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טבת-שבט 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
	1 14 Tvet Who knows 1? It's the 1st day of the 1st month. What is one thing that you would like to do better this year?	2 15 Tvet Birthdate of Mendele Moykher Sforim, the grandfather of Yiddish literature. Learn some common Yiddish words in his honor.	3 16 Tvet It's National Spaghetti Day in the USA. Try a new noodle kugel recipe and enjoy! Gluten free option	4 17 Tvet World Braille Day See what the World Blind Union is doing to help blind and partially-sighted people avoid stumbling blocks.	5 18 Tvet Construction begins (1933) on the Golden Gate Bridge , engineered by Joseph Strauss . Over Shabbat dinner, discuss how you can build bridges in your life.	6 19 Tvet 
7 20 Tvet Learn ancient Hebrew script in honor of the deciphering of the oldest Hebrew writing discovered.	8 21 Tvet מִצְוַה (Mitzvah) Monday פִּיקּוּחַ נֶפֶשׁ (pikuach nefesh) is the מִצְוַה of saving a life. Fulfill the mitzvah by donating blood. It is National Blood Donor Month.	9 22 Tvet Apple introduces the iPhone. Check out these Hebrew learning apps.	10 23 Tvet It's Bittersweet Chocolate Day. Read On the Chocolate Trail by Rabbi Deborah Prinz detailing the long history of Jews and chocolate.	11 24 Tvet Francis Salvador becomes the first Jew to hold elected office in the Americas as he takes his seat on the South Carolina Provincial Congress (1775).	12 25 Tvet A long-distance radio message is sent from the Eiffel Tower for the first time (1908). Commemorate by playing "telephone" at your Shabbat table. Extra points for doing it in French	13 26 Tvet 
14 27 Tvet The Simpsons premiered in 1990. Check out a new page of Talmud based on a classic episode .	15 28 Tvet No school today? Clean up your playroom or your closet and donate gently used items.	16 29 Tvet Today is National Freedom of Religion Day. What makes you proud to be Jewish today and every day?	17 1 Shevat Some believed today should be the New Year for Trees. Get ready for the actual New Year for Trees with this Tu B'Shevat Blendspace . Rosh Chodesh Shevat	18 2 Shevat Brush up on your arboreal vocabulary. Tree עֵץ Branch עֵנָף Leaf עֵלֶה Almond שקדִיָּה	19 3 Shevat Indira Ghandi becomes India's first female Prime Minister. Commemorate this day with an Indian Jewish dish for Shabbat dinner.	20 4 Shevat 
21 5 Shevat It's cold outside. Make square snowballs and, instead of a snowman, build the Western Wall. If it's too warm for snow, make a wall out of sugar cubes.	22 6 Shevat Happy Birthday (1908) Lev Landau , Nobel Prize winning physicist! Try your own science experiments at home. Remember to ask an adult first.	23 7 Shevat The Knesset declares Jerusalem the Capital of Israel (1950). The proclamation states that Jerusalem has been the capital since 1948.	24 8 Shevat Eli Cohen arrested (1964). Take the opportunity to remember what this spy meant to Israel .	25 9 Shevat Say תודה (Thank You) to a teacher today. Go an extra step and tell your teacher one meaningful thing you have learned from them.	26 10 Shevat Australia Day! The First Fleet of British ships arrived at New South Wales in 1788. Celebrate by cooking a Jewish dish that has made its way to Australia.	27 11 Shevat 
28 12 Shevat משפחה (Mishpachah, family) Time. Today is National Kazoo Day. Break out your kazoots and fill your home with sweet (?) sounds.	29 13 Shevat Get ready for <i>Tu B'Shevat</i> by baking Seven Species Bread . Really. All seven species in one recipe.	30 14 Shevat <i>Tu B'Shevat</i> begins tonight. If you were a tree, what tree would you be? Explore your inner arboreal nature with Tu B'Shevat yoga .	31 15 Shevat 	<p>"...לא תאמץ את־לִבְּךָ וְלֹא תִקְפֹּץ אֶת־יָדְךָ מֵאֲחִיךָ הָאֶבְיֹן. כִּי־פָתַח תִּפְתָּח אֶת־יָדְךָ לוֹ וְהָעֵבֶט תַּעֲבִיטֻנוּ דִּי מִחֲסָרוֹ אֲשֶׁר יִחְסֹר לוֹ." — דברים טו:ז-ח</p> <p>"...Do not harden your heart and do not shut your hand to your needy brother. Rather you must open your hand and you must pledge enough for what he lacks." — Deuteronomy 15:7-8</p>		