

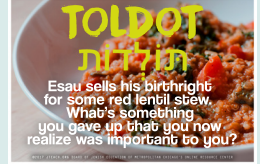



# NOVEMBER 2017

## חֶשְׁוֹן-כֶּסֶלױ תשע״ח

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
<p>אמר לפניו לא כך שאלתי אלא גשמי רצון ברכה ונדבה — תענית כג.</p> <p>“[Honi] said before [God], “I did not ask for this but rather [for] rains of goodwill, blessing, and generosity” — Tractate <i>Ta'anit</i> 23a</p>			<p><b>1</b> 12 Cheshvan</p> <p>Do you suddenly find yourself with too much candy? Repurpose it for a <a href="#">mitzvah project!</a></p>	<p><b>2</b> 13 Cheshvan</p> <p>Cookie Monster Day. Happy Birthday Cookie Monster! Eat some <a href="#">rugelach</a> and/or mandel bread in his honor. And remember, “<a href="#">C</a>” is <a href="#">for cookie</a>.</p>	<p><b>3</b> 14 Cheshvan</p> <p>National Sandwich Day. Normally, the sandwich comes before the cookie; but why not have a <a href="#">brisket</a> sandwich for Shabbat dinner to celebrate?</p>	<p><b>4</b> 15 Cheshvan</p> 
<p><b>5</b> 16 Cheshvan</p> <p>Turn your <a href="#">שעון</a> (clock) backward and check your <a href="#">גלאי אש</a> (fire alarms). Daylight Savings Time ends today in the USA and Canada (last week in other parts of the world).</p>	<p><b>6</b> 17 Cheshvan</p> <p><a href="#">לדור ודור</a> From Generation to Generation. Start scanning old photos into digital files. and create a pictorial family history.</p>	<p><b>7</b> 18 Cheshvan</p> <p>What's so Jewish about voting? Funny you should ask. Go <a href="#">here</a> to explore Jewish approaches to democracy and the democratic process.</p>	<p><b>8</b> 19 Cheshvan</p> <p>Trees need rain, and this is the rainy season in Israel. <a href="#">Check out</a> how one scientist is bringing back an ancient Judean tree that was extinct for 2,000 years.</p>	<p><b>9</b> 20 Cheshvan</p> <p>Anniversary of <a href="#">Kristallnacht</a> (1938). Fight hate in your community by organizing people to work together for a common goal like a neighborhood clean-up.</p>	<p><b>10</b> 21 Cheshvan</p> <p>Veterans Day, which falls tomorrow, is observed today. Send a <a href="#">message</a> of support to a current member of the Armed Forces.</p>	<p><b>11</b> 22 Cheshvan</p> <p><b>CHAYEI SARAH</b></p> <p>Rebekah is chosen for showing kindness at the well. How have you shown kindness this week? Do tell!</p> 
<p><b>12</b> 23 Cheshvan</p> <p><a href="#">מִשְׁפָּחָה</a> (<i>Mishpachah</i>, family) Time. It's <a href="#">International Drum Month</a>! Find some drums and start banging away. It is even encouraged in the <a href="#">Tanakh</a>.</p>	<p><b>13</b> 24 Cheshvan</p> <p>Birthday of <a href="#">Louis Brandeis</a> (1856), the first Jewish US Supreme Court Justice. Did you know that Brandeis University's athletic teams are called the Judges?</p>	<p><b>14</b> 25 Cheshvan</p> <p>Theodore Maiman receives a patent for the first <a href="#">laser</a> (1967). Just take a moment to appreciate how awesome this is.</p>	<p><b>15</b> 26 Cheshvan</p> <p>El Al is founded and incorporated (1948). If you could fly to any Jewish community, which one would it be?</p>	<p><b>16</b> 27 Cheshvan</p> <p>Rabbi Mortimer Cohen writes to commission Frank Lloyd Wright's only <a href="#">synagogue</a> (1953). Cohen would be credited as a co-designer of the building.</p>	<p><b>17</b> 28 Cheshvan</p> <p>Tomorrow is the Ethiopian Jewish holiday of <a href="#">Sigd</a>. Celebrate with a traditional <a href="#">Ethiopian Shabbat dish</a>.</p>	<p><b>18</b> 29 Cheshvan</p> 
<p><b>19</b> 1 Kislev</p> <p>Today is Rosh Chodesh Kislev. That means Hanukkah is only 23 nights away. Get ready by <a href="#">making your own candles</a>.</p> <p><b>Rosh Chodesh Kislev</b></p>	<p><b>20</b> 2 Kislev</p> <p>Scholars debate what the 12 stones on the breastplate of the <a href="#">כֹהֵן גָּדוֹל</a> (high priest) were. November's birthstone, topaz, is one of the stones that some scholars identify.</p>	<p><b>21</b> 3 Kislev</p> <p>Positing <math>E=mc^2</math>, Einstein's "<a href="#">Does the Inertia of a Body Depend Upon Its Energy Content?</a>" is published in 1905. What idea of yours could change the world?</p>	<p><b>22</b> 4 Kislev</p> <p>Give others the opportunity to feel thankful by involving yourself in <a href="#">הַאֲכִלַת רֵעִים</a> (feeding the hungry). Volunteer at a local soup kitchen.</p>	<p><b>23</b> 5 Kislev</p> <p>Read about the different things it can mean to be a pilgrim in <i>Molly's Pilgrim</i>. Go <a href="#">here</a> for some ideas for how to relate the book to your own family history.</p>	<p><b>24</b> 6 Kislev</p> <p>Get ready for Shabbat with this <a href="#">Blendspace</a> of <a href="#">זמירות שבת</a> (Shabbat songs).</p>	<p><b>25</b> 7 Kislev</p> 
<p><b>26</b> 8 Kislev</p> <p>Thinking of having some leftover pie? Eat it <i>a la mode</i>! The founders of Häagen-Dazs and Ben &amp; Jerry's and Baskin-Robbins were all <a href="#">Jewish</a>.</p>	<p><b>27</b> 9 Kislev</p> <p>Make some time to be away from your devices and enjoy the natural world around you. Maybe you will even find a reason to say a <a href="#">blessing</a>.</p>	<p><b>28</b> 10 Kislev</p> <p>Giving Tuesday As the seasons continue to change, clean out your closet and donate items to a local shelter or charitable organization.</p>	<p><b>29</b> 11 Kislev</p> <p>How many dates get a <a href="#">street</a> named after them? In 1947, the United Nations approved the <a href="#">Partition Plan</a>, leading to the founding of the State of Israel.</p>	<p><b>30</b> 12 Kislev</p> <p>Happy Birthday comedian and writer Allan Sherman (1924). If you have ever been to summer camp, <a href="#">this song</a> of his will resonate.</p>		