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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>עַל הַנִּסִּים וְעַל הַפְּרָקָן וְעַל הַגְּבוּרוֹת וְעַל הַתְּשׁוּעוֹת וְעַל הַמַּלְחָמוֹת שֶׁעָשִׂיתָ לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בְּזִמְנָן הַזֶּה — מִתְפִּילַת עַל הַנִּסִּים</p> <p>[We give thanks] for the miracles, the redemption, the mighty deeds, the salvations, and the battles that You performed for our ancestors in those days at this time. — From the <i>Al Hanisim</i> prayer said on Hanukkah</p>						<p>1 13 Kislev</p> <p>Pick out a new recipe you have been waiting to try and make it for a festive Shabbat dinner.</p> 
<p>3 15 Kislev</p> <p>National Roof Over Your Head Day. While appreciating your own roof, find a local organization that you can help provide roofs for others.</p>	<p>4 16 Kislev</p> <p>The כְּתוּל (Western Wall) is considered a holy site. Underneath lie tunnels that reveal much about the Temple and Jerusalem's history.</p>	<p>5 17 Kislev</p> <p>Learn some new Hebrew words: Hammer פְּטִיטֵשׁ Oil שֶׁמֶן Miracle נִס</p>	<p>6 18 Kislev</p> <p>Find an Israeli Dance class and learn some new moves. Can't make it to class? Play Israeli music at home and start dancing on your own.</p>	<p>7 19 Kislev</p> <p>Birthday of Solomon Schechter (1847), savior of the Cairo Genizah and namesake of a certain Jewish school system.</p>	<p>8 20 Kislev</p> <p>Pretend to Be a Time Traveler Day If you could choose any travel destination, when would it be? Dress up in the spirit of the day.</p>	<p>9 21 Kislev</p> 
<p>10 22 Kislev</p> <p>Check out your local library. Look for National Jewish Book Award winners.</p>	<p>11 23 Kislev</p> <p>Get ready for Hanukkah with this fun Blendspace.</p>	<p>12 24 Kislev</p> <p>Hanging dreidels? Create these fun decorations to beautify your celebration space.</p> <p>Hanukkah: </p>	<p>13 25 Kislev</p> <p>Mossad established (1949). Much like the Maccabees, the Mossad uses ingenuity and perseverance to succeed. When do you show these qualities?</p> <p>Hanukkah: </p>	<p>14 26 Kislev</p> <p>Make tonight a night to give <i>tzedakah</i> instead of giving to your family and friends.</p> <p>Hanukkah: </p>	<p>15 27 Kislev</p> <p>It's time to fry things for Shabbat. Try one or more of these recipes as you celebrate Shabbat and Hanukkah together.</p> <p>Hanukkah: </p>	<p>16 28 Kislev</p> 
<p>17 29 Kislev</p> <p>Invite family and friends to a Hanukkah party and celebrate with latkes, sufganiyot, and singing.</p> <p>Hanukkah: </p>	<p>18 30 Kislev</p> <p>A שָׂמַשׁ (<i>shamash</i>) is a person who helps out in a synagogue. The <i>shamash</i> candle helps light the other candles.</p> <p>Rosh Chodesh I Hanukkah: </p>	<p>19 1 Tvet</p> <p>The Hebrew calendar is lunisolar. That means it is based on the lunar and solar cycles.</p> <p>Rosh Chodesh II Hanukkah: </p>	<p>20 2 Tvet</p> <p>It is still Hanukkah until the sun goes down today. Make sure to have one last food fried in oil before it gets dark.</p>	<p>21 3 Tvet</p> <p>Skiing in Israel? Of course! Head over to the Mount Hermon ski resort, the only one of its kind in the country.</p>	<p>22 4 Tvet</p> <p>The Dreyfus Affair begins with Alfred Dreyfus' false conviction (1894). Over Shabbat dinner, discuss what it means to be Jewish and...</p>	<p>23 5 Kislev</p> 
<p>24 6 Tvet</p> <p>Organize a cookie bake for first responders who are working tonight. Deliver the cookies in home decorated bags.</p>	<p>25 7 Tvet</p> <p>מְשֻׁפָּחָה (family) Time. Think of a way that you can make the day special with your family.</p>	<p>26 8 Tvet</p> <p>Jewish mothers don't let their <i>kinder</i> grow up to be boxers? Maybe not now, but go here to learn about how boxing was once a major Jewish sport.</p>	<p>27 9 Tvet</p> <p>Go outdoors and enjoy all the wonderful creations in the world! Too cold? Bundle up. Too hot? Make sure to stay hydrated. Either way, get up and go out.</p>	<p>28 10 Tvet</p> <p>Today commemorates the beginning of the siege of Jerusalem. If you are fasting, consider donating any money you would have spent on food today.</p> <p>Asara B'Tevet</p>	<p>29 11 Tvet</p> <p>With the solar calendar changing, take time to reflect over Shabbat dinner about the happy and sad things that have happened in the past year.</p>	<p>30 12 Kislev</p> 
<p>31 13 Tvet</p> <p>This is your last chance to make a resolution for the 14th of Tvet! How can you live life as fully as possible tomorrow?</p>						