025, the second week of the month, is 6:14 PM. Suppose, of the cities listed in the Table of Candle-Lighting Times, the closest city to you is Phoenix, AZ. The Table shows a time difference of +24 minutes, meaning the candle-lighting time is 24 minutes later than New York City's time, or  $6:14 \text{ PM} + :24 = 6:38 \text{ PM}$ . Compensate if day-light saving time is in effect.

## TABLE OF CANDLE-LIGHTING TIMES

|     | SABBATH<br>NUMBER | ALBANY,<br>NY | BALTIMORE,<br>MD | BOSTON,<br>MA | BUFFALO,<br>NY | CHICAGO,<br>IL | CLEVELAND,<br>OH | DENVER,<br>CO | HUSTON,<br>TX |
|-----|-------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|
| JAN | 1                 | -6            | +15              | -17           | +13            | -9             | +29              | +7            | +54           |
|     | 2                 | -6            | +15              | -17           | +14            | -9             | +29              | +6            | +52           |
|     | 3                 | -6            | +15              | -17           | +14            | -9             | +29              | +6            | +50           |
|     | 4                 | -6            | +14              | -16           | +14            | -8             | +29              | +6            | +48           |
| FEB | 5                 | -6            | +14              | -15           | +14            | -8             | +29              | +6            | +46           |
|     | 1                 | -4            | +14              | -15           | +15            | -7             | +29              | +6            | +44           |
|     | 2                 | -4            | +13              | -15           | +16            | -7             | +29              | +5            | +41           |
|     | 3                 | -4            | +12              | -14           | +16            | -7             | +29              | +5            | +39           |
| MAR | 4                 | -3            | +12              | -14           | +17            | -7             | +30              | +4            | +35           |
|     | 1                 | -2            | +12              | -12           | +18            | -6             | +30              | +5            | +33           |
|     | 2                 | -2            | +11              | -12           | +18            | -6             | +30              | +4            | +29           |
|     | 3                 | -1            | +11              | -12           | +20            | -6             | +31              | +4            | +26           |
| APR | 4                 | -1            | +10              | -10           | +20            | -5             | +31              | +4            | +23           |
|     | 5                 | +0            | +10              | -10           | +21            | -5             | +31              | +4            | +20           |
|     | 1                 | +1            | +10              | -10           | +22            | -5             | +31              | +3            | +18           |
|     | 2                 | +1            | +9               | -10           | +22            | -4             | +31              | +3            | +15           |
| MAY | 3                 | +2            | +9               | -9            | +23            | -4             | +32              | +3            | +12           |
|     | 4                 | +3            | +8               | -9            | +24            | -4             | +32              | +2            | +8            |
|     | 5                 | +3            | +8               | -9            | +24            | -4             | +32              | +2            | +7            |
|     | 1                 | 3+            | +7               | -8            | +24            | -3             | +32              | +2            | +5            |
| JUN | 2                 | +4            | +7               | -8            | +25            | -3             | +32              | +2            | +3            |
|     | 3                 | +4            | +6               | -7            | +25            | -3             | +32              | +1            | +0            |
|     | 4                 | +4            | +6               | -7            | +26            | -3             | +32              | +1            | -2            |
|     | 5                 | +5            | +6               | -7            | +26            | -2             | +32              | +1            | -3            |
| JUL | 1                 | +6            | +6               | -7            | +27            | -2             | +33              | +1            | -4            |
|     | 2                 | +6            | +6               | -6            | +27            | -2             | +33              | +1            | -5            |
|     | 3                 | +6            | +6               | -6            | +27            | -2             | +33              | +1            | -6            |
|     | 4                 | +6            | +6               | -6            | +27            | -2             | +33              | +1            | -5            |
| AUG | 5                 | +6            | +5               | -6            | +26            | -2             | +33              | +1            | -5            |
|     | 1                 | +6            | +6               | -7            | +26            | -2             | +33              | +1            | -5            |
|     | 2                 | +5            | +6               | -7            | +26            | -2             | +33              | +1            | -3            |
|     | 3                 | +5            | +7               | -7            | +26            | -2             | +33              | +1            | -2            |
| SEP | 4                 | +5            | +7               | -8            | +26            | -3             | +33              | +1            | +0            |
|     | 5                 | +4            | +7               | -8            | +25            | -3             | +33              | +1            | +2            |
|     | 1                 | +3            | +7               | -8            | +24            | -3             | +32              | +2            | +4            |
|     | 2                 | +3            | +8               | -9            | +24            | -4             | +32              | +2            | +6            |
| OCT | 3                 | +2            | +8               | -9            | +23            | -4             | +32              | +2            | +10           |
|     | 4                 | +2            | +9               | -10           | +23            | -4             | +32              | +2            | +12           |
|     | 5                 | +2            | +9               | -10           | +22            | -4             | +32              | +3            | +15           |
|     | 1                 | +1            | +9               | -10           | +22            | -5             | +31              | +3            | +17           |
| NOV | 2                 | +0            | +10              | -11           | +21            | -5             | +31              | +4            | +20           |
|     | 3                 | +0            | +11              | -11           | +20            | -5             | +31              | +4            | +23           |
|     | 4                 | -1            | +11              | -12           | +20            | -5             | +31              | +4            | +26           |
|     | 5                 | -1            | +11              | -12           | +19            | -6             | +31              | +4            | +29           |
| DEC | 1                 | -2            | +11              | -13           | +18            | -6             | +30              | +4            | +30           |
|     | 2                 | -3            | +12              | -13           | +18            | -6             | +30              | +5            | +34           |
|     | 3                 | -4            | +12              | -14           | +17            | -7             | +30              | +5            | +36           |
|     | 4                 | -4            | +13              | -14           | +16            | -7             | +30              | +5            | +39           |
| NOV | 5                 | -4            | +13              | -15           | +16            | -7             | +30              | +6            | +42           |
|     | 1                 | -4            | +14              | -15           | +16            | -7             | +30              | +6            | +44           |
|     | 2                 | -5            | +14              | -16           | +15            | -8             | +29              | +6            | +46           |
|     | 3                 | -6            | +14              | -16           | +14            | -8             | +29              | +6            | +49           |
| DEC | 4                 | -6            | +14              | -17           | +14            | -9             | +29              | +6            | +51           |
|     | 5                 | -6            | +15              | -17           | +13            | -9             | +29              | +6            | +52           |
|     | 1                 | -6            | +15              | -17           | +13            | -9             | +29              | +7            | +53           |
|     | 2                 | -6            | +16              | -17           | +13            | -9             | +29              | +7            | +54           |
| NOV | 3                 | -7            | +16              | -18           | +13            | -9             | +29              | +7            | +54           |
|     | 4                 | -7            | +15              | -17           | +13            | -9             | +29              | +7            | +54           |
|     | 5                 | -7            | +15              | -17           | +13            | -9             | +29              | +7            | +54           |

**TABLE OF CANDLE-LIGHTING TIMES (CONTINUED)**

|     | SABBATH<br>NUMBER | LAS VEGAS,<br>NV | LOS ANGELES,<br>CA | MIAMI,<br>FL | PHILA.,<br>PA | PHOENIX<br>AZ | SAN DIEGO,<br>CA | SAN<br>FRANCISCO,<br>CA | TAMPA,<br>FL |
|-----|-------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| JAN | 1                 | -2               | +15                | +62          | +7            | +52           | +16              | +23                     | +66          |
|     | 2                 | -2               | +14                | +60          | +7            | +51           | +16              | +22                     | +65          |
|     | 3                 | -3               | +13                | +57          | +7            | +50           | +12              | +22                     | +62          |
|     | 4                 | -5               | +11                | +54          | +7            | +47           | +9               | +20                     | +59          |
|     | 5                 | -6               | +10                | +52          | +7            | +46           | +8               | +20                     | +58          |
| FEB | 1                 | -6               | +9                 | +51          | +7            | +46           | +8               | +20                     | +57          |
|     | 2                 | -7               | +7                 | +47          | +6            | +44           | +6               | +19                     | +53          |
|     | 3                 | -9               | +5                 | +42          | +6            | +41           | +3               | +18                     | +49          |
|     | 4                 | -10              | +3                 | +38          | +6            | +40           | +1               | +17                     | +46          |
| MAR | 1                 | -12              | +2                 | +34          | +6            | +37           | -2               | +16                     | +42          |
|     | 2                 | -14              | -1                 | +30          | +5            | +35           | -4               | +15                     | +38          |
|     | 3                 | -14              | -3                 | +26          | +5            | +33           | -6               | +14                     | +35          |
|     | 4                 | -16              | -5                 | +22          | +5            | +31           | -9               | +13                     | +31          |
|     | 5                 | -17              | -6                 | +18          | +5            | +29           | -11              | +12                     | +28          |
| APR | 1                 | -19              | -8                 | +14          | +4            | +27           | -13              | +12                     | +24          |
|     | 2                 | -21              | -10                | +9           | +4            | +24           | 16               | +10                     | +20          |
|     | 3                 | -22              | -12                | +6           | +4            | +22           | -17              | +10                     | +17          |
|     | 4                 | -23              | -14                | +2           | +3            | +20           | -20              | +9                      | +14          |
|     | 5                 | -24              | -15                | +0           | +3            | +19           | -22              | +9                      | +12          |
| MAY | 1                 | -25              | -16                | -2           | +3            | +18           | -23              | +7                      | +10          |
|     | 2                 | -26              | -18                | -6           | +3            | +16           | -25              | +7                      | +7           |
|     | 3                 | -27              | -19                | -9           | +3            | +14           | -33              | +6                      | +4           |
|     | 4                 | -28              | -20                | -11          | +2            | +13           | -32              | +5                      | +2           |
|     | 5                 | -28              | -22                | -12          | +2            | +13           | -31              | +5                      | +2           |
| JUN | 1                 | -28              | -22                | -13          | +2            | +13           | -31              | +5                      | +2           |
|     | 2                 | -29              | -23                | -15          | +2            | +11           | -31              | +5                      | +2           |
|     | 3                 | -29              | -23                | -16          | +2            | +11           | -31              | +4                      | +2           |
|     | 4                 | -30              | -23                | -15          | +2            | +11           | -31              | +4                      | +2           |
|     | 5                 | -32              | -23                | -15          | +2            | +11           | -31              | +4                      | +2           |
| JUL | 1                 | -29              | -23                | -14          | +2            | +12           | -30              | +5                      | +0           |
|     | 2                 | -28              | -22                | -12          | +3            | +13           | -29              | +5                      | +2           |
|     | 3                 | -27              | -20                | -9           | +3            | +14           | -27              | +6                      | +4           |
|     | 4                 | -26              | -20                | -6           | +3            | +16           | -26              | +7                      | +6           |
|     | 5                 | -26              | -18                | -5           | +3            | +16           | -25              | +7                      | +8           |
| AUG | 1                 | -25              | -17                | -4           | +3            | +17           | -24              | +7                      | +9           |
|     | 2                 | -24              | -16                | +0           | +4            | +20           | -22              | +8                      | +12          |
|     | 3                 | -23              | -13                | +3           | +4            | +21           | -20              | +8                      | +15          |
|     | 4                 | -21              | -12                | +8           | +4            | +23           | -17              | +10                     | +19          |
|     | 5                 | -21              | -10                | +10          | +4            | +24           | -16              | +10                     | +20          |
| SEP | 1                 | -20              | -9                 | +12          | +4            | +25           | -15              | +11                     | +22          |
|     | 2                 | -19              | -7                 | +15          | +5            | +27           | -13              | +11                     | +25          |
|     | 3                 | -17              | -4                 | +20          | +5            | +29           | -11              | +12                     | +29          |
|     | 4                 | -16              | -3                 | +24          | +5            | +32           | -8               | +13                     | +33          |
|     | 5                 | -14              | -1                 | +28          | +5            | +34           | -5               | +15                     | +37          |
| OCT | 1                 | -13              | -1                 | +32          | +5            | +36           | -4               | +15                     | +40          |
|     | 2                 | -11              | +2                 | +37          | +6            | +39           | +0               | +17                     | +44          |
|     | 3                 | -10              | +3                 | +40          | +6            | +40           | +2               | +17                     | +47          |
|     | 4                 | -8               | +5                 | +44          | +6            | +43           | +4               | +18                     | +51          |
|     | 5                 | -8               | +7                 | +47          | +6            | +44           | +6               | +18                     | +55          |
| NOV | 1                 | -7               | +9                 | +49          | +7            | +45           | +7               | +18                     | +59          |
|     | 2                 | -6               | +10                | +52          | +7            | +47           | +8               | +20                     | +59          |
|     | 3                 | -5               | +12                | +55          | +7            | +50           | +10              | +20                     | +60          |
|     | 4                 | -3               | +13                | +58          | +7            | +50           | +12              | +20                     | +63          |
|     | 5                 | -3               | +14                | +60          | +7            | +51           | +13              | +22                     | +64          |
| DEC | 1                 | -2               | +14                | +61          | +7            | +52           | +14              | +22                     | +65          |
|     | 2                 | -2               | +15                | +62          | +7            | +53           | +15              | +23                     | +67          |
|     | 3                 | -1               | +15                | +63          | +7            | +53           | +16              | +23                     | +67          |
|     | 4                 | -1               | +16                | +63          | +7            | +53           | +16              | +23                     | +67          |
|     | 5                 | -1               | +16                | +63          | +8            | +53           | +16              | +23                     | +67          |





## 16-Month Civil Calendars, September, 2024 Through December, 2025

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| <b>SEPTEMBER, 2024</b><br>SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT<br>1 2 3 4 5 6 7<br>8 9 10 11 12 13 14<br>15 16 17 18 19 20 21<br>22 23 24 25 26 27 28<br>29 30  | <b>OCTOBER, 2024</b><br>SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT<br>1 2 3 4 5<br>6 7 8 9 10 11 12<br>13 14 15 16 17 18 19<br>20 21 22 23 24 25 26<br>27 28 29 30 31 | <b>NOVEMBER, 2024</b><br>SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT<br>1 2<br>3 4 5 6 7 8 9<br>10 11 12 13 14 15 16<br>17 18 19 20 21 22 23<br>24 25 26 27 28 29 30    | <b>DECEMBER, 2024</b><br>SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT<br>1 2 3 4 5 6 7<br>8 9 10 11 12 13 14<br>15 16 17 18 19 20 21<br>22 23 24 25 26 27 28<br>29 30 31  |
| <b>JANUARY, 2025</b><br>SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT<br>1 2 3 4<br>5 6 7 8 9 10 11<br>12 13 14 15 16 17 18<br>19 20 21 22 23 24 25<br>26 27 28 29 30 31 | <b>FEBRUARY, 2025</b><br>SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT<br>1<br>2 3 4 5 6 7 8<br>9 10 11 12 13 14 15<br>16 17 18 19 20 21 22<br>23 24 25 26 27 28         | <b>MARCH, 2025</b><br>SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT<br>1<br>2 3 4 5 6 7 8<br>9 10 11 12 13 14 15<br>16 17 18 19 20 21 22<br>23 24 25 26 27 28 29<br>30 31 | <b>APRIL, 2025</b><br>SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT<br>1 2 3 4 5<br>6 7 8 9 10 11 12<br>13 14 15 16 17 18 19<br>20 21 22 23 24 25 26<br>27 28 29 30        |
| <b>MAY, 2025</b><br>SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT<br>1 2 3<br>4 5 6 7 8 9 10<br>11 12 13 14 15 16 17<br>18 19 20 21 22 23 24<br>25 26 27 28 29 30 31     | <b>JUNE, 2025</b><br>SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT<br>1 2 3 4 5 6 7<br>8 9 10 11 12 13 14<br>15 16 17 18 19 20 21<br>22 23 24 25 26 27 28<br>29 30       | <b>JULY, 2025</b><br>SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT<br>1 2 3 4 5<br>6 7 8 9 10 11 12<br>13 14 15 16 17 18 19<br>20 21 22 23 24 25 26<br>27 28 29 30 31     | <b>AUGUST, 2025</b><br>SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT<br>1 2<br>3 4 5 6 7 8 9<br>10 11 12 13 14 15 16<br>17 18 19 20 21 22 23<br>24 25 26 27 28 29 30<br>31 |
| <b>SEPTEMBER, 2025</b><br>SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT<br>1 2 3 4 5 6<br>7 8 9 10 11 12 13<br>14 15 16 17 18 19 20<br>21 22 23 24 25 26 27<br>28 29 30  | <b>OCTOBER, 2025</b><br>SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT<br>1 2 3 4<br>5 6 7 8 9 10 11<br>12 13 14 15 16 17 18<br>19 20 21 22 23 24 25<br>26 27 28 29 30 31 | <b>NOVEMBER, 2025</b><br>SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT<br>1<br>2 3 4 5 9 7 8<br>9 10 11 12 13 14 15<br>16 17 18 19 20 21 22<br>23 24 25 26 27 28 29<br>30 | <b>DECEMBER, 2025</b><br>SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT<br>1 2 3 4 5 6<br>7 8 9 10 11 12 13<br>14 15 16 17 18 19 20<br>21 22 23 24 25 26 27<br>28 29 30 31  |

## 16-Month Jewish Calendars, Elul 5784 Through Kislev 5786

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| <b>ELUL 5784</b><br>SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT<br>1 2 3 4<br>5 6 7 8 9 10 11<br>12 13 14 15 16 17 18<br>19 20 21 22 23 24 25<br>26 27 28 29  | <b>TISHRI 5785</b><br>SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT<br>1 2 3<br>4 5 6 7 8 9 10<br>11 12 13 14 15 16 17<br>18 19 20 21 22 23 24<br>25 26 27 28 29 30 | <b>HESHVAN 5785</b><br>SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT<br>1<br>2 3 4 5 6 7 8<br>9 10 11 12 13 14 15<br>16 17 18 19 20 21 22<br>23 24 25 26 27 28 29<br>30 | <b>KISLEV 5785</b><br>SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT<br>1 2 3 4 5 6<br>7 8 9 10 11 12 13<br>14 15 16 17 18 19 20<br>21 22 23 24 25 26 27<br>28 29 30 |
| <b>TEVET 5785</b><br>SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT<br>1 2 3 4<br>5 6 7 8 9 10 11<br>12 13 14 15 16 17 18<br>19 20 21 22 23 24 25<br>26 27 28 29 | <b>SHEVAT 5785</b><br>SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT<br>1 2 3<br>4 5 6 7 8 9 10<br>11 12 13 14 15 16 17<br>18 19 20 21 22 23 24<br>25 26 27 28 29 30 | <b>ADAR 5785</b><br>SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT<br>1<br>2 3 8 5 6 7 8<br>9 10 11 12 13 14 15<br>16 17 18 19 20 21 22<br>23 24 25 26 27 28 29          | <b>NISAN 5785</b><br>SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT<br>1 2 3 4 5 6 7<br>8 9 10 11 12 13 14<br>15 16 17 18 19 20 21<br>22 23 24 25 26 27 28<br>29 30  |
| <b>IYYAR 5785</b><br>SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT<br>1 2 3 4 5<br>6 7 8 9 10 11 12<br>13 14 15 16 17 18 19<br>20 21 22 23 24 25 26<br>27 28 29 | <b>SIVAN 5785</b><br>SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT<br>1 2 3 4<br>5 6 7 8 9 10 11<br>12 13 18 15 16 17 18<br>19 20 21 22 23 24 25<br>26 27 28 29 30  | <b>TAMMUZ 5785</b><br>SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT<br>1 2<br>3 4 5 6 7 8 9<br>10 11 12 13 14 15 16<br>17 18 19 20 21 22 23<br>24 25 26 27 28 29        | <b>AV 5785</b><br>SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT<br>1<br>2 3 4 5 6 7 8<br>9 10 11 12 13 14 15<br>16 17 18 19 20 21 22<br>23 24 25 26 27 28 29<br>30  |
| <b>ELUL 5785</b><br>SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT<br>1 2 3 4 5 6<br>7 8 9 10 11 12 13<br>14 15 16 17 18 19 20<br>21 22 23 24 25 26 27<br>28 29  | <b>TISHRI 5786</b><br>SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT<br>1 2 3 4 5<br>6 7 8 9 10 11 12<br>13 14 15 16 17 18 19<br>20 21 22 23 24 25 26<br>27 28 29 30 | <b>HESHVAN 5786</b><br>SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT<br>1 2 3<br>4 5 6 7 8 9 10<br>11 12 13 14 15 16 17<br>18 19 20 21 22 23 24<br>25 26 27 28 29       | <b>KISLEV 5786</b><br>SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT<br>1 2<br>3 4 5 6 7 8 9<br>10 11 12 13 14 15 16<br>17 18 19 20 21 22 23<br>24 25 26 27 28 29 30 |

## Facts and Statistics About Jewish Year 5785

October 5 is the latest Rosh Hashanah falls in the twenty-first century. Jewish New Year 5785 begins on Thursday, October 3, 2024, with a molad (lunation time) of 5d 9h 391p (3:21:43 AM).

Jewish New Year 5785 comes 2,112,589 days after 1 Tishri of Jewish year 1 (A.M. 1).

Jewish Year 5785 is an abundant common year, a year with 355 days; the months of Heshvan and Kislev have 30 days each. An abundant common year falling on Thursday is the rarest common year in the Jewish calendar, occurring only three times in the twenty-first century: This year, in 5805 (September 22, 2044), and in 5832 (September 24, 2071). This event last occurred in 5754 (September 16, 1993).

The Hebrew abbreviation for Jewish year 5785 is תשפ"ה, pronounced "tash-páh." Hebrew letters have numeric values, and this abbreviation stands for 785. The 5000 is implicitly understood, just as in writing 1/1/25, the 2000 is implicitly understood.

Jewish Year 5785 is year 9 of the 19-year Metonic Cycle within cycle 304 since creation. Creation cycle 304 is 6,940 days long, from October 3, 2016 to October 3, 2035, same as 1 Tishri 5777 to 29 Elul 5795.

**September 1 – 7, 2024    28 Av – 4 Elul 5784**

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1 SEP SUN 28 AV

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2 SEP MON 29 AV    **LABOR DAY(f)**

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3 SEP TUE 30 AV    ROSH HODESH

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4 SEP WED 1 ELUL    **ROSH HODESH ELUL**

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5 SEP THU 2 ELUL

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6 SEP FRI 3 ELUL    6:00PM

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7 SEP SAT 4 ELUL    SHOFETIM

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**"When you have a dream, you've got to grab it and never let go." -- Carol Burnett**

# September 1 – 7, 2024 28 Av – 4 Elul 5784

No week is mistake proof.

Goals and Objectives

**AUGUST, 2024**

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
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| 25  | 26  | 27  | 28  | 29  | 30  | 31  |

**OCTOBER, 2024**

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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|     |     | 1   | 2   | 3   | 4   | 5   |
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Things To-Do

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Notes/Reflections

**AV 5784**

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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**TISHRI 5785**

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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|     |     |     |     | 1   | 2   | 3   |
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| 25  | 26  | 27  | 28  | 29  | 30  |     |

**September 8 – 14, 2024    5 – 11 Elul 5784**

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8 SEP SUN 5 ELUL    GRANDPARENTS' DAY

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9 SEP MON 6 ELUL

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10 SEP TUE 7 ELUL

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11 SEP WED 8 ELUL

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12 SEP THU 9 ELUL

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13 SEP FRI 10 ELUL    5:48PM

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14 SEP SAT 11 ELUL    KI TETZE

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"There is nothing impossible to they who will try." -- Alexander the Great

# September 8 – 14, 2024    5 – 11 Elul 5784

Do it this week before it's too late.

Goals and Objectives

**AUGUST, 2024**

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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**OCTOBER, 2024**

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| 13  | 14  | 15  | 16  | 17  | 18  | 19  |
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Notes/Reflections

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**TISHRI 5785**

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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**September 15 – 21, 2024    12 – 18 Elul 5784**

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15 SEP SUN 12 ELUL

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16 SEP MON 13 ELUL

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17 SEP TUE 14 ELUL

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18 SEP WED 15 ELUL

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19 SEP THU 16 ELUL

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20 SEP FRI 17 ELUL    5:37PM

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21 SEP SAT 18 ELUL    KI TAVO

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**"The bad news is time flies. The good news is you're the pilot." -- Michael Altshuler**

# September 15 – 21, 2024    12 – 18 Elul 5784

This is the week you can.

Goals and Objectives

**AUGUST, 2024**

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| 4   | 5   | 6   | 7   | 8   | 9   | 10  |
| 11  | 12  | 13  | 14  | 15  | 16  | 17  |
| 18  | 19  | 20  | 21  | 22  | 23  | 24  |
| 25  | 26  | 27  | 28  | 29  | 30  | 31  |

**OCTOBER, 2024**

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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|     |     | 1   | 2   | 3   | 4   | 5   |
| 6   | 7   | 8   | 9   | 10  | 11  | 12  |
| 13  | 14  | 15  | 16  | 17  | 18  | 19  |
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**AV 5784**

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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|     | 1   | 2   | 3   | 4   | 5   | 6   |
| 7   | 8   | 9   | 10  | 11  | 12  | 13  |
| 14  | 15  | 16  | 17  | 18  | 19  | 20  |
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| 28  | 29  | 30  |     |     |     |     |

**TISHRI 5785**

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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|     |     |     |     | 1   | 2   | 3   |
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| 11  | 12  | 13  | 14  | 15  | 16  | 17  |
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**April 13 – 19, 2025 15 – 21 Nisan 5785**

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13 APR SUN 15 NISAN **PESAH 1ST DAY** 2ND SEDER OMER 1 7:15PM

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14 APR MON 16 NISAN **PESAH 2ND DAY** OMER 2

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15 APR TUE 17 NISAN HOL HAMOED PESAH OMER 3

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16 APR WED 18 NISAN HOL HAMOED PESAH OMER 4

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17 APR THU 19 NISAN HOL HAMOED PESAH OMER 5

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18 APR FRI 20 NISAN HOL HAMOED PESAH OMER 6 6:20PM **GOOD FRIDAY**

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19 APR SAT 21 NISAN **PESAH 7TH DAY** OMER 7 7:21PM

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“Stop worrying about growing old. And think about growing up.” -- Philip Roth

# April 13 – 19, 2025 15 – 21 Nisan 5785

Enjoy the little things this week

Goals and Objectives

**MARCH, 2025**

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
|     |     |     |     |     |     | 1   |
| 2   | 3   | 4   | 5   | 6   | 7   | 8   |
| 9   | 10  | 11  | 12  | 13  | 14  | 15  |
| 16  | 17  | 18  | 19  | 20  | 21  | 22  |
| 23  | 24  | 25  | 26  | 27  | 28  | 29  |
| 30  | 31  |     |     |     |     |     |

**MAY, 2025**

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
|     |     |     |     |     | 1   | 2   |
| 3   |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 4   | 5   | 6   | 7   | 8   | 9   | 10  |
| 11  | 12  | 13  | 14  | 15  | 16  | 17  |
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**ADAR 5785**

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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|     |     |     |     |     |     | 1   |
| 2   | 3   | 8   | 5   | 6   | 7   | 8   |
| 9   | 10  | 11  | 12  | 13  | 14  | 15  |
| 16  | 17  | 18  | 19  | 20  | 21  | 22  |
| 23  | 24  | 25  | 26  | 27  | 28  | 29  |

**IYYAR 5785**

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
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| 13  | 14  | 15  | 16  | 17  | 18  | 19  |
| 20  | 21  | 22  | 23  | 24  | 25  | 26  |
| 27  | 28  | 29  |     |     |     |     |

# JANUARY, 2025

| Sunday | Monday                                 | Tuesday | Wednesday   | Thursday                             | Friday                                  | Saturday |
|--------|--|---------|---|--------------------------------------|---|----------|
|        |  |         | 1<br>HANUKKAH<br>8 <sup>TH</sup> CANDLE<br>NEW YEAR'S<br>DAY(f) | 2<br>8 <sup>TH</sup> DAY<br>HANUKKAH | 3                                       | 4        |
| 5      | 6                                      | 7       | 8   | 9                                    | 10<br>FAST 10 <sup>TH</sup><br>OF TEVET | 11       |
| 12     | 13                                     | 14      | 15  | 16                                   | 17                                      | 18       |
| 19     | 20<br>M. L. KING<br>BIRTHDAY<br>(o)(f) | 21      | 22  | 23                                   | 24                                      | 25       |
| 26     | 27<br>INT'L<br>HOLOCAUST<br>REM. DAY   | 28      | 29  | 30                                   | 31                                      |          |

## NOTES AND PLANNING

# Jewish Holidays Falling 30 Heshvan – 30 Kislev 5785

## December 1 - 31, 2024

**BEN-GURION DAY** - An Israeli national holiday falling on 6 Kislev, memorializing the life and inspiration of primary founder of the State of Israel, and Israel's first Prime Minister David Ben Gurion (October 6, 1886 – December 1, 1973.)

**HANUKKAH** – An eight-day celebration for the victory of a small band of Jewish rebels, led by Judah Maccabee, his father and brothers, over the much larger Syrian-Greek army, resulting in the establishment of an independent Jewish state, lasting from 167 BCE to 37 BCE. The miracle of the holiday happened during the rededication of the Temple, defiled by the Syrian-Greeks: The only intact jar of holy oil, used to maintain the Temple's Everlasting Light, which should have lasted only one day, lasted for eight days, just enough time for new oil to be produced and consecrated. This is why latkes, fried-in-oil potato pancakes and soufganiyot, fried-in-oil jelly-filled donuts, are traditional Hanukkah foods.

### Some Jewish Calendar Facts for Kislev

- The month of Kislev has 30 days, except when the year is a deficient year, a year with either 353 or 383 days, then it has only 29 days. 5785 is an abundant common year with 355 days and Kislev has 30 days.
- The month of Kislev can never begin on the Sabbath.
- The fifth night of Hanukkah can never fall on the Sabbath.
- The month of Kislev always ends with the holiday of Hanukkah.
- The actual name for a Hanukkah menorah is a Hanukkiah because it has nine candles and not seven found in a traditional menorah.
- On 6 Kislev in 1685, Jews barred from settling in Stockholm, Sweden, and in 1973, David Ben-Gurion, first Prime Minister of Israel, died.
- On 11 Kislev in 1945, Yeshiva University received its charter, first American university under Jewish auspices.
- On 16 Kislev in 1892, Hermann Ahlwardt elected to the German Reichstag, marking the beginning of political anti-Semitism in Germany.
- On 17 Kislev in 1947, the United Nations General Assembly approved the plan partitioning Palestine into Arab and Jewish states. This act eventually led to the creation of the State of Israel.
- On 25 Kislev, December 17, 1862, Gen. Ulysses S. Grant ordered the expulsion of Jews from the Tennessee District. President Lincoln reversed the order the following month.
- On 27 Kislev c. 2105 BCE, the "Great Flood" at the time of Noah ended.

## **Astronomical Events in December, 2024**

December 1 - New Moon

December 7 - Jupiter at Opposition

December 13 & 14 - Geminids Meteor Shower

December 15 - Full Moon

December 21 - Winter Solstice – Winter Begins in Northern Hemisphere

December 21, 22 - Ursids Meteor Shower

December 25 - Mercury at Greatest Western Elongation

December 30 - New Moon – The second New Moon appearing in the same civil month is known as a Black Moon, occurring once in about 2-1/2 years.

## **Jewish Holidays Falling 1 Tevet – 2 Shevat 5785 January 1 - 31, 2025**

**FAST OF THE 10TH OF TEVET** – A dawn-to-nightfall fast day recalling the initial siege of Jerusalem by King Nebuchadnezzar, resulting in its conquest, the destruction of Solomon's Temple, and exiling the Jewish people to Babylonia in 586 BCE.

### **Some Jewish Calendar Facts for Tevet**

- Since the month of Kislev can be either 29 or 30 days long and Hanukkah always begins on 25 Kislev, the last few days of Hanukkah continue into the month of Tevet.
- On 1 Tevet, c. 479 BCE, Esther arrived at King Ahasuerus's palace, leading to her becoming queen (Esther 2:16-17).
- On 7 Tevet, c. 468 BCE, three leaders of Babylonian Jewry were arrested by Persian officials, sparking a wave of persecution of Babylonian Jewry.
- On 8 Tevet, at the direction of Ptolemy II Philadelphus (285–247 BCE), the Torah was translated into Greek, known as the Septuagint.
- On 9 Tevet in 1066, the Granada massacre takes place, as a Muslim mob massacres 4,000 Jews throughout the city.
- On 25 Tevet in 1907, birth of Dr. Abraham Joshua Heschel (Jan. 11, 1907 – Dec. 23, 1972), renown author and scholar, Holocaust survivor, and human-rights activist, known for marching with Dr. Martin Luther King.

### **Astronomical Events in January, 2025**

January 3 & 4 - Quadrantids Meteor Shower

January 10 - Venus at Greatest Eastern Elongation

January 13 - Full Moon

January 16 - Mars at Opposition

January 29 - New Moon

## World-Wide Jewish Population

The estimated 2022 world Jewish population is 15,253,500 up from an estimated 11,000,000 in 1945. Statistics below are from 2021:

### Countries with the Largest Jewish Population<sup>1</sup>

Israel - 6,894,000  
United States - 5,700,000 (Possibly 6.7 million, sources differ.)  
France - 450,000  
Canada - 392,000  
United Kingdom - 292,000  
Argentina - 180,000  
Russia - 165,000  
Germany - 118,000 (tie)  
Australia - 118,000 (tie)  
Brazil - 92,600

### Countries with the Smallest Jewish Population<sup>2</sup>

(Fewer than 100 Jewish residents each, in alphabetical order)

Armenia, Bermuda, Botswana, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Cyprus, Dominican Republic, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Indonesia, North Macedonia, Madagascar, Malta, Mauritius, Namibia, Nigeria, Philippines, Slovenia, South Korea, Syria, and Taiwan

### Cities with the Largest Jewish Population<sup>2</sup>

Tel Aviv, Israel, 3,891,800  
New York – Newark, NJ and surrounding area, 2,109,300  
Jerusalem, Israel, 992,800  
Haifa, Israel, 710,600  
Los Angeles, CA and surrounding area, 622,480  
Miami, FL and surrounding area, 535,500  
Philadelphia, PA and surrounding area, 419,850  
Paris, France, 337,600  
Washington, DC and surrounding area, 297,290  
Chicago, IL and surrounding area, 294,280

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<sup>1</sup> <https://worldpopulationreview.com/country-rankings/jewish-population-by-country>.

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/largest-jewish-populated-metropolitan-areas-Worldwide>, and Jewish Treats, “The Jews of Mauritius”, <https://njop.org/category/jewish-treats/>.

## January – April, 2026

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|----------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 JAN THU 12 TEVET   | NEW YEAR'S DAY(f)                 | 1 MAR SUN 12 ADAR   |                                 |
| 2 JAN FRI 13 TEVET   |                                   | 2 MAR MON 13 ADAR   | FAST OF ESTHER                  |
| 3 JAN SAT 14 TEVET   | VAYEHI                            | 3 MAR TUE 14 ADAR   | PURIM                           |
| 4 JAN SUN 15 TEVET   |                                   | 4 MAR WED 15 ADAR   | SHUSHAN PURIM                   |
| 5 JAN MON 16 TEVET   |                                   | 5 MAR THU 16 ADAR   |                                 |
| 6 JAN TUE 17 TEVET   |                                   | 6 MAR FRI 17 ADAR   |                                 |
| 7 JAN WED 18 TEVET   |                                   | 7 MAR SAT 18 ADAR   | KI TISSA PARAH(1)               |
| 8 JAN THU 19 TEVET   |                                   | 8 MAR SUN 19 ADAR   | DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS     |
| 9 JAN FRI 20 TEVET   |                                   | 9 MAR MON 20 ADAR   |                                 |
| 10 JAN SAT 21 TEVET  | SHEMOT                            | 10 MAR TUE 21 ADAR  |                                 |
| 11 JAN SUN 22 TEVET  |                                   | 11 MAR WED 22 ADAR  |                                 |
| 12 JAN MON 23 TEVET  |                                   | 12 MAR THU 23 ADAR  |                                 |
| 13 JAN TUE 24 TEVET  |                                   | 13 MAR FRI 24 ADAR  |                                 |
| 14 JAN WED 25 TEVET  |                                   | 14 MAR SAT 25 ADAR  | VAYAKHEL/PEKUDEI HAHODESH(1)(9) |
| 15 JAN THU 26 TEVET  |                                   | 15 MAR SUN 26 ADAR  |                                 |
| 16 JAN FRI 27 TEVET  |                                   | 16 MAR MON 27 ADAR  |                                 |
| 17 JAN SAT 28 TEVET  | VAERA(9)                          | 17 MAR TUE 28 ADAR  |                                 |
| 18 JAN SUN 29 TEVET  |                                   | 18 MAR WED 29 ADAR  |                                 |
| 19 JAN MON 1 SHEVAT  | ROSH HODESH SHEVAT                | 19 MAR THU 1 NISAN  | ROSH HODESH NISAN               |
|                      | MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY(o)(f) | 20 MAR FRI 2 NISAN  |                                 |
| 20 JAN TUE 2 SHEVAT  |                                   | 21 MAR SAT 3 NISAN  | VAYIKRA                         |
| 21 JAN WED 3 SHEVAT  |                                   | 22 MAR SUN 4 NISAN  |                                 |
| 22 JAN THU 4 SHEVAT  |                                   | 23 MAR MON 5 NISAN  |                                 |
| 23 JAN FRI 5 SHEVAT  |                                   | 24 MAR TUE 6 NISAN  |                                 |
| 24 JAN SAT 6 SHEVAT  | BO                                | 25 MAR WED 7 NISAN  |                                 |
| 25 JAN SUN 7 SHEVAT  |                                   | 26 MAR THU 8 NISAN  |                                 |
| 26 JAN MON 8 SHEVAT  |                                   | 27 MAR FRI 9 NISAN  |                                 |
| 27 JAN TUE 9 SHEVAT  | INT'L HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY   | 28 MAR SAT 10 NISAN | TZAV HAGADOL(1)                 |
| 28 JAN WED 10 SHEVAT |                                   | 29 MAR SUN 11 NISAN |                                 |
| 29 JAN THU 11 SHEVAT |                                   | 30 MAR MON 12 NISAN |                                 |
| 30 JAN FRI 12 SHEVAT |                                   | 31 MAR TUE 13 NISAN |                                 |
| 31 JAN SAT 13 SHEVAT | BESHALLAH SHIRA                   |                     |                                 |
|                      |                                   |                     |                                 |
| 1 FEB SUN 14 SHEVAT  |                                   | 1 APR WED 14 NISAN  | FAST OF 1ST BORN                |
| 2 FEB MON 15 SHEVAT  | TU B' SHEVAT GROUNDHOG DAY        | 2 APR THU 15 NISAN  | EREV PESAH/1ST SEDER            |
| 3 FEB TUE 16 SHEVAT  |                                   | 3 APR FRI 16 NISAN  | PESAH 1ST DAY/2ND SEDER         |
| 4 FEB WED 17 SHEVAT  |                                   | 4 APR SAT 17 NISAN  | PESAH 2ND DAY/OMER 1            |
| 5 FEB THU 18 SHEVAT  |                                   | 5 APR SUN 18 NISAN  | HOL HAMOED PESAH                |
| 6 FEB FRI 19 SHEVAT  |                                   | 6 APR MON 19 NISAN  | HOL HAMOED PESAH EASTER SUNDAY  |
| 7 FEB SAT 20 SHEVAT  | YITRO                             | 7 APR TUE 20 NISAN  | HOL HAMOED PESAH                |
| 8 FEB SUN 21 SHEVAT  |                                   | 8 APR WED 21 NISAN  | HOL HAMOED PESAH                |
| 9 FEB MON 22 SHEVAT  |                                   | 9 APR THU 22 NISAN  | PESAH 7TH DAY                   |
| 10 FEB TUE 23 SHEVAT |                                   | 10 APR FRI 23 NISAN | PESAH 8TH DAY MIMOUNA           |
| 11 FEB WED 24 SHEVAT |                                   | 11 APR SAT 24 NISAN |                                 |
| 12 FEB THU 25 SHEVAT |                                   | 12 APR SUN 25 NISAN | SHEMINI(9)                      |
| 13 FEB FRI 26 SHEVAT |                                   | 13 APR MON 26 NISAN |                                 |
| 14 FEB SAT 27 SHEVAT | MISHPATIM SHEKALIM(1)(9)          | 14 APR TUE 27 NISAN | YOM HASHOAH                     |
| 15 FEB SUN 28 SHEVAT |                                   | 15 APR WED 28 NISAN |                                 |
| 16 FEB MON 29 SHEVAT | WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY(o)(f)       | 16 APR THU 29 NISAN |                                 |
| 17 FEB TUE 30 SHEVAT | ROSH HODESH                       | 17 APR FRI 30 NISAN | ROSH HODESH                     |
| 18 FEB WED 1 ADAR    | ROSH HODESH ADAR                  | 18 APR SAT 1 IYYAR  | TAZRIA/METZORA(2)(4)            |
| 19 FEB THU 2 ADAR    |                                   |                     | ROSH HODESH IYYAR               |
| 20 FEB FRI 3 ADAR    |                                   | 19 APR SUN 2 IYYAR  |                                 |
| 21 FEB SAT 4 ADAR    | TERUMAH                           | 20 APR MON 3 IYYAR  |                                 |
| 22 FEB SUN 5 ADAR    |                                   | 21 APR TUE 4 IYYAR  | YOM HAZIKARON                   |
| 23 FEB MON 6 ADAR    |                                   | 22 APR WED 5 IYYAR  | YOM HAATZMAUT EARTH DAY         |
| 24 FEB TUE 7 ADAR    |                                   | 23 APR THU 6 IYYAR  |                                 |
| 25 FEB WED 8 ADAR    |                                   | 24 APR FRI 7 IYYAR  |                                 |
| 26 FEB THU 9 ADAR    |                                   | 25 APR SAT 8 IYYAR  | AHAREI/KEDOSHIM(2)              |
| 27 FEB FRI 10 ADAR   |                                   | 26 APR SUN 9 IYYAR  |                                 |
| 28 FEB SAT 11 ADAR   | TETZAVVEH ZAKHOR(1)               | 27 APR MON 10 IYYAR | HERZL DAY                       |
|                      |                                   | 28 APR TUE 11 IYYAR |                                 |
|                      |                                   | 29 APR WED 12 IYYAR |                                 |
|                      |                                   | 30 APR THU 13 IYYAR |                                 |

Notes/Reflections

## Federal, Religious, and National-Israeli Holidays in 2027

|                       |   |                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|-----------------------|---|
| JAN 1 FRI 22 TEVET    | NEW YEAR'S DAY(f)                                 | AUG 3 TUE 29 TAMMUZ   | JABOTINSKY DAY                                  |
| JAN 18 MON 10 SHEVAT  | MARTIN LUTHER KING'S BIRTHDAY(o)(f)               | AUG 12 THU 9 AV       | FAST OF TISHA B'AV                              |
| JAN 23 SAT 15 SHEVAT  | TU B'SHEVAT                                       | AUG 18 WED 15 AV      | TU B'AV   |
| FEB 15 MON 8 ADAR I   | WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY(o)(f)                       | SEP 6 MON 4 ELUL      | LABOR DAY(f)                                    |
| FEB 21 SUN 14 ADAR I  | PURIM KATAN                                       | SEP 26 SUN 24 ELUL    | SELIHOT   |
| MAR 22 MON 13 ADAR II | FAST OF ESTHER                                    | OCT 1 FRI 29 ELUL     | EREV ROSH HASHANAH                              |
| MAR 23 TUE 14 ADAR II | PURIM   | OCT 2 SAT 1 TISHRI    | ROSH HASHANAH 1ST DAY (5788)                    |
| MAR 24 WED 15 ADAR II | SHUSHAN PURIM                                     | OCT 3 SUN 2 TISHRI    | ROSH HASHANAH 2ND DAY                           |
| MAR 28 SUN 19 ADAR II | EASTER SUNDAY                                     | OCT 4 MON 3 TISHRI    | FAST OF GEDALIAH                                |
| APR 21 WED 14 NISAN   | FAST OF 1 <sup>ST</sup> BORN EREV PESAH 1ST SEDER | OCT 10 SUN 9 TISHRI   | EREV YOM KIPPUR                                 |
| APR 22 THU 15 NISAN   | PESAH 2ND SEDER EARTH DAY                         | OCT 11 MON 10 TISHRI  | YOM KIPPUR COLUMBUS/ INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY(f) |
| APR 23 FRI 16 NISAN   | PESAH 2ND DAY/OMER 1                              | OCT 15 FRI 14 TISHRI  | EREV SUKKOT                                     |
| APR 24 SAT 17 NISAN   | HOL HAMOED PESAH                                  | OCT 16 SAT 15 TISHRI  | SUKKOT 1ST DAY                                  |
| APR 25 SUN 18 NISAN   | HOL HAMOED PESAH                                  | OCT 17 SUN 16 TISHRI  | HOL HAMOED SUKKOT                               |
| APR 26 MON 19 NISAN   | HOL HAMOED PESAH                                  | OCT 18 MON 17 TISHRI  | HOL HAMOED SUKKOT                               |
| APR 27 TUE 20 NISAN   | HOL HAMOED PESAH                                  | OCT 19 TUE 18 TISHRI  | HOL HAMOED SUKKOT                               |
| APR 28 WED 21 NISAN   | PESAH 7TH DAY                                     | OCT 20 WED 19 TISHRI  | HOL HAMOED SUKKOT                               |
| APR 29 THU 22 NISAN   | PESAH 8TH DAY MIMOUNA                             | OCT 21 THU 20 TISHRI  | HOL HAMOED SUKKOT                               |
| MAY 4 TUE 27 NISAN    | YOM HASHOAH                                       | OCT 22 FRI 21 TISHRI  | HOSHANA RABBA                                   |
| MAY 9 SUN 2 IYYAR     | MOTHERS DAY VICTORY OVER NAZI GERMANY DAY         | OCT 23 SAT 22 TISHRI  | SHEMINI ATZERET                                 |
| MAY 11 TUE 4 IYYAR    | YOM HAZIKARON                                     | OCT 24 SUN 23 TISHRI  | SIMCHAT TORAH                                   |
| MAY 12 WED 5 IYYAR    | YOM HAATZMAUT                                     | NOV 2 TUE 2 HESHVAN   | FEDERAL ELECTION DAY                            |
| MAY 17 MON 10 IYYAR   | HERZL DAY   | NOV 7 SUN 7 HESHVAN   | YOM HA-ALIYAH                                   |
| MAY 21 FRI 14 IYYAR   | PESAH SHENI                                       | NOV 11 THU 11 HESHVAN | VETERANS DAY(f)                                 |
| MAY 25 TUE 18 IYYAR   | LAG BA-OMER                                       | NOV 12 FRI 12 HESHVAN | RABIN REMEMBRANCE DAY                           |
| MAY 31 MON 24 IYYAR   | MEMORIAL DAY(f)                                   | NOV 25 THU 25 HESHVAN | THANKSGIVING DAY(f)                             |
| JUN 4 FRI 28 IYYAR    | YOM YERUSHALAYIM                                  | NOV 29 MON 29 HESHVAN | SIGD  |
| JUN 10 THU 5 SIVAN    | EREV SHAVUOT                                      | DEC 6 MON 6 KISLEV    | BEN-GURION DAY                                  |
| JUN 11 FRI 6 SIVAN    | SHAVUOT 1ST DAY                                   | DEC 24 FRI 24 KISLEV  | EREV HANUKKAH CHRISTMAS EVE                     |
| JUN 12 SAT 7 SIVAN    | SHAVUOT 2ND DAY                                   | DEC 25 SAT 25 KISLEV  | HANUKKAH 1ST DAY CHRISTMAS DAY(f)               |
| JUN 18 FRI 13 SIVAN   | JUNETEENTH(o)(f)                                  | DEC 26 SUN 26 KISLEV  | HANUKKAH 2ND DAY                                |
| JUN 20 SUN 15 SIVAN   | FATHERS DAY                                       | DEC 27 MON 27 KISLEV  | HANUKKAH 3RD DAY                                |
| JUL 4 SUN 29 SIVAN    | INDEPENDENCE DAY                                  | DEC 28 TUE 28 KISLEV  | HANUKKAH 4TH DAY                                |
| JUL 5 MON 30 SIVAN    | INDEPENDENCE DAY(o)(f)                            | DEC 29 WED 29 KISLEV  | HANUKKAH 5TH DAY                                |
| JUL 22 THU 17 TAMMUZ  | FAST OF 17TH OF TAMMUZ                            | DEC 30 THU 30 KISLEV  | HANUKKAH 6TH DAY                                |
|                       |   | DEC 31 FRI 1 TEVET    | HANUKKAH 7TH DAY NEW YEAR'S DAY(o)(f)           |

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