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A Message from Mark, Yoram, and the AJC Board of Directors

We are thrilled to unveil the AJC 2024-2025 New Year Calendar, a tribute to the extraordinary heroes of Israel. This year's calendar, a product of the dedicated AJC team and a group of talented students, is themed עם ישראל חי ("The People of Israel Live").

Reflecting on the past year, we recognize that none of us could have anticipated the difficulties we would encounter. The period since October 7th has been incredibly challenging for Israelis and Jews worldwide. The tragic events of that day, which led to a renewed conflict with Hamas, marked a significant escalation in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and a troubling increase in antisemitic incidents globally.

In response, the AJC has been deeply involved in numerous events throughout the year, including observances of Hanukkah, Yom HaShoah, Yom HaZikaron, Yom Ha'atzmaut, Lag BaOmer, and Shavuot, among others. However, our primary focus since October 7th has been addressing the extraordinary rise in antisemitism in our region.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the students Julian Oxner, Ilan Kogan, Jasper Grant, Shelly Kogan, and Eytan Mendel-Elias, who contributed their time and effort to creating the calendar, and to the AJC team for their unwavering dedication. Special thanks are due to Debora, our graphic designer, for skillfully translating our vision into reality. The team has meticulously verified every detail, from candle lighting times to Jewish holidays and Yahrzeit dates. Please let us know if you find any errors or omissions so we can make corrections for next year's calendar.

We hope you find the calendar both useful and inspiring.

Looking ahead, our 2024 Annual Campaign will begin immediately after Rosh Hashanah. Your generous support and active participation are crucial for the AJC's continued success and ability to provide exceptional programs. Your contributions are appreciated and essential for our community's growth and vitality.

We wish you and your family שנה טובה ומתוקה — a good and sweet year, and גמר חתימה טובה a good sealing in the Book of Life. May 2024-2025 (5785) be a year filled with happiness, health, success, and meaning.

May HaShem bless the IDF, Israel's intelligence and security services, all first responders, the people of Israel, and the global Jewish community

Am Yisrael Chai!

שנה טובה

Mark David
President, AJC

Yoram Abisror
Executive Director, AJC

Jewish Holidays

The holiday starts at sunset on the first date and ends at sunset on the second date.

	2024 - 2025 (5785)	2025 - 2026 (5786)
Rosh Hashanah	October 2 - 4	September 22 - 24
Yom Kippur	October 11 - 12	October 1 - 2
Sukkot	October 16 - 23	October 6 - 13
Shemini Atzeret	October 23 - 24	October 13 - 14
Simchat Torah	October 24 - 25	October 14 - 15
Chanukah	Dec 25 - Jan 2	December 14 - 22
Purim	March 13 - 14	March 2 - 3
Passover	April 12 - 20	April 1 - 9
Shavuot	June 1 - 3	May 21 - 23

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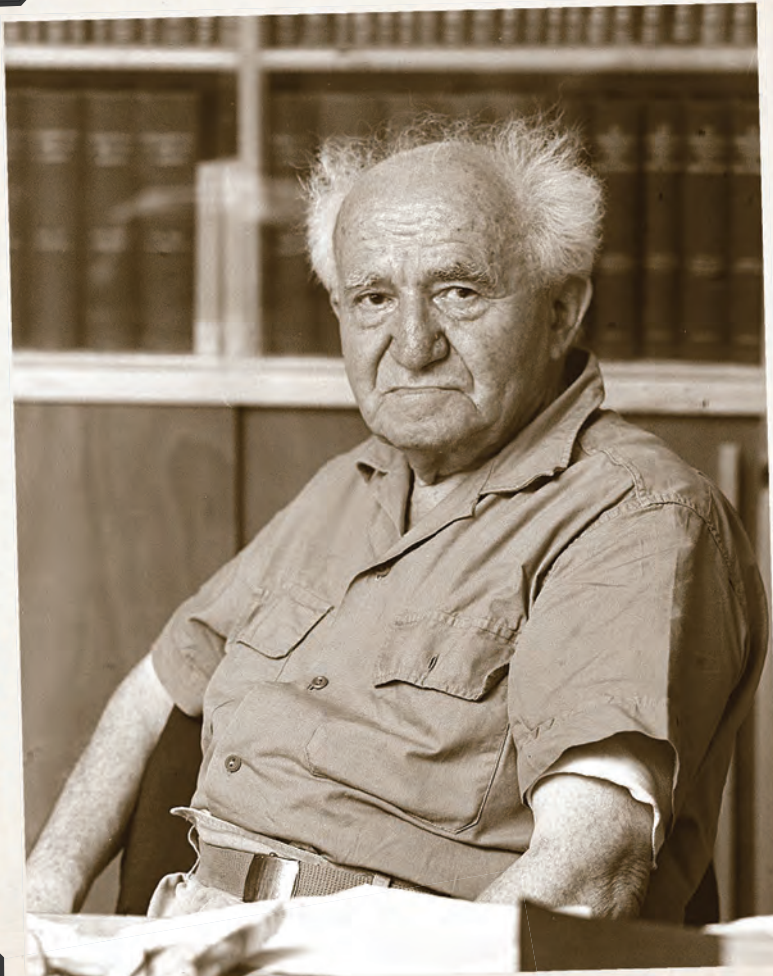
September 2024

Av – Elul (5785)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Av 28 Sara Gergely z”l Emil Jockel z”l	2 Av 29 Labour Day Louis Allen z”l Marianna Ferguson z”l	3 Av 30 David Rubin z”l Rebecca Arron z”l	4 Elul 1	5 Elul 2 Sheldon Hershl Rubin z”l	6 Elul 3 Adelle Rubin z”l	7 Elul 4
8 Elul 5	9 Elul 6	10 Elul 7	11 Elul 8	12 Elul 9	13 Elul 10	14 Elul 11
15 Elul 12	16 Elul 13	17 Elul 14 Ruth Feldman z”l	18 Elul 15 Jacob Cherun z”l	19 Elul 16	20 Elul 17	21 Elul 18
22 Elul 19	23 Elul 20	24 Elul 21	25 Elul 22	26 Elul 23	27 Elul 24	28 Elul 25 Leil Selichot Golda (Lucia) Shilmeister z”l
29 Elul 26	30 Elul 27					



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David Ben-Gurion

David Ben-Gurion, a pivotal figure in Israeli history, distinguished himself through a leadership style characterized by resilience, flexibility, and an unwavering dedication to the security and diplomatic interests of the nation. Born David Grün on October 16, 1886, in Płońsk, Poland, he later adopted a Hebrew name, Ben-Gurion, meaning "son of a lion cub". From a young age, Ben-Gurion was deeply involved in the Zionist movement, advocating for the establishment of a Jewish homeland.

On May 14, 1948, Ben-Gurion formally proclaimed the establishment of the State of Israel and signed the Israeli Declaration of Independence. Under his leadership, the 1948 Arab-Israeli War ensued, leading to the formation of the Israel Defense Forces (IDF).

Throughout his time as the nation's first prime minister and minister of defence, Ben-Gurion focused on building state institutions, overseeing national development, and facilitating the absorption of Jewish immigrants. His foreign policy initiatives included efforts to improve relations with West Germany, notably through a reparations agreement aimed at compensating Jewish victims of the Holocaust.

In 1963, Ben-Gurion retired and later moved to Sde Boker, a kibbutz in the Negev desert, where he lived until his passing in 1973. He is recognized as one of Time magazine's 100 Most Important People of the 20th Century, underscoring his enduring legacy as a key figure in Israeli history.¹



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October 2024

Elul – Tishrei (5785)

¹“David Ben-Gurion”; “Germany and Israel: A Rocky Road to Friendship – DW – 03/13/2020”;
“The Man Who Believed in Miracles – Israel My Glory.”

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		1 Elul 28	2 Erev Rosh Hashanah Elul 29 Ya'acov Suissa z"l	3 Rosh Hashanah Tishrei 1	4 Rosh Hashanah Tishrei 2	5 Tishrei 3 Dr. Anne Hammerling z"l
6 Tishrei 4	7 Tishrei 5	8 Tishrei 6	9 Tishrei 7 Lillian Chippin z"l Max Smith z"l	10 Tishrei 8	11 Erev Yom Kippur Tishrei 9 June Ruth Mercer z"l Harold J. Rosem z"l	12 Yom Kippur Tishrei 10 Louis Attis z"l Eliezer Ben Yehuda Leib z"l
13 Tishrei 11	14 Thanksgiving Tishrei 12	15 Tishrei 13 Max Pascal z"l Lawrence Ferguson z"l Samuel S. Jacobson z"l	16 Erev Sukkot Tishrei 14 Mark Neil Offman z"l Robert Leonard Wolman z"l	17 Sukkot Tishrei 15 David H. Cohen z"l	18 Sukkot Tishrei 16 Gorodon Chippin z"l	19 Sukkot Tishrei 17 Lawerence Green z"l Lily Rutte z"l
20 Sukkot Tishrei 18 Ethel Tafler Stein z"l	21 Sukkot Tishrei 19	22 Sukkot Tishrei 20 Joan Pink z"l Ruth Pink z"l Simon Spatz z"l	23 Sukkot (Hoshana Raba) Erev Shemini Azteret Tishrei 21 Jana Wieder z"l Myer Jacobson z"l	24 Shemini Azteret Erev Simchat Torah Tishrei 22 Betty Arron z"l	25 Simchat Torah Tishrei 23 Hyman W. Cohen z"l	26 Tishrei 24 Harry Rutte z"l
27 Holocaust Foundation Opening Day October 27 - November 6 Tishrei 25 Bram Lloyd Schwartz z"l	28 Tishrei 26 Jacob Attis z"l	29 Tishrei 27	30 Tishrei 28 Louis Wolfson z"l	31 Halloween Tishrei 29		



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Lia Van Leer

Lia Van Leer was born in 1924 in the city of Beltsy (then Romania, now considered Moldova). At the age of 16, Lia left to visit her sister in Tel Aviv; tragically, she would never see her parents again. In 1941 when Beltsy was invaded by the Germans, her father

was killed along with many other Jewish community members. Her mother and grandmother both later died in concentration camps. At the age of 18, Lia moved to Jerusalem where she attended the Hebrew University. There she met her husband, Wim Van Leer. They frequently traveled abroad and developed an appreciation for international cinema. In addition to frequent movie nights with

friends, the van Leers would travel by Jeep to Kibbutzim to host viewings of otherwise unavailable films.

Their film collection eventually grew to become the Israel Film Archive. Lia's pivotal role in preserving Hebrew-subtitled and Israeli cinema was marked by her appeals to studios, urging them to safeguard film copies from destruction after their limited

theatrical runs. A pioneer in art film programming, she founded organizations such as the Haifa Cinematheque, the Jerusalem Cinematheque, and the Jerusalem Film Festival, which occurs annually in September, in addition to the Israel Film Archive. Lia was awarded the Israel Prize in 2004 for her efforts in elevating film in Israel from entertainment to art.²



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November 2024

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²“Lia van Leer | Producer”; “Lia Van Leer.”

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3 Cheshvan 2 Helena Jockel z”l	4 Cheshvan 3	5 Cheshvan 4	6 Cheshvan 5 Perla Arditti z”l Rabbi Dr. Lippa Medjuck z”l	7 Cheshvan 6	8 Cheshvan 7	9 Cheshvan 8 Joseph Gordon Naylor - (Brandwein) z”l Jennie F. David z”l
10 Cheshvan 9	11 Cheshvan 10 Remembrance Day Ester Brown z”l	12 Cheshvan 11	13 Cheshvan 12	14 Cheshvan 13 Sonia Greenspoon z”l	15 Cheshvan 14 Izah Suissa z”l	16 Cheshvan 15 Frances Singer z”l
17 Cheshvan 16 Vladimir Shimeister z”l	18 Cheshvan 17	19 Cheshvan 18 Faina Reznikov z”l Dave Elman z”l	20 Cheshvan 19 Florence Ornstein z”l	21 Cheshvan 20 10th Annual Atlantic Jewish Film Festival November 21-24	22 Cheshvan 21 Bernice Jacobson Chatt z”l	23 Cheshvan 22 Harold Schwartz z”l Leib Wortzman z”l
24 Cheshvan 23 David Miller z”l	25 Cheshvan 24 Rose Argand z”l Jennie Jacobson z”l	26 Cheshvan 25	27 Cheshvan 26	28 Cheshvan 27 Riva Spatz z”l	29 Cheshvan 28 Honey (Koven) Smith z”l Evy Carnat z”l	30 Cheshvan 29



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Theodor Herzl

Theodor Herzl, born in 1860 in Budapest, Hungary, founded and led the Zionist Organization. He initially attended a scientific secondary school but transferred in 1875 due to persistent antisemitism. In 1878, his family relocated to Vienna, where he pursued law at the University of Vienna. Herzl would become a playwright and journalist; his most notable work was "Der Judenstaat" ("The Jewish State"), published on February 14th, 1896. In this pamphlet, Herzl argued for the establishment of a Jewish state as a solution to the "Jewish Question", which referred to the systematic antisemitism and persecution faced by Jews in Europe at the time. Herzl proposed the creation of a Jewish state as a homeland where Jews could live free from discrimination and oppression.

A year after publishing "Der Judenstaat", he organized the inaugural Zionist Congress, intending to implement concrete measures for the creation of a Jewish state. Herzl presided over the Zionist Organization for seven years until his passing in 1904 at the age of 44. "Der Judenstaat" sparked widespread discussion and debate within Jewish communities and played a significant role in the development of the Zionist movement, ultimately culminating in the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948. Herzl holds a unique position in the history of Israel as the sole individual explicitly named in Israel's Declaration of Independence, where he is honoured as the "author of the vision of the Jewish state", or in Hebrew, "היוזם" ³.

Ofra Haza

Ofra Haza was born on November 19, 1957, in Tel Aviv, Israel. She grew up in a working-class neighborhood and was raised with a love for the musical traditions of the Yemeni Jews. She was encouraged to sing by her mother, a professional singer. Ofra performed in local choirs before her first hit in 1973 "Ga'agu'im". She was then asked to perform "Shabbat-ha-Malkah" at the 1974 Misrahi Music Festival. Ofra released her first album at 18.

She performed her mandatory IDF service before beginning her singing career. Ofra's fame grew alongside her partner and songwriter Bezalel Aloni, as she mixed her Yemenite music style with the modern pop music at the time. Ofra drew inspiration from superstars such as Elvis and The

Beatles. Ofra's Israeli breakthrough hit came in 1979 when she performed her song "Shir ha-Frichah" in the film Shlager. However, it was not until 1983 that Ofra broke through to an international audience by representing Israel in Eurovision.

She continued her fame abroad with a Grammy nomination for Best World Music Album with her 1992 album "Kirya". She later voiced the character Yochevet, the mother of Moses in The Prince of Egypt (1998). Amongst Western audiences, Ofra was often known as "The Madonna of the East" for her passionate and emotion-inducing music. Sadly, she passed away as a result of AIDS-related organ failure in 2000.⁴



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December 2024

Chesvan – Kislev (5785)

³“Theodor (Binyamin Ze’ev) Herzl”; “Theodor Herzl (1860-1904).”
⁴“Ofra Haza | Actress, Music Department, Composer”; “Ofra Haza | Life, Songs, Albums, & Cause of Death | Britannica.”

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Cheshvan 30	2 Kislev 1	3 Kislev 2 Gerald Alpert Stein z”l	4 Kislev 3	5 Kislev 4 Isaac (Ike) David z”l	6 Kislev 5	7 Kislev 6 Jack Monas z”l
8 Kislev 7 Adam Greenspoon z”l Carmela Miranda z”l	9 Kislev 8 Jerry Forshner z”l Morris David z”l	10 Kislev 9 Lucy Rachel (Agulnik) Glass z”l Martin Parsons z”l D. Edward Ornstein z”l	11 Kislev 10 Ann Greenblatt z”l	12 Kislev 11 Borace Jacobson z”l Abraham (Abie) Goldman z”l Isaac (Ike) David z”l	13 Kislev 12 Donald Meretsky z”l	14 Kislev 13 Florence Lampert z”l Norman Rubin z”l
15 Kislev 14	16 Kislev 15 Pauline Shapiro z”l Yaakov Vaxman z”l Reuben David z”l	17 Kislev 16 Dorothy Sheffman z”l	18 Kislev 17	19 Kislev 18 Joyce Attis z”l Mary Nozick z”l Shirley Arron z”l	20 Kislev 19	21 Kislev 20 Rhonda (Simon) Goldberg z”l Irving Medjuck z”l
22 Kislev 21	23 Kislev 22 Etta Lipkus z”l	24 Kislev 23	25 Christmas Day Chanukah (Candle 1) Kislev 24 Ethel Morgenthau Shepherd z”l	26 Boxing Day Chanukah (Candle 2) Kislev 25 Minnie Attis z”l	27 Chanukah (Candle 3) Kislev 26 Schmul Zveyibel z”l	28 Chanukah (Candle 4) Kislev 27 Ethel Long z”l
29 Chanukah (Candle 5) Kislev 28 Ester Wortzman z”l	30 Chanukah (Candle 6) Kislev 29 Harry Lampert z”l Eva (Rabinovitch) Senman z”l	31 Chanukah (Candle 7) Kislev 30 Archie Blackman z”l				

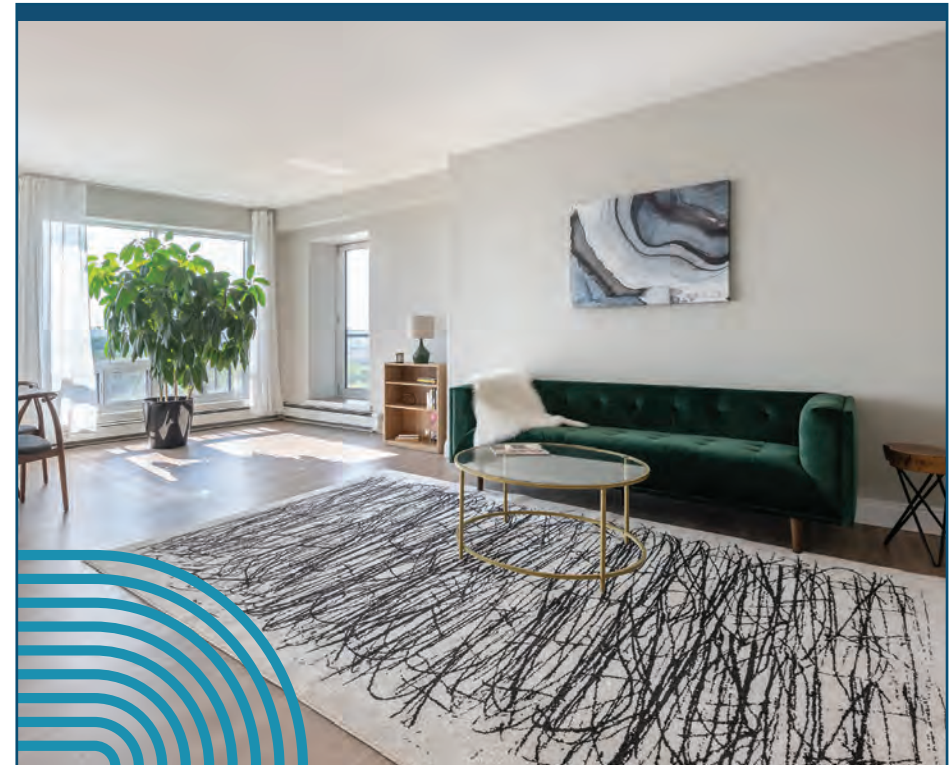




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January 2025

Tevet – Shevat (5785)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 New Year's Day Chanukah (Candle 8) Tevet 1	2 Chanukah Tevet 2 Saul Bernick z"l	3 Tevet 3 Dr. James Solomon Hammerling z"l Israel Falk z"l	4 Tevet 4 Frank Budovitch z"l
5 Tevet 5	6 Tevet 6 Florence Zwerling z"l David Nathan Jacobson z"l	7 Tevet 7 Ha'Rav Ha'Gaon I.M. Kowalsky z"l	8 Tevet 8 Pearl Task z"l	9 Tevet 9	10 Tevet 10 Minsta Wortzman z"l Mitchell Budovitch z"l Allan Rayson z"l Martin Wexler z"l	11 Tevet 11
12 Tevet 12 Harry Chipin z"l	13 Tevet 13 Paul Goldman z"l Isadore Louis Shore z"l	14 Tevet 14	15 Tevet 15 Bess Medjuck z"l	16 Tevet 16 Dr. Irving Howard Jacob Glass z"l Barbara (Feldman) Goldman z"l Eliezer Arditti z"l	17 Tevet 17	18 Tevet 18
19 Tevet 19 Dale Zilbert z"l	20 Tevet 20 Bronislava Zveibel z"l	21 Tevet 21 Harry Coleman z"l	22 Tevet 22 Rose Mosher z"l	23 Tevet 23 Clara (Zion) Zwerling z"l	24 Tevet 24 Anne Wolfson z"l Joyce Rosen z"l	25 Tevet 25 Max Chippin z"l
26 Tevet 26 Daisy Baig z"l	27 International Holocaust Remembrance Day Tevet 27 David Mark z"l Jenta Zabrowski z"l	28 Tevet 28	29 Tevet 29 Bess Cooper z"l	30 Shevat 1	31 Shevat 2 Reva Jacobson Meretsky z"l	



Yitzhak Navon



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Yitzhak Navon was born on April 9th, 1921 in Jerusalem. His family were Sephardic Jews and his ancestors included many well-known rabbis. Navon studied Pedagogy, Islamic Culture, Arabic, and Hebrew literature at the Hebrew University. He used these skills as a teacher until 1946 when he became the head of the Haganah's Arab Intelligence Unit in Jerusalem. After the founding of the state of Israel

in 1948, Navon served in Israeli Embassies in Argentina and Uruguay.

Between 1951 and 1965, Navon held other roles including the political secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Head of the Bureau of the Prime Minister, and the Head of the Department of Culture. In August 1965, Navon was elected to the Sixth Knesset where he served as one of the deputy speakers.

Yitzhak Navon served for five years as the fifth president of Israel and the first of Sephardic descent. During this time, he was renowned for his relations with Egypt and its president Anwar Sadat. A famous quote says that when Navon spoke to the Egyptian Parliament in fluent Egyptian Arabic, he had "won the hearts of the Egyptian people".

After his tenure as president, Navon served as

Minister of Culture and Education. In addition to his political career, Navon was also an accomplished playwright. His musical "Bustan Sefardi" was performed hundreds of times in the 1970s at Habima, Israel's national theater, and the updated 1998 version remains part of the Habima permanent repertoire. Yitzhak Navon passed away in 2015.⁵



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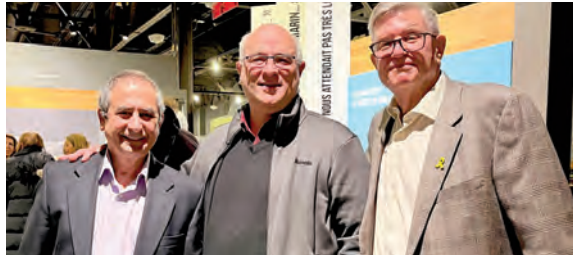
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February 2025

Shevat (5785)

⁵“Yitzhak Navon Biography | Yitzhak Navon”; “Navon, Yitzhak.”

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2 Shevat 4	3 Shevat 5 Ralph Conter z”l Joseph Newman z”l	4 Shevat 6	5 Shevat 7 Igor Larin z”l	6 Shevat 8 Brendon Yazer z”l Tema Conter z”l	7 Shevat 9 David Shimon Walt z”l Gilbert Weil z”l Margaret Parsons z”l	8 Shevat 10 Stephanie Lee Monas Altman z”l Rhoda Gaum z”l
9 Shevat 11	10 Shevat 12	11 Shevat 13	12 Shevat 14 Erev Tu Bishvat	13 Shevat 15 Tu Bishvat	14 Shevat 16 Valentine’s Day	15 Shevat 17 Moshe Raviv z”l Rhoda Gaum z”l
16 Shevat 18 Zelda (Gillman) Yazer z”l	17 Shevat 19 Margaret Rivkin z”l	18 Shevat 20 Fira Machulski z”l Abraham Korn z”l Miriam Korn z”l	19 Shevat 21 Louis Jacobson z”l	20 Shevat 22 Rebecca Kaplan z”l	21 Shevat 23	22 Shevat 24
23 Shevat 25 Reuben Abramsky z”l	24 Shevat 26 Ben Yomen Simon Prossin z”l Roy Nozick z”l	25 Shevat 27	26 Shevat 28 Morris Strug z”l	27 Shevat 29 May Newman Axelrod z”l	28 Shevat 30 Zofia Mans Schreier z”l	



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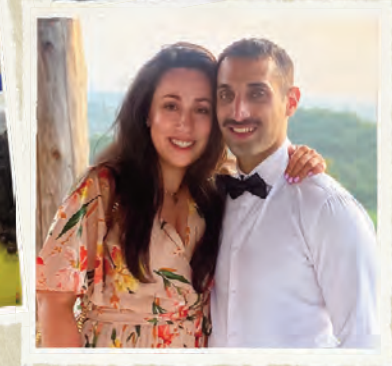
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Golda Meir, a pioneering figure in Israeli politics and the nation's first female Prime Minister, left an indelible mark on Israel's history. Born on May 3, 1898, in Kiev, Ukraine, she immigrated to Palestine in 1921, driven by her passion for Labor Zionism. Meir played various roles within the Zionist movement, including serving as the head of Histadrut's political department and later

becoming Israel's Minister of Labor in 1949.

Meir was characterized by her ambitious and successful political career. She became Foreign Minister in 1956 and Prime Minister in 1969. Meir's leadership during the Yom Kippur War in October 1973, a tumultuous period in Israeli history, was marked by her resolve and determination. Amidst Israel's significant

losses, she fervently bolstered the nation's spirit, urging Israelis to maintain hope and fortitude as the IDF regained the offensive.

Meir's legacy extends beyond her political achievements; she was known for her courage, toughness, and dedication to the Zionist cause.

Meir's impact transcended Israeli politics, as she was admired internationally for her

leadership. However, she faced criticism for her stance on women's issues, as she did not actively promote women's rights during her tenure. Despite her complexities, Golda Meir remains an iconic figure in Israeli and global history. She passed away on December 8, 1978, leaving behind a legacy of resilience and strong female leadership.⁶



March 2025

Adar – Nissan (5785)

⁶“Golda Meir.”

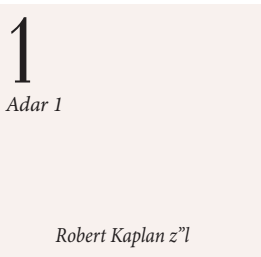
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						
2 Adar 2	3 Adar 3	4 Adar 4	5 Adar 5	6 Adar 6	7 Adar 7	8 Adar 8
Dr. Rosalie Shein-Kremer z”l Marcia Koven z”l		Frank Medjuck z”l	Leonia Falk z”l Morris Goldberg z”l Dr. Saul Green z”l	David Kaplan z”l Constance R. Glube z”l		Anne Zilbert z”l Newman Dubinsky z”l
9 Adar 9	10 Adar 10	11 Adar 11	12 Adar 12	13 Adar 13 Erev Purim	14 Adar 14 Purim	15 Adar 15
Solomon Medjuck z”l				Bella Warman z”l Abraham and Miriam Korn z”l Anne Henrietta Tax z”l	Blanche Medjuck z”l	
16 Adar 16	17 Adar 17 St. Patrick's Day	18 Adar 18	19 Adar 19	20 Adar 20	21 Adar 21	22 Adar 22
Rebecca Bernick z”l Kenneth Offman z”l	Faye Wolfson Miller z”l	Uriel Domb z”l Ruthe David z”l	Eva Elman z”l Esther Strug z”l Moshe Vaxman z”l	Sheila Chippin z”l	Jacob Mark z”l Esther Goldmam Dubinsky z”l	
23 Adar 23 Leonard Fineberg z”l Istvan (Steve) Gergely z”l	24 Adar 24 Peter Harold Stone z”l Theresa Jacobson z”l Charles Miller z”l	25 Adar 25	26 Adar 26	27 Adar 27	28 Adar 28 Good Friday	29 Adar 29
30 Nissan 1 Bracha Vaxman z”l	31 Nissan 2 Yetta (Ginger) Sadofsky z”l	Lazer Rosenfeld z”l Danny Star z”l	Lev (Liab) Drukker z”l		Bernard S. Bloom z”l Hymie Samuel Tax z”l Isaac Chermim z”l	Leah Goldman Attis z”l Rose Cohen z”l

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Yitzhak Rabin

Yitzhak Rabin was a pivotal figure in Israeli history, renowned for his contributions in both military and political spheres. Born in Jerusalem on March 1, 1922, Rabin's early years were marked by his involvement in Israel's struggle for independence. He played a significant role in the Palmach, an elite unit of the Haganah, rising through the ranks to become Deputy Commander. During the Israeli War of Independence, Rabin's leadership as commander of the Harel Brigade was instrumental in key operations, including the defense of Jerusalem.

Turning his focus to politics, Rabin served as Israel's ambassador to the United States, where he helped foster a close relationship between the two nations. He later became Prime Minister in 1974, making history as the youngest person and the first Israeli-born individual to hold the office.

Rabin's most enduring legacy lies in his pursuit of peace. In 1992, he returned to the Prime Minister's office and initiated the Oslo peace process, culminating in historic agreements with the Palestinians and Jordan. For his efforts, Rabin was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1994, alongside Yasser Arafat and Shimon Peres.

Rabin's contributions to Israeli culture, society, and security are profound. He epitomized the Sabra ethos of resilience and determination, embodying the spirit of the Israeli people. His leadership during times of conflict and his relentless pursuit of peace have left an indelible mark on Israel's history and identity.⁷



April 2025

Nissan – Iyar (5785)

⁷“Yitzhak Rabin”; “Yitzhak Rabin | Biography, Nobel Peace Prize, Death, & Facts | Britannica.”

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Nissan 3	2 Nissan 4	3 Nissan 5	4 Nissan 6 Arlene Sylvia Zatzman z”l Dorotea Zveiybel z”l	5 Nissan 7 Molly Rechnitzer z”l
6 Nissan 8 Harry Lipkus z”l Carolyn Budovitch z”l	7 Nissan 9	8 Nissan 10 Chava Jacobson z”l Dr. Morris Jacobson z”l	9 Nissan 11	10 Nissan 12	11 Nissan 13	12 Erev Passover (Sedar #1) Nissan 14
13 Passover (Sedar #2) Nissan 15	14 Passover Nissan 16 Sophie Sherman z”l	15 Passover Nissan 17 David Singer z”l	16 Passover Nissan 18 David Kasten z”l	17 Passover Nissan 19 Doris-Kay Stone z”l	18 Passover Nissan 20 Harvey David z”l	19 Passover Nissan 21
20 Easter Passover Nissan 22 Laura Ellen Herschorn z”l Morris Lang z”l	21 Easter Monday Nissan 23	22 Nissan 24	23 Erev Yom HaShoah Nissan 25 Marilyn Apple Wedge z”l	24 Yom HaShoah Nissan 26 Zachary Caplan z”l	25 Nissan 27	26 Nissan 28
27 Nissan 29 Samuel (Sonny) Smith z”l	28 Nissan 30	29 Erev Yom Hazikaron Iyar 1 Leo Task z”l	30 Yom Hazikaron Iyar 2 Leonard Goldberg z”l Daisy Budovitch z”l	 		





Naomi Shemer

Naomi Shemer (July 13, 1930–June 26, 2004) was a pioneering Israeli musician whose enchanting melodies profoundly shaped the cultural landscape of Israel. Born in Kevuzat Kinneret to parents who immigrated from Vilna, Shemer's musical talents blossomed early. She began leading community singing on a kibbutz during her childhood and later studied at the Academy of Music in Jerusalem.

Shemer's career took off during her service in the Nahal military youth organization, where she composed songs for revues and cultural events. Her breakout moment came with the musical "Five-Five," which featured adaptations of her army revue compositions. Over the decades, Shemer's repertoire expanded, showcasing her versatility and ingenuity as a songwriter.

In 1967, Shemer composed "Jerusalem of Gold," a poignant tribute to the ancient city, which became an enduring symbol

of hope and resilience. The song's impact was magnified when it was adopted as an anthem during the Six-Day War. Throughout her career, Shemer's music captured the essence of Israeli identity, earning her widespread acclaim and admiration.

In 1983, she was honored with the prestigious Israel Prize for her exceptional contributions to Israeli music and culture. Even in the face of health challenges, Shemer continued to compose, leaving behind a remarkable legacy that continues to inspire generations of Israelis. Her final composition, "Ilan," dedicated to Israeli astronaut Ilan Ramon, exemplified her enduring spirit and passion for her homeland.

Naomi Shemer's profound impact on Israeli music and society endures, with her melodies serving as cherished reminders of the nation's heritage and aspirations.⁸



May 2025

Iyar – Sivan (5785)

⁸“Naomi Shemer.”

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Iyar 3 Yom Ha'atzmaut	2 Iyar 4 Donald Arron z”l Rose Abramsky z”l	3 Iyar 5 Gordon Zarzmanz”l
4 Iyar 6	5 Iyar 7	6 Iyar 8 Miriam Goldberg z”l	7 Iyar 9	8 Iyar 10	9 Iyar 11 Rose Zalmanovitch Medjuck z”l Nadia Stephanie Queija z”l	10 Iyar 12
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18 Iyar 20 Maurice David Adilman z”l Margaret Hackman z”l	19 Iyar 21 Victoria Day Melida Hernandez De Rivas z”l	20 Iyar 22 Louis Shapiro z”l Joseph Schilmeister z”l	21 Iyar 23	22 Iyar 24	23 Iyar 25 Max Baig z”l	24 Iyar 26 Ilya Feldsherovitch z”l
25 Iyar 27 Erev Yom Yerushalayim Barbara Goldberg z”l Arthur Levine z”l	26 Iyar 28 Yom Yerushalayim Ada Riva Kaplan z”l	27 Iyar 29	28 Iyar 30 Sivan 1	29 Iyar 31 Sivan 2 Ida Kaziner z”l	30 Sivan 3	31 Sivan 4



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Menachem Begin

Menachem Begin was born in Brest Litovsk, Russian Empire (now Belarus) on August 16th, 1913. He was a fervent Zionist who rose to prominence through his leadership roles in the Betar youth movement and later the Irgun, a Jewish underground organization.

In 1977, he was elected Prime Minister and played a pivotal role in initiating peace negotiations with Egypt, resulting in the Camp David Accords and the Israel-Egypt Peace Treaty of 1979. For his work on the treaty of 1979, Begin was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. As the nation's sixth Prime Minister, Begin extended mandatory education to the tenth grade and abolished tuition fees for secondary education. He also directed national resources toward development programs aimed at improving living conditions in Israel's impoverished neighbourhoods while advocating for the liberalization of the nation's economy.

In 1981, Begin authorized the Israeli Air Force to carry out a bombing raid on the Osirak nuclear reactor in Iraq, suspected of being involved in the development of nuclear weapons by the Iraqis. Despite facing condemnation from the international community, Israel's action was later acknowledged to have effectively hindered Baghdad's nuclear ambitions during the 1991 Gulf War. During his premiership, Begin's initiative to facilitate the immigration of Ethiopian Jews to Israel ultimately led to Operation Moses in the early 1980s, which saw thousands of Ethiopian Jews resettled in Israel. Ultimately, Begin's leadership, which was widely viewed as beneficial for Israel's security and prosperity, left a lasting impact on the nation.⁹





June 2025

Sivan – Tamuz (5785)

⁹ *Lazin, Policy Implementation of Social Welfare in the 1980s; “Menachem Begin.”*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Sivan 5 Erev Shavuot	2 Sivan 6 Shavuot	3 Sivan 7 Shavuot	4 Sivan 8 Ida Simon Pascal z”l Zachary Edward Rubin z”l	5 Sivan 9	6 Sivan 10 Rose M. Caplan z”l Ralph (Raphael) Berg (Ben Shmuel v’Chanah) z”l	7 Sivan 11 Jennie Cherun z”l
8 Sivan 12 Alla Zveibel z”l	9 Sivan 13	10 Sivan 14 San Sherman z”l	11 Sivan 15 Irving Pink z”l	12 Sivan 16	13 Sivan 17	14 Sivan 18 Reuben Brown z”l
15 Sivan 19	16 Sivan 20 Monnis Mosher z”l	17 Sivan 21 Albert Pink z”l	18 Sivan 22 Hyman Feldman z”l	19 Sivan 23	20 Sivan 24 Ramon Marrero z”l	21 Sivan 25
22 Sivan 26 Myron (Mickey) Attis z”l	23 Sivan 27	24 Sivan 28 Delores R. (Tucker) Bloom z”l Miriam Jacobson z”l	25 Sivan 29	26 Sivan 30	27 Tammuz 1	28 Tammuz 2
29 Tammuz 3	30 Tammuz 4					



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Miriam Ben-Porat

Miriam Ben-Porat, born on April 26, 1918, in Vitebsk, Belarus, emerged as a trailblazer in Israeli jurisprudence, leaving a permanent mark on the nation's legal landscape. Despite humble beginnings, she rose to prominence as the first woman appointed to Israel's Supreme Court. After immigrating to Palestine in 1936, Ben-Porat embarked on a journey of legal education; she eventually obtained her law degree in Jerusalem. Following her marriage to Joseph Ben-Porat in 1946, she swiftly ascended the ranks, serving at the Ministry of Justice and later as deputy to the State Attorney. In 1958, she transitioned to the judiciary, assuming roles of responsibility within the Jerusalem District Court.

Ben-Porat's tenure as a judge was defined by landmark decisions. She blended legal acumen with principles of equity, equality, and good faith. Notably, her rulings in inheritance disputes and defamation cases underscored her commitment to protecting individual rights and dignity. Elevated to the Supreme Court in 1976, she continued to champion judicial integrity, earning acclaim for her nuanced approach to complex legal issues.

Upon retirement from the Supreme Court in 1988, Ben-Porat embarked on a new chapter as Israel's first female State Comptroller. Her visionary leadership transformed the office, emphasizing proactive measures to prevent governmental misconduct. Through relentless advocacy and media engagement, she galvanized public support for transparency and accountability in governance.

Beyond her judicial and administrative roles, Ben-Porat was a revered educator and prolific author, shaping generations of legal minds with her insights and scholarship. Miriam Ben-Porat passed away on July 26, 2012, leaving behind a legacy of courage, compassion, and unwavering commitment to justice.¹⁰



July 2025

Tamuz – Av (5785)

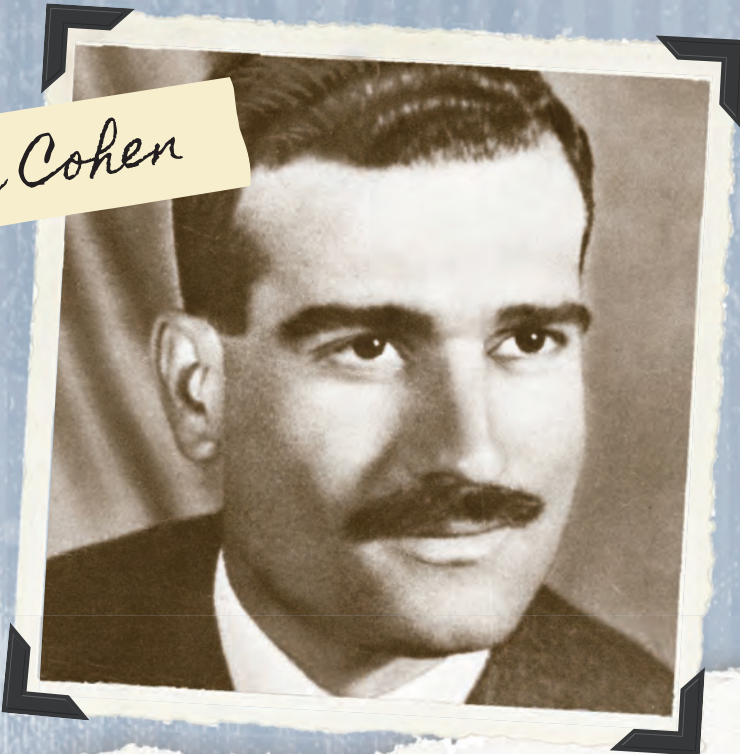
¹⁰ “Miriam Ben-Porat.”

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		1 Canada Day Tammuz 5	2 Tammuz 6	3 Tammuz 7	4 Tammuz 8	5 Tammuz 9 Gertrude LeVine z”l
6 Tammuz 10 Jeanne Lamon z”l	7 Tammuz 11 Charles Aaron z”l	8 Tammuz 12 Sander Zilbert z”l	9 Tammuz 13 Louis Cooper z”l Jerry Koven z”l Ruby Jacobson z”l Ralph Sadofsky z”l	10 Tammuz 14	11 Tammuz 15	12 Tammuz 16
13 Tammuz 17 Fae Leith z”l	14 Tammuz 18 Anne Smith z”l	15 Tammuz 19	16 Tammuz 20 Aron Drucker z”l	17 Tammuz 21	18 Tammuz 22 Hyman (Hy) Hymes z”l	19 Tammuz 23
20 Tammuz 24 Sam Zabrowski z”l	21 Tammuz 25	22 Tammuz 26	23 Tammuz 27	24 Tammuz 28	25 Tammuz 29 Jacob Simon Jacobson z”l	26 Av 1
27 Av 2	28 Av 3	29 Av 4	30 Av 5 Francine Goldsmith z”l Edward Albert Saleh z”l	31 Av 6 Jacob Wortzman z”l		



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Eli Cohen



Eli Cohen was born in 1924 in Alexandria, Egypt, to Syrian Jewish parents. Although he came from a humble upbringing, he became arguably Israel's greatest spy. After his family moved to Israel in 1949, Eli stayed behind in Egypt, engaging in Zionist leadership pursuits. He later underwent espionage training in Israel, despite initial rejections from the Mossad due to personality assessments. In 1961, he assumed the identity of Kamal Amin Ta'abet, a wealthy Syrian businessman, and infiltrated Syrian society.

Posing as a Syrian emigre in Argentina, Cohen cultivated relationships with influential Syrians. He became privy to top-secret information, including Syria's plans to divert water from Israel's sources. Cohen's intelligence enabled Israel to sabotage these plans and secure

strategic advantages.

In 1962, Cohen moved to Damascus, where he continued to gather crucial intelligence. Despite his success, his behavior grew careless, and he was eventually captured in 1965. He endured torture and a show trial before being executed.

Cohen's espionage contributed significantly to Israel's defense, particularly in the 1967 Six-Day War, when Israel swiftly conquered the Golan Heights. His remarkable ability to blend into Syrian society and gain the trust of high-ranking officials earned him the title of Israel's greatest spy.

Today, Eli Cohen's legacy lives on. He is remembered in books, articles, and the 2019 Netflix series "The Spy," which all ensure that his story continues to inspire Israelis and Diaspora Jews alike.¹¹



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Shulamit Aloni

Shulamit Aloni, a pioneering force in Israeli politics and civil society, dedicated her life to advancing progressive ideals of human dignity, civil rights, and peace. Born on December 28, 1927, in Poland and raised in Tel Aviv, Aloni's independent spirit and commitment to social justice emerged early in her life. After completing her education and teaching, she embarked on a multifaceted career that included hosting radio shows, earning a law degree, and advocating for individual and women's rights in addition to religious freedom.

Elected to the Knesset in 1965, Aloni quickly distinguished herself as a champion of civil liberties and human rights. In 1970, she founded her own political party, Ratz (later merged into Meretz), dedicated to combating discrimination and protecting civil liberties. However, Aloni's influence extended beyond politics; she was a prolific writer and public speaker, advocating tirelessly for social justice

and peace. Her leadership in promoting LGBTQ+ rights, migrant workers' rights, and religious pluralism challenged the status quo and inspired generations of activists. Her unwavering commitment to a two-state solution and her vocal criticism of Israeli policies earned her both praise and controversy, but she remained resolute in her pursuit of justice and equality for all.

Aloni's contributions were widely recognized, earning her numerous honors and awards, including the Israel Prize for her lifetime contribution to Israeli society. She continued to be a prominent voice for human rights and civil liberties until her passing on January 24, 2014, leaving behind a legacy of activism and advocacy that continues to shape Israeli society today.¹²





September 2025

Elul – Tishrei (5785)

¹² “Shulamit Aloni”; “Shulamit Aloni,” June 23, 2021.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Elul 8 Labour Day	2 Elul 9	3 Elul 10	4 Elul 11	5 Elul 12	6 Elul 13
7 Elul 14 Ruth Feldman z”l	8 Elul 15 Jacob Chernin z”l	9 Elul 16	10 Elul 17	11 Elul 18	12 Elul 19	13 Elul 20 Leil Selichot
14 Elul 21	15 Elul 22	16 Elul 23	17 Elul 24	18 Elul 25 Golda (Lucia) Shilmeister z”l	19 Elul 26	20 Elul 27
21 Elul 28	22 Elul 29 Erev Rosh Hashanah Ya’acov Suissa z”l	23 Tishrei 1 Rosh Hashanah	24 Tishrei 2 Rosh Hashanah	25 Tishrei 3 Dr. Anne Hammerling z”l	26 Tishrei 4	27 Tishrei 5
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