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שָׁבֵט-אָדָר תשע"ז

SUNDAY יום ראשון <i>Yom Rishon</i>	MONDAY יום שני <i>Yom Sheini</i>	TUESDAY יום שלישי <i>Yom Shelishi</i>	WEDNESDAY יום רביעי <i>Yom Revi'i</i>	THURSDAY יום חמישי <i>Yom Hamishi</i>	FRIDAY יום שישי <i>Yom Shishi</i>	SATURDAY יום שבת <i>Yom Shabbat</i>
			1 5 Shevat Ilan Ramon, the first Israeli astronaut, died in the Columbia disaster on this date in 2003. Learn more about him here .	2 6 Shevat Today is Jewish Disability Advocacy Day. Contact your elected official or speak to the leadership at your congregation about a change you'd like to see to include people of all abilities.	3 7 Shevat Tomorrow is National Homemade Soup Day in the USA. Make a soup to enjoy at Shabbat lunch. Here are 10 suggestions for inspiration.	4 8 Shevat  BO The mitzvah of Rosh Chodesh is based on <i>la' Yune</i> . Share a picture of yourself standing with the moon.
5 9 Shevat Super Bowl LI (51) Tackle these words so that you can root for your favorite team in Hebrew.	6 10 Shevat The Jewish Telegraphic Agency was founded on this date in 1917 by Jacob Landau. JTA continues to provide news to people and newspapers around the world. Check them out here .	7 11 Shevat Tu B'Shevat is coming up at the end of the week. Let's give thanks for trees! Click here for a cool art project to get you in the mood.	8 12 Shevat Theologian and philosopher Martin Buber was born in 1878. He said, "All journeys have secret destinations of which the traveler is unaware." At dinner tonight, ask family members if they think this is true.	9 13 Shevat Today is National Bagel Day in the USA. It is also National Pizza Day. Did someone say, "Pizza Bagels"? Find an easy recipe here .	10 14 Shevat Tu B'Shevat begins tonight. Consider having a Tu B'Shevat Seder at your Shabbat table. Check out these ideas to enhance your Seder.	11 15 Shevat  BESHALACH With timbrels, the Song of the Sea Miriam did enhance. Show a picture of you doing your own happy dance.
12 16 Shevat משפחה (<i>Mishpachah</i> , family) Time. Make a date for your mishpachah to work on a puzzle together. Many libraries have them available for check out.	13 17 Shevat National Clean Out Your Computer Day is today. Once you have cleaned your device of unnecessary items, consider adding one of these Jewish apps .	14 18 Shevat Learn a new Hebrew word! Ahavah אהבה means love! Lev לב means heart!	15 19 Shevat Have a mid-week dance party. Find some great Jewish music at Jewish Rock Radio .	16 20 Shevat Get moving! Do some stretches by making your body into the shape of various Hebrew letters. For more info check out Alef Bet Yoga .	17 21 Shevat Celebrate Random Acts of Kindness Day. Offer to do home hospitality for Shabbat dinner or send a Shabbat-o-Gram (a Shabbat greeting) to someone you love.	18 22 Shevat  Yitro Thunder! Lightning! Loud Shofar Blast! God's presence in full view. Show a picture of something that is awesome to you.
19 23 Shevat Take the opportunity to sing out in joy. Belt out Hallelujah (Psalm 150) to one of the tunes in this Blendspace .	20 24 Shevat Celebrate the American presidents today! Go here to explore how Presidential speeches often embody Jewish values.	21 25 Shevat The first Egyptian diplomats arrived in Israel to open the Egyptian embassy in Tel Aviv on this date in 1980. Click here to read about the events that led to this historic development.	22 26 Shevat צער בעלי חיים (<i>Tza'ar Ba'alei Chaim</i>) is the value of making sure that animals do not suffer. Fun Fact: According to the Torah (Deut. 11:15), you should feed your pets before you eat.	23 27 Shevat Leo Hirschfeld introduced the first Tootsie Roll on this day in 1896. Snack on a Tootsie Roll while reading here about the candy's humble beginnings.	24 28 Shevat Tel Aviv Marathon Go for a long run before Shabbat. (You decide what "long run" means.) Take the next 26.2 hours to recuperate.	25 29 Shevat  MISHPATIM Even for animals, Shabbat is the best. Show a picture of your favorite animal having a nice rest. Mention @JTeach.org #ParashaPic
26 30 Shevat Today is National Tell a Fairy Tale Day. Find a Jewish folk tale (in your library or online) and share it with a friend. Rosh Chodesh Adar	27 1 Adar Be Happy, It's Adar! When Adar enters, our happiness is increased. Do something silly to get yourself and others ready for Purim. Rosh Chodesh Adar	28 2 Adar What will you be for Purim this year? It's not too early to start thinking about your costume. Read Mayim Bialik: Purim Costumes on the Cheap for inspiration.	אֶרֶץ חִטָּה וְשֵׁעֲרָה וְגֶפֶן וְתַאֲנָה וְרִמּוֹן אֶרֶץ-זֵית שָׁמֶן וְדָבָשׁ – דְּבָרִים חֹ: "A land of wheat, and barley, and vines, and fig trees, and pomegranates; a land of olive oil, and honey." <i>Deuteronomy 8:8</i>			