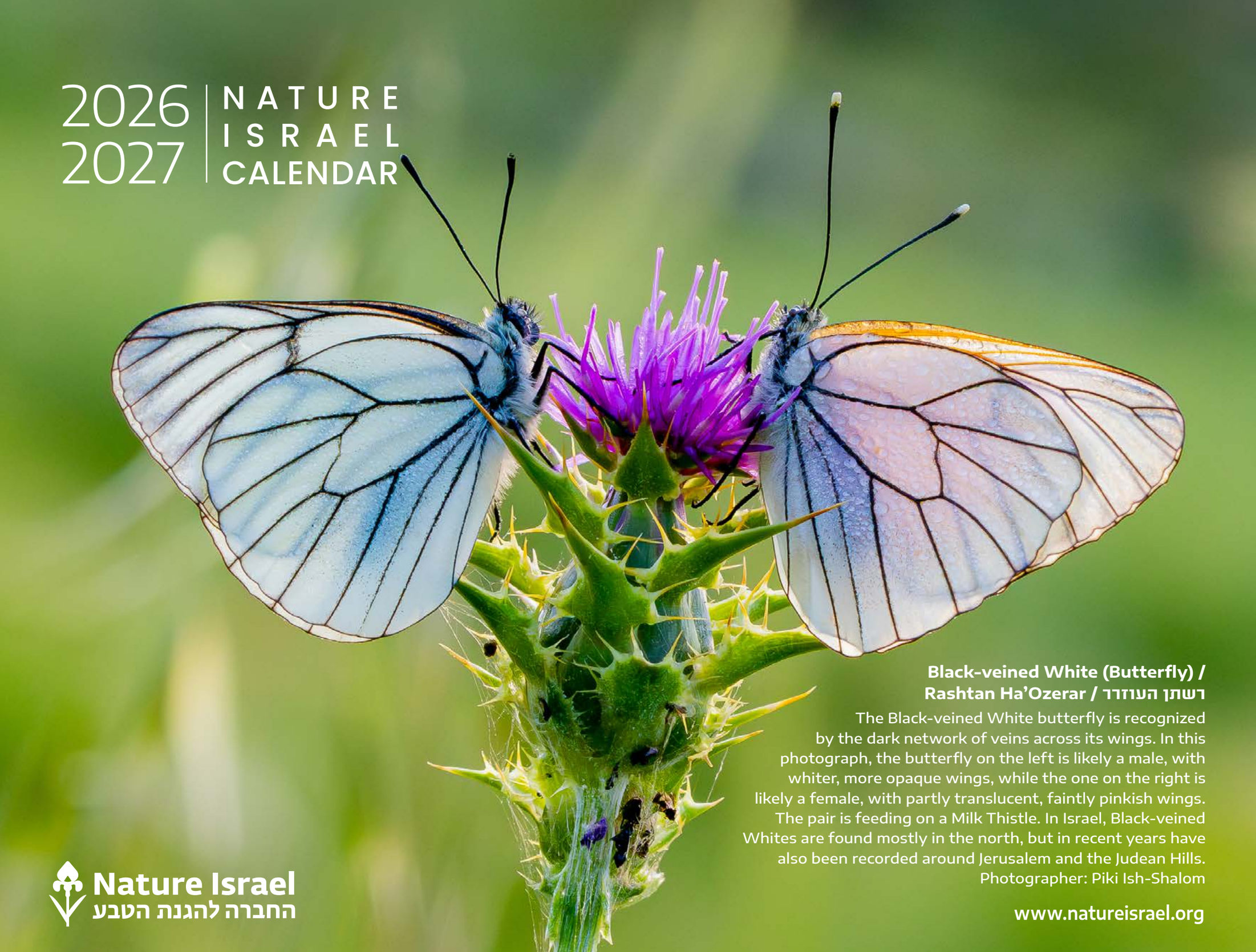
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Black-veined White (Butterfly) / Rashtan Ha'Ozerar / רשתן העוזרר

The Black-veined White butterfly is recognized by the dark network of veins across its wings. In this photograph, the butterfly on the left is likely a male, with whiter, more opaque wings, while the one on the right is likely a female, with partly translucent, faintly pinkish wings. The pair is feeding on a Milk Thistle. In Israel, Black-veined Whites are found mostly in the north, but in recent years have also been recorded around Jerusalem and the Judean Hills.
Photographer: Piki Ish-Shalom

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Rock Hyrax / Shafan Sela / שפן סלע

At first glance, the Rock Hyrax looks like a large, round-eared rodent—but its closest living relatives are elephants and manatees. These highly social mammals live in family groups among rocky slopes and cliffs, where their specially adapted, rubbery footpads help them climb and cling to steep stone surfaces. Much of the day is spent basking together in the sun, feeding on nearby plants, and keeping watch for predators. Photographer: Dafna Ben Nun

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The Nature of Israel: An Anchor of Hope

Dear Friend,

On behalf of all of us at the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel, thank you for your steadfast partnership.

We are currently experiencing a time that challenges our shared resilience. As Jewish communities throughout North America face intricate obstacles and an uncertain global landscape, many of us seek a steady anchor—something tangible to remind us of our identity, origins, and the future we are creating together.

For countless generations, that anchor has been the physical Land of Israel.

This soil possesses a steady, comforting strength. Regardless of global turmoil, the land remains steadfast and faithful to its age-old vows. Each autumn, thousands of common cranes migrate back to the Hula Valley. Every winter, sea squills emerge from parched ground, signaling imminent rains. In spring, red anemone carpets flourish across the Negev. These consistent cycles serve as a reminder that tough times are temporary, nature persists, and renewal is certain.

Maintaining this hope demands continuous vigilance and active effort. SPNI's daily mission is to protect Israel's soil, streams, and wildlife, ensuring our homeland stays a vibrant sanctuary of resilience, comfort, and pride for all Jewish people.

Your partnership maintains this anchor's security. Thanks to you, we can restore damaged habitats, protect important migration routes, and preserve the natural heritage that links us all to the earth.

As you browse through this calendar over the year, I hope the images and stories provide daily comfort and inspiration, reminding you of the timeless beauty and resilience of our shared home.

May the upcoming year usher in peace for our region, security for Jewish communities worldwide, and a joyful, hopeful new start for everyone.

Shana Tova U'Metukah,

Dan Alon
CEO, Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel



Dan Alon *was appointed SPNI's CEO in 2023 after 35 years in the organization, as Director of of Birdlife Israel since 1995 (a division of SPNI) and more recently as Director of Environmental Protection. Dan is the visionary behind the restored Hula Lake Park which serves as a second home to millions of migratory birds and is northern Israel's leading tourist destination. Dan also launched the Start-Up Nature rewilding project which aims to restore Israel's historic wetlands over the coming decades through the rewilding of former commercial fish farms. In recognition of his outstanding impact, Dan was previously named one of TIME Magazine's Heroes of the Planet.*



Greek Tortoise / Tzav Yabasha Matzuy / צב יבשה מצוי

The Greek Tortoise is the most common land tortoise in Israel, found in Mediterranean habitats, open scrub, fields, and dry grasslands. It is a slow-moving herbivore, feeding mainly on leaves, flowers, and other low vegetation. The species is most active during spring and autumn, spending much of the hottest and coldest parts of the year sheltered from the elements. Habitat loss, roads, fire, and illegal collection have all placed pressure on wild populations. Photographer: Liron Shapira

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אלול 5786 – תשרי 5787

__September__ in Israel still feels very much like summer, yet the first winds of change are already in the air, and with them come the first birds of the fall migration. There are some wonderful places to see this up close—particularly the Hula Valley and the Beit She'an Valley, and of course our very own Ma'agan Michael Birding Park along the Mediterranean coast.

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		1 יט	2 כ	3 כא	4 כב	5 כג Nitzavim Vayelech
6 כד	7 כה Labor Day (US, CA)	8 כו	9 כז	10 כח	11 כט Erev Rosh Hashana	12 א Rosh Hashana
13 ב Rosh Hashana	14 ג Fast of Gedaliah	15 ד	16 ה	17 ו	18 ז	19 ח Haazinu
20 ט Erev Yom Kippur	21 י Yom Kippur	22 יא	23 יב	24 יג	25 יד Erev Sukkot	26 טו Sukkot
27 טז Sukkot	28 יז Sukkot	29 יח Sukkot	30 יט Sukkot			

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Nubian Ibex / Ya'el Nubí / יעל נובי

The Nubian Ibex is a desert-dwelling wild goat adapted to steep cliffs and arid mountain habitats. Males are easily recognized by their long, ridged, backward-curving horns, which can reach impressive lengths. During the rutting season, males compete for access to females in dramatic clashes, locking horns and pushing with great force. In Israel, Nubian Ibex are found mainly in the Negev, the Judean Desert, and the Dead Sea region, where they feed on sparse desert vegetation and navigate rocky terrain with remarkable agility. Photographer: Tzahi Finkelstein

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OCTOBER2026

תשרי – חשון 5787

***October** in Israel often sees the first rain of the year: the yoreh [יוֹרֶה], mentioned in the Bible as a blessing for the land. But some plants — with typical Israeli impatience — don't wait for the rain to bloom: sea squill and autumn crocus send up flowers from bulbs that have survived the summer months — poignant bursts of beauty in a still-dry landscape.*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 כ Sukkot	2 כא Hoshana Raba	3 כב Shmini Atzeret
4 כג Simchat Torah	5 כד October 7 National Remembrance Day	6 כה	7 כו	8 כז	9 כח	10 כט Bereishit
11 ל Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan	12 א Thanksgiving (CA) Indigenous Peoples Day (US) Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan	13 ב	14 ג	15 ד	16 ה	17 ו Noach
18 ז	19 ח	20 ט	21 י	22 יא Yitzchak Rabin Memorial Day	23 יב	24 יג Lech Lecha
25 יד	26 טו	27 טז	28 יז	29 יח	30 יט	31 כ Vayeira Halloween

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Mountain Gazelle / Tzvi Eretz-Yisraeli / צבי ארץ-ישראלי

The Mountain Gazelle is a small antelope native to Israel and the surrounding region, found in open landscapes, shrublands, grasslands, and woodland edges. Since ancient times, the tzvi has been part of the symbolic language of this land: the Bible uses Eretz HaTzvi — “the Land of the Gazelle” — as a poetic name for the Land of Israel. Today, the species is globally threatened, with an estimated 5,500 animals surviving in Israel — its last major stronghold. Photographer: Dafna Ben Nun

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NOVEMBER2026

חשון – כסלו 5787

*In **November**, Israel begins to show what rains can do, as fresh green spreads across the land. And it is not just plants that revive; many small animals awaken from their summer dormancy (aestivation), as the heat eases and moisture returns. With vivid life beginning again, November is a great time to take to Israel's trails.*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 כא	2 כב	3 כג	4 כד	5 כה	6 כו	7 כז Chayei Sarah
8 כח	9 כט Sigd	10 ל Rosh Chodesh Kislev	11 א Remembrance Day (CA, UK) Veterans' Day (US) Rosh Chodesh Kislev	12 ב	13 ג	14 ד Toldot
15 ה	16 ו	17 ז	18 ח	19 ט	20 י	21 יא Vayeitzei
22 יב	23 יג	24 יד	25 טו	26 טז Thanksgiving (US)	27 יז	28 יח Vayishlach
29 יט	30 כ					

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Common Crane / Agur Afor / עגור אפור

The Common Crane is one of the largest migratory birds passing through Israel, with a wingspan of close to two meters. Beginning in late September and continuing through autumn, thousands arrive in the Hula Valley. Most continue south toward Africa, while many remain in Israel for the winter, feeding in agricultural fields. The Hula Valley sees especially large flocks, making it one of the best places in the world to observe this impressive species. Photographer: Karen Benzian

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DECEMBER2026

כסלו – טבת 5787

*By **December**, winter has gathered strength. The relatively mild temperatures draw robins, bluethroats, and other songbirds from colder northern lands. Cranes, herons, and other waterbirds gather in great numbers around lakes and wetlands to rest and feed. Even small ponds and seasonal pools fill with insect and amphibian life.*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 כא	2 כב	3 כג	4 כד 1st Night Chanukah	5 כה Vayeshev 2nd Night Chanukah
6 כו 3rd Night Chanukah	7 כז 4th Night Chanukah	8 כח 5th Night Chanukah	9 כט 6th Night Chanukah	10 ל Rosh Chodesh Tevet 7th Night Chanukah	11 א Rosh Chodesh Tevet 8th Night Chanukah	12 ב Miketz Chanukah
13 ג	14 ד	15 ה	16 ו	17 ז	18 ח	19 ט Vayigash
20 י Fast of Asara B'Tevet	21 יא	22 יב	23 יג	24 יד Christmas Eve	25 טו Christmas Day	26 טז Vayechi Boxing Day (CA, UK)
27 יז	28 יח	29 יט	30 כ	31 כא New Year's Eve		

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Great White Pelican / Shaknai Matzuy / שקנאי מצוי

The Great White Pelican is one of the largest and heaviest birds seen in Israel, with a wide wingspan, broad white wings, and a long bill with an expandable throat pouch used for catching fish. Israel lies along its major migration flyway, and large flocks pass through the country each year between Eurasia and Africa. While most Great White Pelicans pass through Israel during migration, some remain through the winter in wetlands, reservoirs, and fishpond landscapes. Photographer: Piki Ish-Shalom

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JANUARY2027

טבת – שבט 5787

January *is when Israel's winter beauty comes into its own. The landscapes are green, streams run full after the rains, and wildflowers begin to appear across fields, forests, and open spaces. Narcissus and cyclamen bloom in rocky places and woodland shade, while the first anemones hint at the great carpets of red still to come.*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 כב New Year's Day	2 כג Shemot
3 כד	4 כה	5 כו	6 כז	7 כח	8 כט	9 א Va'era Rosh Chodesh Shvat
10 ב	11 ג	12 ד	13 ה	14 ו	15 ז	16 ח Bo
17 ט	18 י Martin Luther King Jr. Day (US)	19 יא	20 יב	21 יג	22 יד	23 טו Beshalach Tu B'Shvat
24 טז	25 יז	26 יח	27 יט International Holocaust Remembrance Day	28 כ	29 כא	30 כב Yitro
31 כג						

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Fine-leaved Star-of-Bethlehem / Netz-Halav Dak-Alim / נץ-חלב דק-עלים

The Fine-leaved Star-of-Bethlehem is a small bulbous plant that flowers in Israel during the winter and early spring. It sends up narrow leaves and delicate white flowers from an underground bulb, taking advantage of the brief cool, moist season before the long dry months return. In Israel, it grows mainly in open desert and shrub-steppe habitats. Photographer: Piki Ish-Shalom

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FEBRUARY2027

שבט – אדר א 5787

February *is one of the most colorful months in Israel's natural calendar. Following the winter rains, countless wildflowers bloom across fields and hillsides, from the Galilee to the Judean Hills. In the northern Negev, vast carpets of red anemones appear. This spectacular phenomenon, known affectionately as Darom Adom [Red South], draws tens of thousands of visitors southward every weekend.*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 כד	2 כה	3 כו	4 כז	5 כח	6 כט Mishpatim
7 ל Rosh Chodesh Adar I	8 א Rosh Chodesh Adar I	9 ב	10 ג	11 ד	12 ה	13 ו Teruma
14 ז Valentine's Day	15 ח Presidents' Day (US) Family Day (CA) Presidents' Day (US)	16 ט	17 י	18 יא	19 יב	20 יג Tetzaveh
21 יד	22 טו	23 טז	24 יז	25 יח	26 יט	27 כ Ki Tisa
28 כא						

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Syrian Demoiselle / Takhshitit Zoheret / תכשיטית זוהרת

The Syrian Demoiselle is a globally endangered damselfly endemic to the southern Levant, and the largest damselfly found in Israel. The male is recognized by its metallic blue-green body and dark-tipped wings. Its life cycle is tied to clean, flowing freshwater: eggs are laid in aquatic vegetation, larvae develop underwater, and adults begin emerging from late April, and live 40-50 days. Photographer: Dikla Gabriely



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MARCH2027

אדר א – אדר ב 5787

*In **March**, Israel is still cool enough for long hikes, while spring is already in full bloom. Maintained by our Israel Trails Committee, the country's marked trail system stretches some 15,000 km — offering the best and safest way to hike through Israel's green and blooming landscapes.*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 כב	2 כג	3 כד	4 כה	5 כו	6 כז Vayakhel
7 כח Mother's Day (UK)	8 כט	9 ל Rosh Chodesh Adar II	10 א Rosh Chodesh Adar II	11 ב	12 ג	13 ד Pekudei
14 ה	15 ו	16 ז	17 ח	18 ט	19 י	20 יא Vayikra
21 יב	22 יג Fast of Esther	23 יד Purim	24 טו Shushan Purim	25 טז	26 יז Good Friday	27 יח Tzav
28 יט Easter Sunday	29 כ Easter Monday (CA, UK)	30 כא	31 כב			

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Judean Viper's Bugloss / Okhnai Yehuda / עכנאי יהודה

Judean Viper's Bugloss is a spring wildflower of Israel's Mediterranean landscapes. Its vivid purple flowers and bristly foliage are adapted to protect the plant from grazing and water loss. Rich in nectar, it attracts numerous bees and other pollinators. The species is endemic to Israel and neighboring areas, and is among the most distinctive of the wildflower displays that characterize the Israeli spring. Photographer: Piki Ish-Shalom

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APRIL2027

אדר ב – ניסן 5787

*In **April**, Israel's spring feels especially generous and lush. Life seems to explode everywhere: red poppies and yellow wild mustard are in full bloom, painting the landscape with vivid color. The animal world moves into high gear as well. This is prime breeding time; from insects to reptiles to birds and mammals, all are busy making the most of late springtime, before summer's arid heat returns.*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 כג	2 כד	3 כה Shemini
4 כו	5 כז	6 כח	7 כט	8 א Rosh Chodesh Nisan	9 ב	10 ג Tazria
11 ד	12 ה	13 ז	14 ז	15 ח	16 ט	17 י Metzora Shabbat Hagadol
18 יא	19 יב	20 יג	21 יד Erev Pesach	22 טו Earth Day Pesach	23 טז Pesach	24 יז Pesach
25 יח Pesach	26 יט Pesach	27 כ Pesach	28 כא Pesach	29 כב Pesach	30 כג	

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Long-eared Owl / Yanshuf Etzim / ינשוף עצים

The Long-eared Owl is a medium-sized nocturnal raptor found in woodlands, orchards, gardens and other areas with mature trees. Its large forward-facing eyes give it excellent binocular vision, but because the eyes are fixed in their sockets, the owls turn their heads to look around and judge distance. The sideways tilt shown here is typical of young, curious owls. These youngsters have likely left the nest but are still dependent on their parents, perching nearby while they continue to grow and develop. Photographer: Dafna Ben Nun

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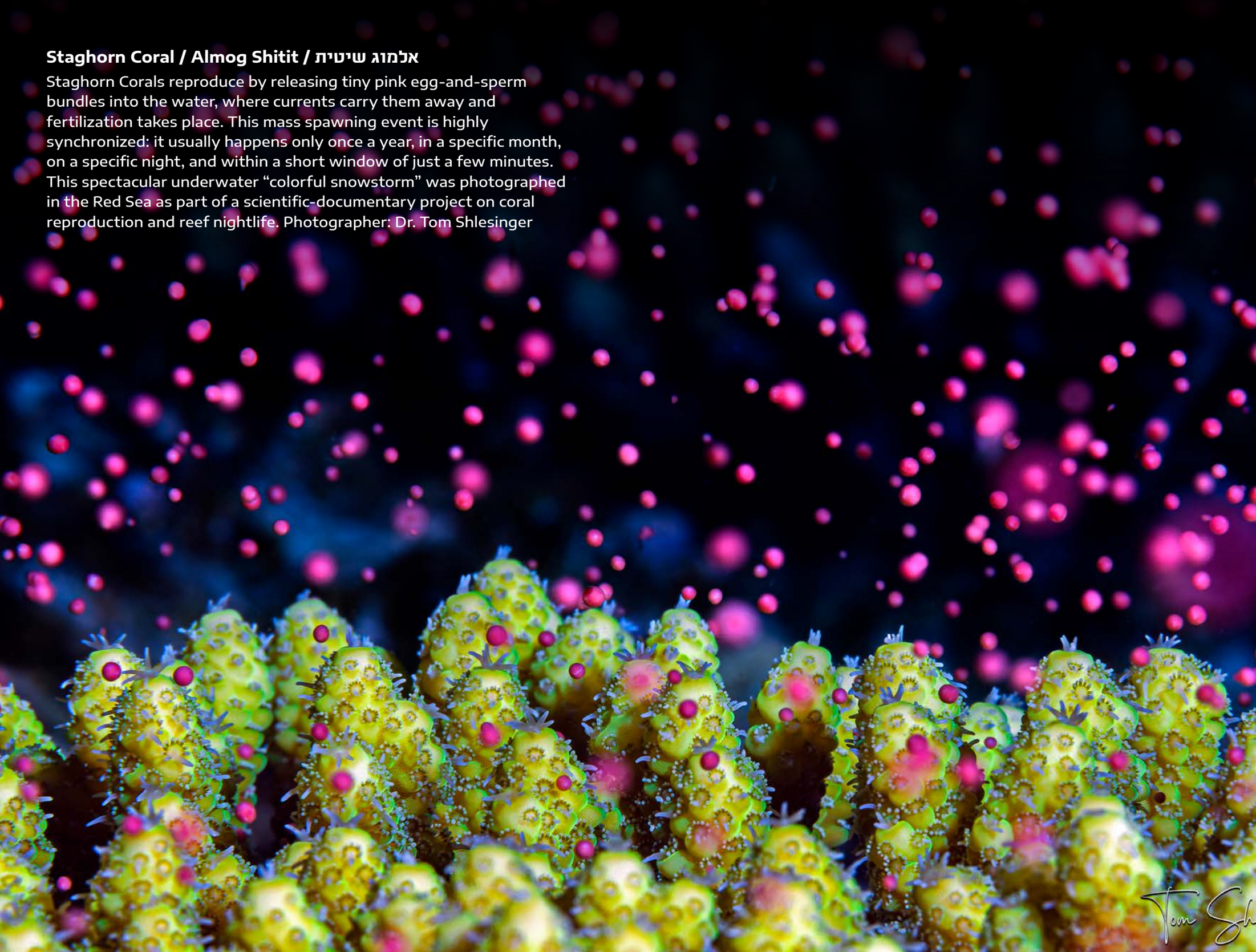
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*In **May**, Israel is on the brink of summer. Spring green is fading fast, giving way to summer's yellow and gold. Spring bird migration is winding down: storks and pelicans have already passed through in huge flocks, but late migrants — bee-eaters, warblers, flycatchers, and raptors — still cross the country on their way north. The period of abundance is nearing its end, and nature begins to prepare for the long dry months ahead.*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 כד Acharei Mot
2 כה	3 כו Early May Bank Holiday (UK)	4 כז Yom Hashoah	5 כח	6 כט	7 ל Rosh Chodesh Iyyar	8 א Kedoshim Rosh Chodesh Iyyar
9 ב Mother's Day (US, CA)	10 ג	11 ד Yom Hazikaron	12 ה Yom Haatzma'ut	13 ו	14 ז	15 ח Emor
16 ט	17 י	18 יא	19 יב	20 יג	21 יד	22 טו Behar
23 טז	24 יז Victoria Day (CA)	25 יח Lag B'Omer	26 יט	27 כ	28 כא	29 כב Bechukotai
30 כג	31 כד Memorial Day (US) Spring Bank Holiday (UK)					

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Staghorn Coral / Almog Shitit / אלמוג שיטית

Staghorn Corals reproduce by releasing tiny pink egg-and-sperm bundles into the water, where currents carry them away and fertilization takes place. This mass spawning event is highly synchronized: it usually happens only once a year, in a specific month, on a specific night, and within a short window of just a few minutes. This spectacular underwater “colorful snowstorm” was photographed in the Red Sea as part of a scientific-documentary project on coral reproduction and reef nightlife. Photographer: Dr. Tom Shlesinger

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JUNE2027
אייר – סיוון 5787

*In **June**, Israel's hot, dry, and bright summer begins in earnest. Many mammals avoid the midday sun and become active mainly at night. Birds fill the dawn with calls but retreat to the shade for much of the day, and even reptiles begin to shift their activity to cooler hours. During the day, cicadas give the Israeli summer its unmistakable soundtrack.*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 כה	2 כו	3 כז	4 כח Yom Yerushalayim	5 כט Bamidbar
6 א Rosh Chodesh Sivan	7 ב	8 ג	9 ד	10 ה Erev Shavuot	11 ו Shavuot	12 ז Shavuot
13 ח	14 ט	15 י	16 יא	17 יב	18 יג Juneteenth (US)	19 יד Naso
20 טו Father's Day	21 טז	22 יז	23 יח	24 יט	25 כ	26 כא Beha'alotecha
27 כב	28 כג	29 כד	30 כה			

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Eurasian Griffon / Nesher Mikra'i / נשר מקראי

The Eurasian Griffon is one of Israel's largest birds of prey and an important scavenger in open landscapes, cliffs, and desert regions. The Eurasian Griffon feeds mainly on carrion, helping remove carcasses from the environment and limit the spread of disease. In this photograph, two Eurasian Griffons encounter Arabian Wolves at a feeding site — a reminder that scavenging is part of a wider ecological system shared by birds and mammals. In Israel, Eurasian Griffons have suffered severe declines, making their protection a major conservation priority. Photographer: Yuval Dax

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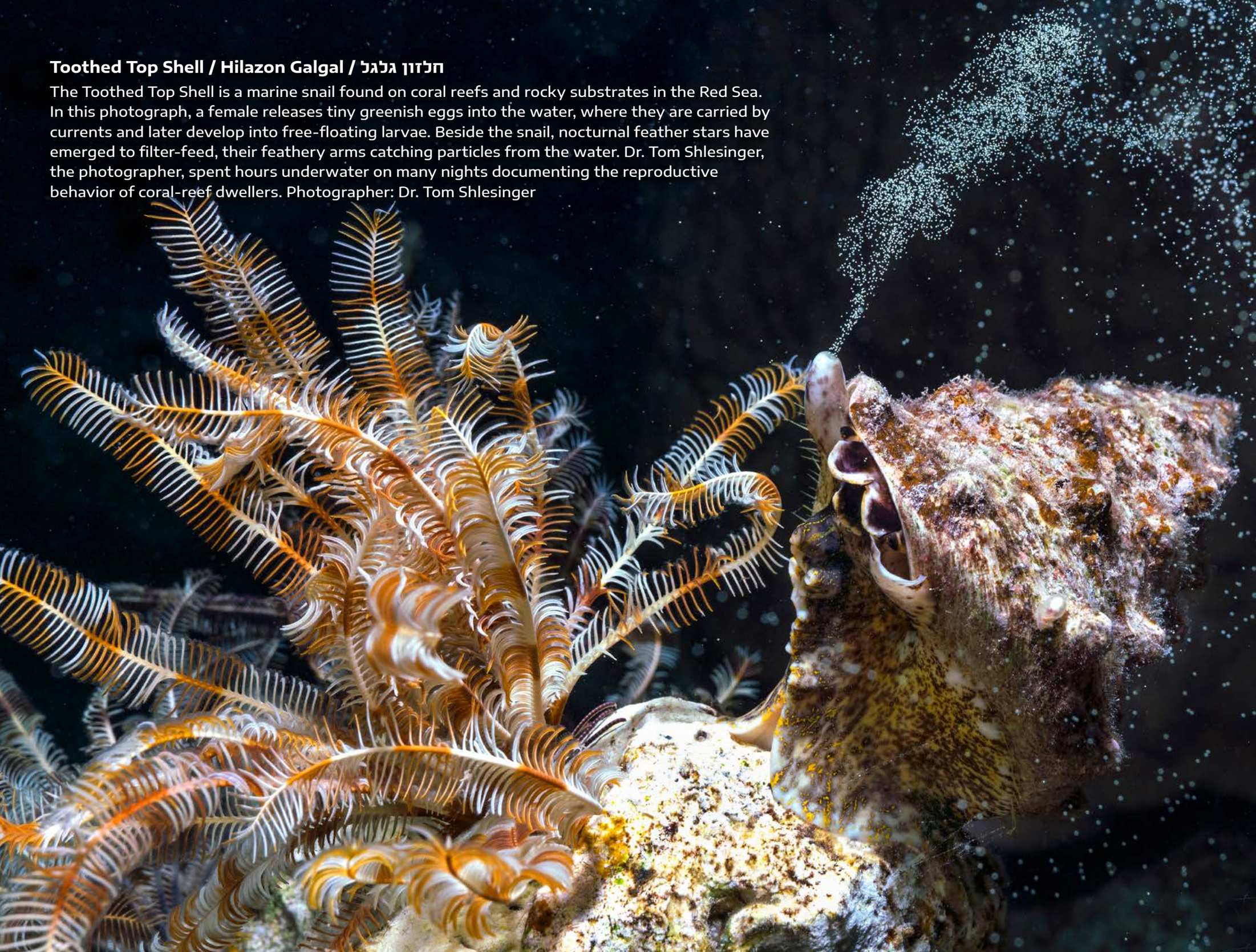
JULY2027
סיוון – תמוז 5787

*By **July**, the landscape has been baking under the sun for weeks. Across much of Israel, the open country has turned dry and golden. For green shade, people look north — to the Carmel and Galilee mountains, where natural woodlands and planted pine forests remain steadfastly green throughout the summer.*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 כו Canada Day (CA)	2 כז	3 כח Shlach Lecha
4 כט Independence Day (US)	5 ל Rosh Chodesh Tammuz	6 א Rosh Chodesh Tammuz	7 ב	8 ג	9 ד	10 ה Korach
11 ו	12 ז	13 ח	14 ט	15 י	16 יא	17 יב Chukat Balak
18 יג	19 יד	20 טו	21 טז	22 יז Shivah Asar B'Tammuz	23 יח	24 יט Pinchas
25 כ	26 כא	27 כב	28 כג	29 כד	30 כה	31 כו Matot Masel

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Toothed Top Shell / Hilazon Galgal / חלזון גלגל

The Toothed Top Shell is a marine snail found on coral reefs and rocky substrates in the Red Sea. In this photograph, a female releases tiny greenish eggs into the water, where they are carried by currents and later develop into free-floating larvae. Beside the snail, nocturnal feather stars have emerged to filter-feed, their feathery arms catching particles from the water. Dr. Tom Shlesinger, the photographer, spent hours underwater on many nights documenting the reproductive behavior of coral-reef dwellers. Photographer: Dr. Tom Shlesinger

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AUGUST2027

תמוז – אב 5787

*In **August**, Israel's land is hot and dry — but its seas are full of life. The Mediterranean coast stretches along sandy beaches, dunes, and rocky shores. In Eilat, the country's southernmost point, the Red Sea is home to one of the world's northernmost coral reefs. No scuba gear required: even snorkeling reveals an almost impossibly colorful world beneath the surface.*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 כז	2 כח Civic Holiday (CA)	3 כט	4 א Rosh Chodesh Av	5 ב	6 ג	7 ד Devarim
8 ה	9 ו	10 ז	11 ח Erev Tisha B'Av	12 ט Tisha B'Av	13 י	14 יא Va'etchanan
15 יב	16 יג	17 יד	18 טו	19 טז	20 יז	21 יח Eikev
22 יט	23 כ	24 כא	25 כב	26 כג	27 כד	28 כה Re'eh
29 כו	30 כז Summer Bank Holiday (UK)	31 כח				

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Loggerhead Sea Turtle / Tzav Yam Chum / צב ים חום

The Loggerhead Sea Turtle nests along Israel's Mediterranean coast, where females come ashore at night to lay eggs on sandy beaches. After hatching, the tiny turtles emerge from the nest and make their way toward the sea, guided by the brighter horizon over the water. During this short journey they are vulnerable; predators, artificial lighting, beach traffic, and human disturbance can all prevent hatchlings from reaching the sea. By protecting Israel's beaches and raising awareness about these threats, SPNI helps create safer conditions for sea turtle nests and hatchlings. Photographer: Dafna Ben Nun

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SEPTEMBER2027

אב – אלול 5787

September *in Israel is still hot and dry. However, late summer brings the ripening of many native fruits — figs, dates, carobs, and pomegranates; fruit bats fill the nights, feasting on this abundance. In anticipation of the fertile winter and spring, Persian fallow deer and mountain gazelles begin their rutting season. Along the coast, tiny hatchlings emerge and make their way towards the sea as turtle hatching season reaches its peak.*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 כט	2 ל Rosh Chodesh Elul	3 א Rosh Chodesh Elul	4 ב Shoftim
5 ג	6 ד Labor Day (US, CA)	7 ה	8 ו	9 ז	10 ח	11 ט Ki Teitzei
12 י	13 יא	14 יב	15 יג	16 יד	17 טו	18 טז Ki Tavo
19 יז	20 יח	21 יט	22 כ	23 כא	24 כב	25 כג Nitzavim Vayelech
26 כד	27 כה	28 כו	29 כז	30 כח		

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Arabian Red Fox / Shu'al Aravi / שועל ערבי

The Arabian Red Fox is a subspecies of the Red Fox, found across the Arabian Peninsula and, in Israel, mainly in the southern desert and Negev regions. It is well adapted to desert life: its body is smaller and slimmer than that of the European Red Fox, while its very large ears help release body heat and sharpen its hearing. It also has fur between its toes, protecting its feet from hot sand. Mostly nocturnal, it is an opportunistic feeder, eating rodents, birds, reptiles, insects, fruit, and carrion. Photographer: Moshe Kruger

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__October__ is officially the first full month of fall, but in Israel the heat often refuses to take the hint — especially as climate change stretches the long dry summer. Still, nature keeps many of its appointments. The White Wagtail, the beloved nahlieli [נַחֲלִיאֵלִי], continues to appear every autumn, bobbing its tail as if it owns the place. And the sea squill sends up its iconic white blooms, insisting that summer has come to an end.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 כט Erev Rosh Hashana	2 א Rosh Hashana
3 ב Rosh Hashana	4 ג Fast of Gedaliah	5 ד	6 ה	7 ז	8 ז	9 ח Ha'azinu
10 ט Erev Yom Kippur	11 י Indigenous Peoples Day (US) Thanksgiving (CA) Yom Kippur	12 יא	13 יב	14 יג	15 יד Erev Sukkot	16 טו Sukkot
17 טז Sukkot	18 יז Sukkot	19 יח Sukkot	20 יט Sukkot	21 כ Sukkot	22 כא Hoshana Rabbah	23 כב Shmini Atzeret
24 כג Simchat Torah	25 כד	26 כה	27 כו	28 כז	29 כח	30 כט Bereishit
31 ל Halloween Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan	October 7 National Remembrance Day					

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Nubian Ibex / Ya'el Nubí / יעל נובי

The Nubian Ibex is a wild goat found mainly in the Negev, the Judean Desert, the Dead Sea region, and other desert-edge landscapes. It is mentioned in the Bible as an animal of the high mountains — a fitting description for a species remarkably adapted to cliffs and rocky terrain. With strong legs, flexible hooves, and extraordinary balance, ibex can move across steep slopes and seemingly sheer rock faces with ease. Young ibex remain close to females as they grow, learning to navigate this demanding landscape.
Photographer: Yuval Dax

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*In Israel, **November's** rains coax many forms of life out of their summer dormancy. Fresh shoots push through the soil, snails appear, amphibians emerge from their shelters, and flower bulbs begin to stir underground. At this time of year, thousands of Israelis set out on an annual pilgrimage to seek the autumn daffodil — a crocus-like geophyte whose glowing yellow flowers appear suddenly in bright patches across rocky slopes and open landscapes.*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 א Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan	2 ב	3 ג	4 ד	5 ה	6 ו Noach
7 ז	8 ח	9 ט	10 י	11 יא Remembrance Day (CA, UK) Veterans' Day (US) Yitzchak Rabin Memorial Day	12 יב	13 יג Lech-Lecha
14 יד	15 טו	16 טז	17 יז	18 יח	19 יט	20 כ Vayeira
21 כא	22 כב	23 כג	24 כד	25 כה Thanksgiving (US)	26 כו	27 כז Chayei Sarah
28 כח	29 כט	30 ל Rosh Chodesh Kislev				

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Jungle Cat / Hatul Bitzot / חתול ביצות

The Jungle Cat, also known as the Swamp Cat, is one of Israel's wild cats, closely associated with wetlands, reed beds, stream banks, and other dense vegetation near water. Unlike most domestic cats, it is an excellent swimmer and may hunt fish and frogs in the water. It can also leap up to two meters from a standing start to catch birds in flight! While globally considered of Least Concern, the Jungle Cat is Vulnerable in Israel, where drainage of wetlands, agricultural poisoning, road deaths, and habitat loss threaten its remaining populations. Photographer: Liron Shapira

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December *plays an important part in Israel's water drama. Rain measurements are taken everywhere, and the Kinneret water level is reported on the national news almost daily. Dry wadis in the Negev, Judean Desert, and Arava can turn into roaring torrents within minutes — very dangerous, but, from a safe distance, among Israel's most majestic natural sights as well as extremely important for the survival of natural systems in the deserts.*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 א Rosh Chodesh Kislev	2 ב	3 ג	4 ד Toldot
5 ה	6 ו	7 ז	8 ח	9 ט	10 י	11 יא Vayeitzei
12 יב	13 יג	14 יד	15 טו	16 טז	17 יז	18 יח Vayishlach
19 יט	20 כ	21 כא	22 כב	23 כג	24 כד Christmas Eve 1st Night Chanukah	25 כה Vayeshev Christmas Day 2nd Night Chanukah
26 כו Boxing Day (CA, UK) 3rd Night Chanukah	27 כז 4th Night Chanukah	28 כח 5th Night Chanukah	29 כט 6th Night Chanukah	30 ל 7th Night Chanukah Rosh Chodesh Tevet	31 א New Year's Eve 8th Night Chanukah Rosh Chodesh Tevet	

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