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Jewish Calendar for 5786
תשפ"ו 2025-2026



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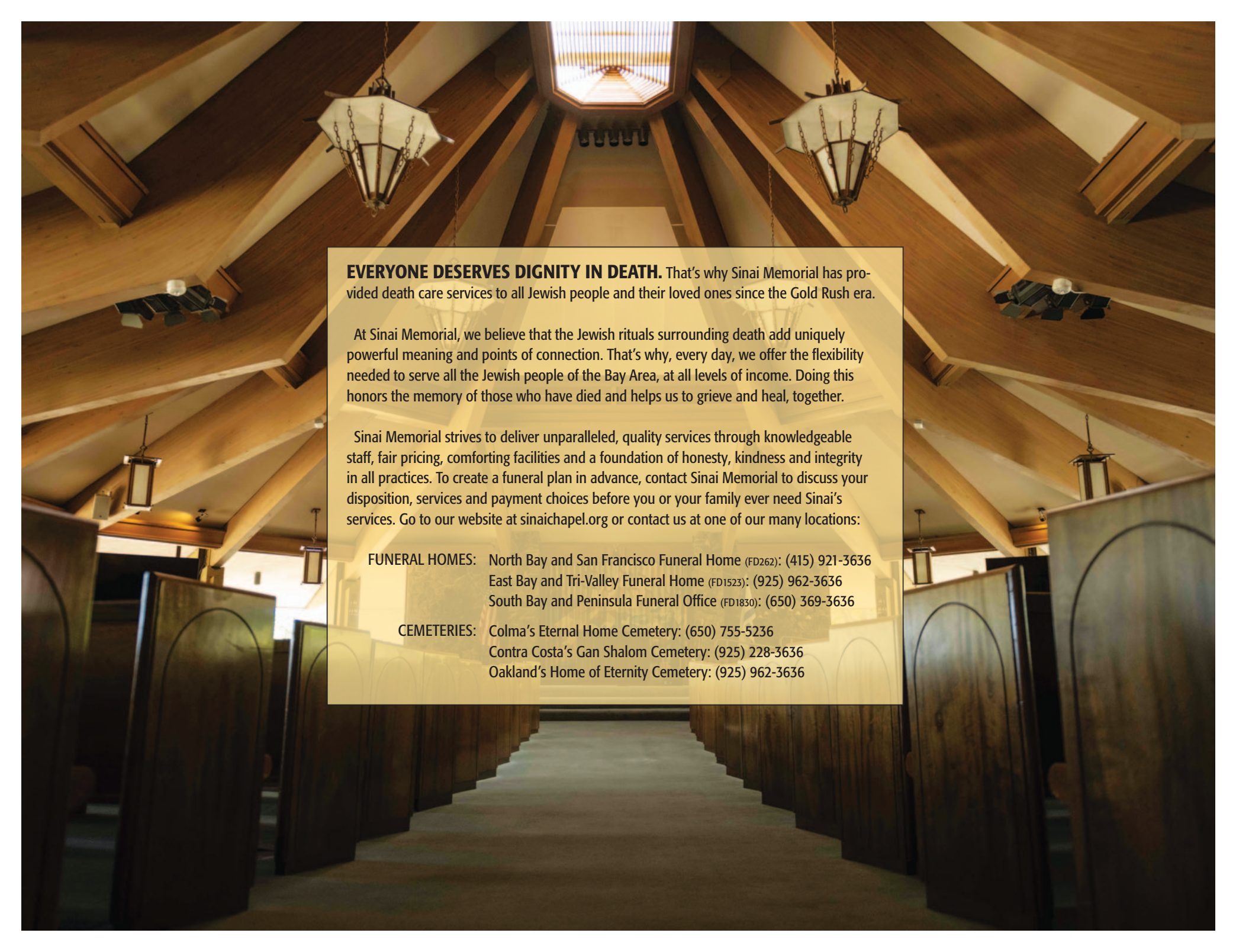


(L-R) J. Managing Editor Sue Barnett, Staff Writer Niva Ashkenazi, Editor-in-Chief Chanan Tigay and Staff Writer Emma Goss hang out at J.'s San Francisco office.



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EVERYONE DESERVES DIGNITY IN DEATH. That's why Sinai Memorial has provided death care services to all Jewish people and their loved ones since the Gold Rush era.

At Sinai Memorial, we believe that the Jewish rituals surrounding death add uniquely powerful meaning and points of connection. That's why, every day, we offer the flexibility needed to serve all the Jewish people of the Bay Area, at all levels of income. Doing this honors the memory of those who have died and helps us to grieve and heal, together.

Sinai Memorial strives to deliver unparalleled, quality services through knowledgeable staff, fair pricing, comforting facilities and a foundation of honesty, kindness and integrity in all practices. To create a funeral plan in advance, contact Sinai Memorial to discuss your disposition, services and payment choices before you or your family ever need Sinai's services. Go to our website at sinaichapel.org or contact us at one of our many locations:

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Rabbi Shoshana Nambi, the first female rabbi from Uganda, now serves as assistant rabbi at Congregation Beth Am in Los Altos Hills.

SEPTEMBER

2025

אלול תשפ"ה - תשרי תשפ"ו
ELUL 5785 – TISHREI 5786



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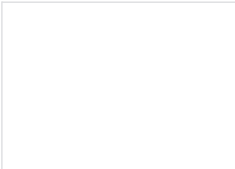
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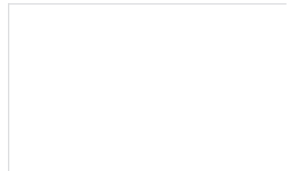
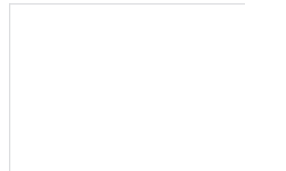
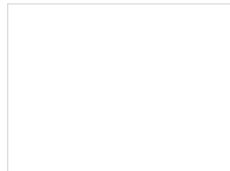
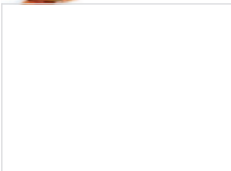
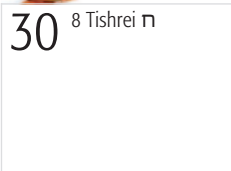
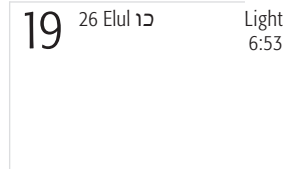
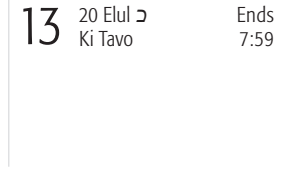
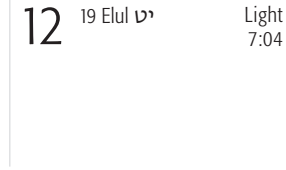
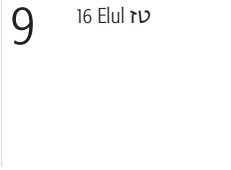
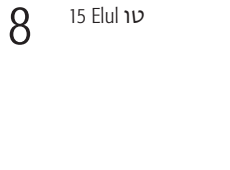
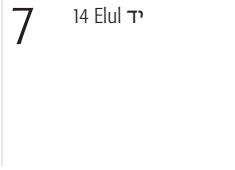
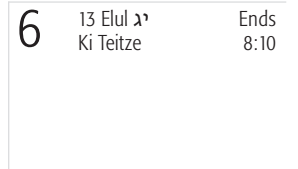
THURSDAY



FRIDAY



SATURDAY





Ethan Blake, 16Cubits co-founder and HUC rabbinic student, builds a sukkah at Urban Adamah in Berkeley during a community competition.

OCTOBER

2025

תשרי - חשוון תשפ"ו
TISHREI – CHESHVAN 5786



PLAN AHEAD, REST EASIER

Pre-arranging funeral plans is a mitzvah – easing the burden on loved ones.

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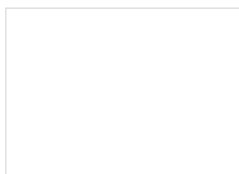
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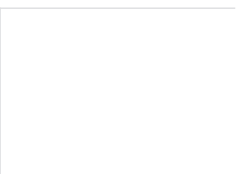
5 יג Tishrei
13 Tishrei

12 כ Tishrei
20 Tishrei
Chol Hamoed Sukkot

19 כז Tishrei

26 ד Cheshvan
4 Cheshvan

MONDAY



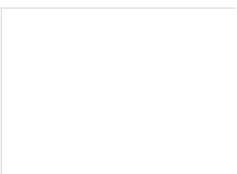
6 יד Tishrei
14 Tishrei
Erev Sukkot

13 כא Tishrei
21 Tishrei
Sukkot
Hoshanah Rabah
Erev Shemini Atzeret
Indigenous Peoples' Day

20 כח Tishrei

27 ה Cheshvan
5 Cheshvan

TUESDAY



7 טו Tishrei
15 Tishrei
Sukkot

14 כב Tishrei
22 Tishrei
Shemini Atzeret
Yizkor
Erev Simchat Torah

21 כט Tishrei

28 ו Cheshvan
6 Cheshvan

WEDNESDAY

1 ט Tishrei
9 Tishrei
Erev
Yom Kippur
Kol Nidre

8 טז Tishrei
16 Tishrei
2nd day of Sukkot

15 כג Tishrei
23 Tishrei
Simchat Torah

22 ל Tishrei
30 Tishrei
Rosh Chodesh

29 ז Cheshvan
7 Cheshvan

THURSDAY

2 י Tishrei
10 Tishrei
Yom Kippur
Yizkor
Shofar is blown

9 יז Tishrei
17 Tishrei
Chol Hamoed Sukkot

16 כד Tishrei

23 א Cheshvan
1 Cheshvan
Rosh Chodesh

30 ח Cheshvan
8 Cheshvan

FRIDAY

3 יא Tishrei
11 Tishrei

10 יח Tishrei
18 Tishrei
Chol Hamoed Sukkot

17 כה Tishrei

24 ב Cheshvan
2 Cheshvan

31 ט Cheshvan
9 Cheshvan

SATURDAY

4 יב Tishrei
12 Tishrei
Ha'azinu

11 יט Tishrei
19 Tishrei
Chol Hamoed Sukkot

18 כו Tishrei
26 Tishrei
Bereshit
Birkat Hachodesh

25 ג Cheshvan
3 Cheshvan
Noach



Barbara "BT" Tomin and Susy Starr help untangle yarn at Congregation Beth Ami in Santa Rosa, part of a group crocheting teddy bears for children in Israel affected by the Oct. 7, 2023, Hamas attack and war.

NOVEMBER

2025

חשוון - כסלו תשפ"ו
CHESHVAN – KISLEV 5786



A JEWISH LENS

Everything J. covers is deeply connected to Jewish identity, culture and values.



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						1 10 Cheshvan י Lech Lecha Ends 6:51
2 11 Cheshvan יא Daylight Saving Time ends	3 12 Cheshvan יב	4 13 Cheshvan יג	5 14 Cheshvan יד	6 15 Cheshvan טו	7 16 Cheshvan טז Light 4:47	8 17 Cheshvan יז Vayera Ends 5:44
9 18 Cheshvan יח	10 19 Cheshvan יט	11 20 Cheshvan כ Veterans Day	12 21 Cheshvan כא	13 22 Cheshvan כב	14 23 Cheshvan כג Light 4:41	15 24 Cheshvan כד Chaye Sarah Birkat Hachodesh Ends 5:39
16 25 Cheshvan כה	17 26 Cheshvan כו	18 27 Cheshvan כז	19 28 Cheshvan כח	20 29 Cheshvan כט	21 1 Kislev א Rosh Chodesh Light 4:36	22 2 Kislev ב Toledot Ends 5:36
23 3 Kislev ג	24 4 Kislev ד	25 5 Kislev ה	26 6 Kislev ו	27 7 Kislev ז Thanksgiving Day	28 8 Kislev ח Light 4:34	29 9 Kislev ט Vayetze Ends 5:34
30 10 Kislev י						



Kurt Boden and Simon Glinsky light up miniature LED menorahs during a public Hanukkah celebration at San Francisco's Jane Warner Plaza in the Castro neighborhood.

DECEMBER

2025

כסלו - טבת תשפ"ו
KISLEV - TEVET 5786



WHEN SOMEONE DIES, YOU'RE NOT ALONE

The first hours after a death can feel overwhelming—Jewish tradition offers structure and support

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SATURDAY

1 11 Kislev יא

2 12 Kislev יב

3 13 Kislev יג

4 14 Kislev יד

5 15 Kislev טו Light 4:33

6 16 Kislev טז Vayishlach Ends 5:33

7 17 Kislev יז

8 18 Kislev יח

9 19 Kislev יט

10 20 Kislev כ

11 21 Kislev כא

12 22 Kislev כב Light 4:33

13 23 Kislev כג Vayeshev Birkat Hachodesh Ends 5:35

14 24 Kislev כד Erev Chanukah Light 1st candle

15 25 Kislev כה Chanukah Light 2nd candle

16 26 Kislev כו Chanukah Light 3rd candle

17 27 Kislev כז Chanukah Light 4th candle

18 28 Kislev כח Chanukah Light 5th candle

19 29 Kislev כט Chanukah Light 6th candle Light 4:36

20 30 Kislev ל Miketz Chanukah Light 7th candle Rosh Chodesh Ends 5:37

21 1 Tevet א Chanukah Light 8th candle Rosh Chodesh

22 2 Tevet ב Chanukah

23 3 Tevet ג

24 4 Tevet ד

25 5 Tevet ה

26 6 Tevet ו Light 4:39

27 7 Tevet ז Vayigash Ends 5:41

28 8 Tevet ח

29 9 Tevet ט

30 10 Tevet י Tzom Asarah Be'Tevet Fast 5:66 -5:30

31 11 Tevet יא



Mohini Vora and Sirvan Manhoobi rehearse "Eli Eli" for Singing Together, an Oakland benefit concert supporting Israeli and Palestinian relief efforts.

JANUARY

2026

טבת - שבט תשפ"ו
TEVET - SHEVAT 5786



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4 15 Tevet טו

5 16 Tevet טז

6 17 Tevet יז

7 18 Tevet יח

8 19 Tevet יט

9 20 Tevet כ Light 4:51

10 21 Tevet כא Shemot Ends 5:52

11 22 Tevet כב

12 23 Tevet כג

13 24 Tevet כד

14 25 Tevet כה

15 26 Tevet כו

16 27 Tevet כז Light 4:58

17 28 Tevet כח Va'era Birkat Hachodesh Ends 5:59

18 29 Tevet כט

19 1 Shevat א Rosh Chodesh Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

20 2 Shevat ב

21 3 Shevat ג

22 4 Shevat ד

23 5 Shevat ה Light 5:05

24 6 Shevat ו Bo Ends 6:06

25 7 Shevat ז

26 8 Shevat ח

27 9 Shevat ט International Holocaust Remembrance Day

28 10 Shevat י

29 11 Shevat יא

30 12 Shevat יב Light 5:13

31 13 Shevat יג Beshalach Shabbat Shira Ends 6:13



Rabbi Eli Weinbach of Hillel at Stanford picks Calamondin limes for Tu Bishvat at the O'Donohue Family Educational Farm in Palo Alto.

FEBRUARY

2026

שבט - אדר תשפ"ו
SHEVAT - ADAR 5786



JEWISH MOURNING HAS STAGES

Jewish mourning offers structure and support through grief.

SINAI PROVIDES RESOURCES

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SUNDAY

1 14 Shevat יד

MONDAY

2 15 Shevat טו
Tu Bi'Shevat*



TUESDAY

3 16 Shevat טז

WEDNESDAY

4 17 Shevat יז

THURSDAY

5 18 Shevat יח

FRIDAY

6 19 Shevat יט Light
5:21

SATURDAY

7 20 Shevat כ Yitro Ends
6:21

8 21 Shevat כא

9 22 Shevat כב

10 23 Shevat כג

11 24 Shevat כד

12 25 Shevat כה

13 26 Shevat כו Light
5:29

14 27 Shevat כז Mishpatim
Shabbat Shekalim
Birkat Hachodesh Ends
6:28

15 28 Shevat כח

16 29 Shevat כט
Presidents Day

17 30 Shevat ל
Rosh Chodesh

18 1 Adar א
Rosh Chodesh

19 2 Adar ב

20 3 Adar ג Light
5:36

21 4 Adar ד Terumah Ends
6:35

22 5 Adar ה

23 6 Adar ו

24 7 Adar ז
Zayin Adar

25 8 Adar ח

26 9 Adar ט

27 10 Adar י Light
5:44

28 11 Adar יא
Tetzaveh
Shabbat Zachor Ends
6:42



Faith Kramer's Purim dessert, "Drunken Grandmother" challah babka, blends poppyseeds and bourbon syrup for a festive treat.

MARCH

2026

אדר - ניסן תשפ"ו
ADAR – NISSAN 5786



RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE

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1 יב Adar 12

8 יט Adar 19
Daylight Saving Time begins

15 כו Adar 26

22 ד Nissan 4

29 יא Nissan 11

MONDAY

2 יג Adar 13
Ta'anit Ester
Erev Purim
Fast 5:18 -6:31



9 כ Adar 20

16 כז Adar 27

23 ה Nissan 5

30 יב Nissan 12

TUESDAY

3 יד Adar 14
Purim



10 כא Adar 21

17 כח Adar 28

24 ו Nissan 6

31 יג Nissan 13
Bedikat Chametz

WEDNESDAY

4 טו Adar 15

11 כב Adar 22

18 כט Adar 29

25 ז Nissan 7

THURSDAY

5 טז Adar 16

12 כג Adar 23

19 א Nissan 1
Rosh Chodesh



26 ח Nissan 8

FRIDAY

6 יז Adar 17
Light 5:51

13 כד Adar 24
Light 6:57

20 ב Nissan 2
Light 7:04

27 ט Nissan 9
Light 7:10

SATURDAY

7 יח Adar 18
Ki Tissa
Shabbat Parah
Ends 6:48

14 כה Adar 25
Vayakhel / Pekudei
Shabbat Hachodesh
Birkat Hachodesh
Ends 7:55

21 ג Nissan 3
Vayikra
Ends 8:02

28 י Nissan 10
Tzav
Shabbat Hagadol
Yom HaAliyah
Ends 8:08



Sacramento State baseball player Ari Kligman, seen practicing his pitching windup, balances Division I athletics with Orthodox observance alongside his athlete brother Elie. The brothers never play on Shabbat.

APRIL

2026

ניסן - אייר תשפ"ו
NISSAN – IYAR 5786



ACTS OF LOVINGKINDNESS

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SATURDAY

5 18 Nissan יח
Chol Hamoed Pesach
Count Omer 4 tonight

6 19 Nissan יט
Chol Hamoed Pesach
Count Omer 5 tonight

7 20 Nissan כ
Chol Hamoed Pesach 7:20
Count Omer 6 tonight

8 21 Nissan כא
7th day of Pesach
Count Omer 7 tonight 8:19

9 22 Nissan כב
8th day of Pesach
Yizkor
Count Omer 8 tonight

10 23 Nissan כג
Count Omer 9 tonight 7:23

11 24 Nissan כד
Shemini
Birkat Hachodesh
Count Omer 10 tonight

12 25 Nissan כה
Count Omer 11 tonight

13 26 Nissan כו
Yom Hashoah*
Count Omer 12 tonight

14 27 Nissan כז
Count Omer 13 tonight

15 28 Nissan כח
Count Omer 14 tonight

16 29 Nissan כט
Count Omer 15 tonight

17 30 Nissan ל
Rosh Chodesh
Count Omer 16 tonight

18 1 Iyar א
Rosh Chodesh
Tazriya / Metzora
Count Omer 17 tonight

19 2 Iyar ב
Count Omer 18 tonight

20 3 Iyar ג
Yom Hazikaron*
Count Omer 19 tonight

21 4 Iyar ד
Yom Ha'Atzmaut*
Count Omer 20 tonight

22 5 Iyar ה
Count Omer 21 tonight

23 6 Iyar ו
Count Omer 22 tonight

24 7 Iyar ז
Count Omer 23
tonight

25 8 Iyar ח
Acharei Mot /
Kedoshim
Count Omer 24 tonight

26 9 Iyar ט
Count Omer 25 tonight

27 10 Iyar י
Count Omer 26 tonight

28 11 Iyar יא
Count Omer 27 tonight

29 12 Iyar יב
Count Omer 28 tonight

30 13 Iyar יג
Count Omer 29 tonight



Artists Bonny Nahmias and Forest Reid interact with Bernie Lubell's "Aspirations" on the Contemporary Jewish Museum's last day before its planned yearlong closure.

MAY

2026

אייר – סיון תשפ"ו
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SUNDAY



3 16 Iyar טז
Count Omer 32 tonight

10 23 Iyar כג
Count Omer 39 tonight
Mother's Day

17 1 Sivan א
Rosh Chodesh
Count Omer 46 tonight

24 8 Sivan ח

31 15 Sivan טו

MONDAY



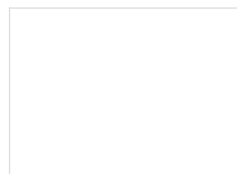
4 17 Iyar יז
Count Omer 33 tonight

11 24 Iyar כד
Count Omer 40 tonight

18 2 Sivan ב
Count Omer 47 tonight

25 9 Sivan ט
Memorial Day

TUESDAY



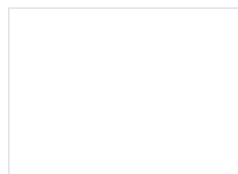
5 18 Iyar יח
Lag Ba'Omer*
Count Omer 34 tonight

12 25 Iyar כה
Count Omer 41 tonight

19 3 Sivan ג
Count Omer 48 tonight

26 10 Sivan י

WEDNESDAY



6 19 Iyar יט
Count Omer 35 tonight

13 26 Iyar כו
Count Omer 42 tonight

20 4 Sivan ד
Count Omer 49 tonight

27 11 Sivan יא

THURSDAY



7 20 Iyar כ
Count Omer 36 tonight

14 27 Iyar כז
Count Omer 43 tonight

21 5 Sivan ה
Erev Shavuot

28 12 Sivan יב

FRIDAY

1 14 Iyar יד
Pesach Sheini
Count Omer 30 tonight

8 21 Iyar כא
Count Omer 37 tonight

15 28 Iyar כח
Yom Yerushalayim*
Count Omer 44 tonight

22 6 Sivan ו
1st day of Shavuot

29 13 Sivan יג

SATURDAY

2 15 Iyar טו
Emor
Count Omer 31 tonight

9 22 Iyar כב
Behar / Behoukotai
Count Omer 38 tonight

16 29 Iyar כט
Bemidbar
Birkat Hachodesh
Count Omer 45 tonight

23 7 Sivan ז
2nd day of Shavuot
Yizkor

30 14 Sivan יד
Nasso



Nina Wouk waves proudly after marching in San Francisco's LGBTQ+ Pride Parade.

JUNE

2026

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SATURDAY

1 16 Sivan טז

2 17 Sivan יז

3 18 Sivan יח

4 19 Sivan יט

5 20 Sivan כ Light
8:11

6 21 Sivan כא Beha'alotcha Ends
9:16

7 22 Sivan כב

8 23 Sivan כג

9 24 Sivan כד

10 25 Sivan כה

11 26 Sivan כו

12 27 Sivan כז Light
8:14

13 28 Sivan כח Shelach Birkat Hachodesh Ends
9:20

14 29 Sivan כט

15 30 Sivan ל Rosh Chodesh

16 1 Tamuz א Rosh Chodesh

17 2 Tamuz ב

18 3 Tamuz ג

19 4 Tamuz ד Juneteenth Light
8:17

20 5 Tamuz ה Korach Ends
9:22

21 6 Tamuz ו Father's Day

22 7 Tamuz ז

23 8 Tamuz ח

24 9 Tamuz ט

25 10 Tamuz י

26 11 Tamuz יא Light
8:18

27 12 Tamuz יב Chukat / Balak Ends
9:23

28 13 Tamuz יג

29 14 Tamuz יד

30 15 Tamuz טו



Wrestler Amit Elor with her mother, Elana Elor, at College Park High School in Pleasant Hill prior to crushing the competition and winning gold at the Paris 2024 Olympics.

JULY

2026

תמוז - אב תשפ"ו
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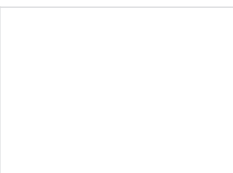
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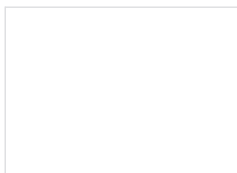
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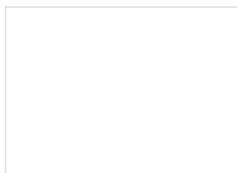
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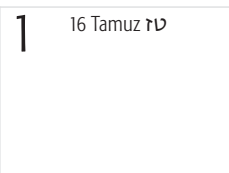
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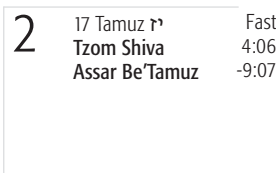
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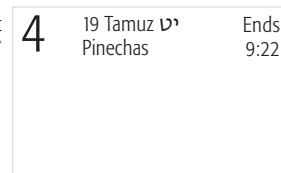
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FRIDAY



SATURDAY



5 20 Tamuz כ

6 21 Tamuz כא

7 22 Tamuz כב

8 23 Tamuz כג

9 24 Tamuz כד

10 25 Tamuz כה

Light
8:15

11 26 Tamuz כו
Matot / Massei
Birkat Hachodesh

Ends
9:19

12 27 Tamuz כז

13 28 Tamuz כח

14 29 Tamuz כט

15 1 Av א
Rosh Chodesh

16 2 Av ב

17 3 Av ג

Light
8:12

18 4 Av ד
Devarim
Shabbat Chazon

Ends
9:15

19 5 Av ה

20 6 Av ו

21 7 Av ז

22 8 Av ח
Erev Tisha Be'Av

Fast
begins
8:27

23 9 Av ט
Tisha Be'Av

Fast
ends
8:56

24 10 Av י

Light
8:07

25 11 Av יא
Va'etchanan
Shabbat Nachamu

Ends
9:09

26 12 Av יב

27 13 Av יג

28 14 Av יד

29 15 Av טו
Tu B'Av

30 16 Av טז

31 17 Av יז

Light
8:01



Contra Costa Jewish Day School welcomes a leadership transition, with Principal Eden Allswang Bruner (left) stepping into the role of head of school, succeeding longtime leader Dean Goldfein (right).

AUGUST

2026

אב - אלול תשפ"ו
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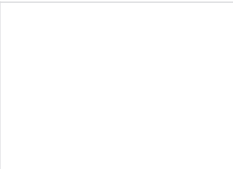
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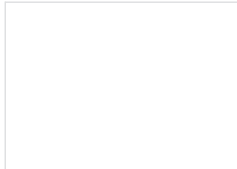
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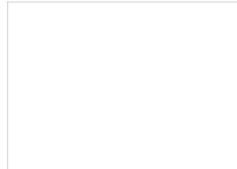
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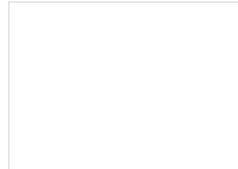
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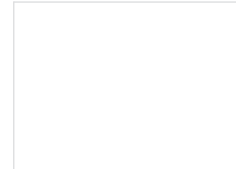
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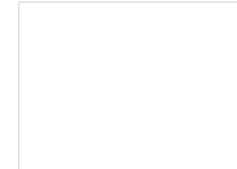
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THURSDAY



FRIDAY



SATURDAY

1 יח 18 Av
Ekev Ends 9:02

2 יט 19 Av

3 כ 20 Av

4 כא 21 Av

5 כב 22 Av

6 כג 23 Av

7 כד 24 Av Light 7:54

8 כה 25 Av
Re'eh Birkat Hachodesh Ends 8:53

9 כו 26 Av

10 כז 27 Av

11 כח 28 Av

12 כט 29 Av

13 ל 30 Av
Rosh Chodesh

14 א 1 Elul
Rosh Chodesh Light 7:46

15 ב 2 Elul
Shofetim Ends 8:44

16 ג 3 Elul

17 ד 4 Elul

18 ה 5 Elul

19 ו 6 Elul

20 ז 7 Elul

21 ח 8 Elul Light 7:36

22 ט 9 Elul
Ki Teitze Ends 8:34

23 י 10 Elul

24 יא 11 Elul

25 יב 12 Elul

26 יג 13 Elul

27 יד 14 Elul

28 טו 15 Elul Light 7:27

29 טז 16 Elul
Ki Tavo Ends 8:23

30 יז 17 Elul

31 יח 18 Elul



Community members sound shofars at Crissy Field East Beach in San Francisco during a tashlich ceremony on Rosh Hashanah hosted by JCCSF and Reboot.

SEPTEMBER

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אלול תשפ"ו - תשרי תשפ"ז
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HOLIDAY HELP

J. publishes guides for holiday food and activities, plus a special Holiday Bytes newsletter for parents with young children. Sign up for that at jweekly.com/newsletter



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		1 19 Elul יט	2 20 Elul כ	3 21 Elul כא	4 22 Elul כב Light 7:16	5 23 Elul כג Nitzavim / Vayeilech Ends 8:12
6 24 Elul כד	7 25 Elul כה Labor Day	8 26 Elul כו	9 27 Elul כז	10 28 Elul כח	11 29 Elul כט Erev Rosh Hashanah Light 7:06	12 1 Tishrei א Rosh Hashanah Light after 8:01
13 2 Tishrei ב Rosh Hashanah Shofar is blown Ends 8:00	14 3 Tishrei ג Tzom Gedaliah Fast 5:27 -7:46	15 4 Tishrei ד	16 5 Tishrei ה	17 6 Tishrei ו	18 7 Tishrei ז Light 6:55	19 8 Tishrei ח Ha'azinu Shabbat Shuva Ends 7:50
20 9 Tishrei ט Erev Yom Kippur Kol Nidre Fast, light 6:52	21 10 Tishrei י Yom Kippur Yizkor Shofar is blown Ends 7:47	22 11 Tishrei יא	23 12 Tishrei יב	24 13 Tishrei יג	25 14 Tishrei יד Erev Sukkot Light 6:44	26 15 Tishrei טו 1st day of Sukkot Light after 7:39
27 16 Tishrei טז 2nd day of Sukkot Ends 7:37	28 17 Tishrei יז Chol Hamoad Sukkot	29 18 Tishrei יח Chol Hamoad Sukkot	30 19 Tishrei יט Chol Hamoad Sukkot			

All times listed are for the 94115 zip code and adjusted for Daylight Savings Time.



Yahrzeit candles for Hersh Goldberg-Polin, murdered by Hamas. At the funeral, Rabbi Yonatan Cohen called on us to "Refuse to accept the world as it is. Walk the path of Hersh."

MOURNER'S KADDISH



WHAT TO SAY TO A MOURNER WHEN OFFERING CONDOLENCES

הַמָּקוֹם יִנַּחֵם אֶתְכֶם בְּתוֹךְ שְׂאֵר אַבְלֵי צִיּוֹן וִירוּשָׁלַיִם

May you be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Hamakom yinachem et-chem b'toch sh'ar avelei tzion v'yerushalayim.

This traditional phrase connects the mourner to the broader Jewish community in grief – a reminder that they are not alone.



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MOURNER'S KADDISH

Written in Aramaic, the Mourner's Kaddish is a Jewish prayer traditionally recited in memory of the dead, although it makes no mention of death. The prayer is said during the burial service, the initial bereavement period, at every prayer service, four-times a year during Yizkor (Remembrance service,) and to mark the Yahrzeit or anniversary of a death.

This is the Ashkenazi version of the Kaddish. While largely similar in structure and intent, the Sephardic version includes slight variations in wording.

יִתְגַּדַּל וְיִתְקַדַּשׁ שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא.

בְּעֻלְמָא דִּי בְּרָא כְרֻעוּתָהּ וְיִמְלִיךְ מַלְכוּתָהּ בְּחַיֵּינוּ וּבְיוֹמֵינוּ

וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּעָגְלָא וּבְזָמַן קָרִיב, וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן:

יְהֵא שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבָרַךְ לְעָלְמָא וְלְעָלְמֵי עָלְמָא

וְיִתְבָּרַךְ וְיִשְׁתַּבַּח וְיִתְפָּאֵר וְיִתְרוֹמַם וְיִתְנַשֵּׂא וְיִתְהַדָּר וְיִתְעַלָּה

וְיִתְהַלָּל שְׁמֵהּ דְקָדְשָׁא. בְּרִיךְ הוּא.

לְעֻלְמָא מִן כָּל בִּרְכָתָא וְשִׁירָתָא תְּשֻׁבָּחָתָא וְנִחְמָתָא דְאָמְרוּ בְּעֻלְמָא.

וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן:

יְהֵא שְׁלָמָא רַבָּא מִן שְׁמֵיָא וְחַיִּים עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל. וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן:

עוֹשֵׂה שָׁלוֹם בְּמִרְמוֹתָיו הוּא יַעֲשֶׂה שָׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן:

Yitgadal v'yitkadash sh'mei raba,

b'alma div'ra chirutei, V'yamlich malchutei. B'chayeichon Uv'yomeichon

Uv'chayei dichol beit yisrael ba'agala uvizman kariv, V'imru Amen.

Y'hei sh'mei raba m'varach, L'alam ulalmei almaya.

Yitbarach v'yishtabach, v'yitpaar, v'yitromam v'yitnasei, v'yithadar, v'yitalei,

v'yithalal, sh'mei dikudsha, b'rich hu.

L'elah min kol birchata v'shirata tushb'chata v'nechemata, di'amiran b'alma,

v'imru Amen

Y'hei sh'lama raba min sh'maya v'chayim alenu, v'al kol yisrael, V'imru Amen.

Oseh shalom bimromav, Hu ya'asei shalom, aleinu v'al kol yisrael, V'imru Amen.

Glorified and sanctified be G-d's great name throughout the world which He has created according to His will.

May He establish His kingdom in your lifetime and during your days, and within the life of the entire House of Israel, speedily and soon; and say, Amen.

May His great name be blessed forever and to all eternity.

Blessed and praised, glorified and exalted, extolled and honored, adored and lauded be the name of the Holy One, blessed be He,

beyond all the blessings and hymns, praises and consolations that are ever spoken in the world; and say, Amen.

May there be abundant peace from heaven, and life, for us and for all Israel; and say, Amen.

He who creates peace in His celestial heights, may He create peace for us and for all Israel; and say, Amen.



DEDICATION

Sinai Memorial Chapel's David "Dudu" Habib, z"l (right), managing funeral director for the Peninsula and South Bay, with cemetery superintendent Kelly Bonillas. Dudu died Jan. 14, 2025, after battling cancer. Known for his deep community ties, he is remembered for his kindness, compassion and connection and he is deeply missed.

Memory Garden at Eternal Home Cemetery

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