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אב-אלול תשע"ז



| SUNDAY יום ראשון Yom Rishon | MONDAY יום שני Yom Sheini | TUESDAY יום שלישי Yom Shelishi | WEDNESDAY יום רביעי Yom Revi'i | THURSDAY יום חמישי Yom Hamishi | FRIDAY יום שישי Yom Shishi | SATURDAY יום שבת Yom Shabbat |
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| <p>עֲשֵׂה לְךָ רֵב, וְקַיֵּה לְךָ חֵבֵר – פְּרָקֵי אֲבוֹת א:ו</p> <p>...Make for yourself a teacher, acquire for yourself a friend... — Pirkei Avot 1:6</p> | | <p>1 9 Av</p> <p>The 9th day of Av is a day of mourning commemorating many tragic events, the most prominent being the destruction of the first and second Temples. Learn more here.</p> <p>Tish'a B'Av</p> | <p>2 10 Av</p> <p>August is National Crayon Collection Month. Ask local kid-friendly restaurants to keep gently used crayons. Donate them to a school at the end of the month.</p> | <p>3 11 Av</p> <p>The Hebrew word for garden is גַּן (<i>gan</i>). Learn the words for some of the things growing in your <i>gan</i> here.</p> | <p>4 12 Av</p> <p>Birthdate of Louis Armstrong. Did you know: He was given money to buy his first cornet by the Karnofskys, the Jewish family for whom he worked. He wore a Star of David in appreciation.</p> | <p>5 13 Av</p>  |
| <p>6 14 Av</p> <p>משפּחה (Mishpachah, family) Time: August is Family Fun Month. Today is a great day to do something together. Have a picnic, go on a bike ride, play a board game.</p> | <p>7 15 Av</p> <p>Today is the Jewish Day of Love! This ancient holiday has been rejuvenated in modern Israel. Do something nice for someone you love.</p> <p>Tu B'Av</p> | <p>8 16 Av</p> <p>If you plant carrots and beets now in many parts of the US, you will be able to harvest them in time for a Sukkot meal in October.</p> | <p>9 17 Av</p> <p><i>Les Miserables</i> debuts in Israel in 1987, You can listen to the soundtrack in Hebrew here.</p> | <p>10 18 Av</p> <p>Ruth Bader Ginsberg is sworn in as a Supreme Court Justice on this date in 1993. Read about her life in I Dissent: Ruth Bader Ginsburg Makes Her Mark.</p> | <p>11 19 Av</p> <p>Shabbat Barbecue! Prepare Shabbat dinner on a grill (or a grill pan if you must). Up the wow factor with Israeli-inspired cuisine.</p> | <p>12 20 Av</p>  |
| <p>13 21 Av</p> <p>Today is International Left-Handers Day. The Bible mentions left-handers only three times. Ironically, all three refer to the tribe of Benjamin, which means, "son of my right hand."</p> | <p>14 22 Av</p> <p>School is starting soon! Learn the Hebrew words for many of the things in your classroom or label your learning space at home. Use this link to get started.</p> | <p>15 23 Av</p> <p>The Woodstock Music and Art Fair began on this day in 1969 on Jewish dairy farmer Max Yasgur's farm.</p> | <p>16 24 Av</p> <p>Joe Lieberman accepts the Democratic nomination for VP in 2000, the first Jewish person on a major party ticket. What values might a Jewish president prioritize?</p> | <p>17 25 Av</p> <p>The Hebrew Congregation of Newport, Rhode Island presented a letter to George Washington in 1790. His reply read in part, "to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance."</p> | <p>18 26 Av</p> <p>Kibbutz Yiftah was founded near Israel's northern border by former members of the Yiftach Brigade in 1948. Over Shabbat dinner discuss what it means to fight for and build something you love.</p> | <p>19 27 Av</p>  |
| <p>20 28 Av</p> <p>August is HOT! If you lived in Israel, you could cool off in one of her four seas: the Kinneret, the Red Sea, the Dead Sea, or the Mediterranean.</p> | <p>21 29 Av</p> <p>Total Solar Eclipse sun שֶׁמֶשׁ moon יָרֵחַ Solar eclipse לְקוּי חַמָּה</p> | <p>22 30 Av</p> <p>Traditionally, Jewish people begin their intense spiritual preparation for the High Holy Days in the Hebrew month of Elul, which starts tonight.</p> <p>Rosh Chodesh Elul</p> | <p>23 1 Elul</p> <p>In preparation for Rosh Hashanah, the shofar is sounded in the morning from today through the end of Elul. See how shofars are made.</p> <p>Rosh Chodesh Elul</p> | <p>24 2 Elul</p> <p>Write a blessing for anyone in your family who is starting a new school year. Invite your family members to do the same. You can find one ready-made here.</p> | <p>25 3 Elul</p> <p>In 2004, Gal Fridman secured Israel's first Olympic gold medal in the Mistral, a type of windsurfing. What's your favorite thing to do on or in the water?</p> | <p>26 4 Elul</p>  |
| <p>27 5 Elul</p> <p>The first passenger train arrives in Jerusalem from Jaffa in 1892. The line can still be traveled today. Sing a Hebrew train song in honor of the event.</p> | <p>28 6 Elul</p> <p>Martin Luther King, Jr. gave his "I Have a Dream" speech today. Be inspired to action by the connection between Dr. King and Abraham Joshua Heschel.</p> | <p>29 7 Elul</p> <p>The First Zionist Congress opened on this date in 1897. Theodor Herzl predicted in his diary that a Jewish state would be founded within 50 years.</p> | <p>30 8 Elul</p> <p>Judith Resnik becomes the first Jewish American astronaut in space in 1984. On her first mission, she deployed a solar sail. Try designing your own solar sail.</p> | <p>31 9 Elul</p> <p>Itzhak Perlman was born on this date in 1945. How does music inspire you? Share a piece of special music with a friend or family member.</p> | <p>© 2017 JTeach.org BJE Chicago's Jewish Online Resource Center</p> | |