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Jewish Calendar for 5786  
תשפ"ו-תשפ"ז 2025-2026



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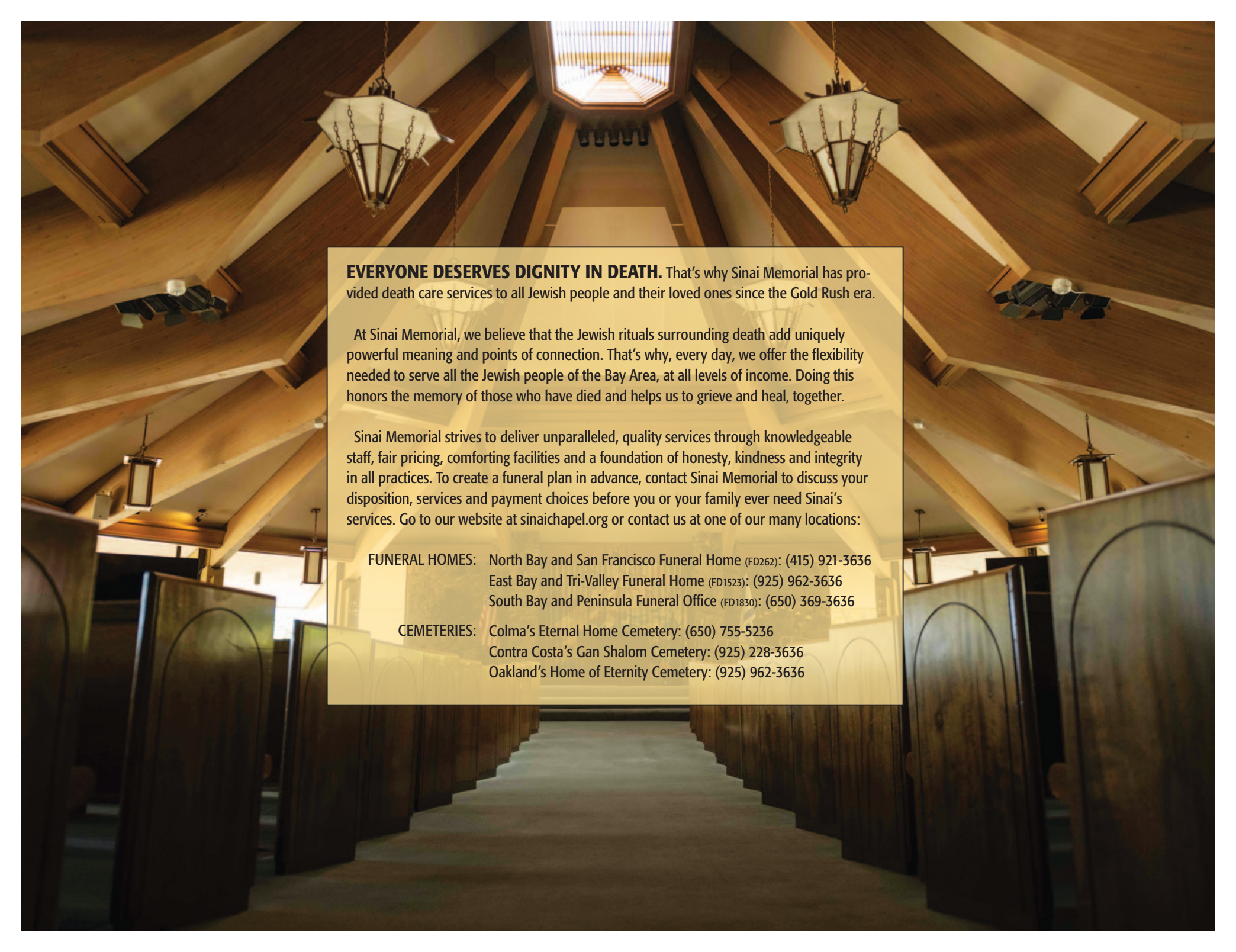


(L-R) J. Managing Editor Sue Barnett, Staff Writer Niva Ashkenazi, Editor-in-Chief Chanan Tigay and Staff Writer Emma Goss hang out at J.'s San Francisco office.



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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 [sinaiachapel.org](http://sinaiachapel.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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*J. is more than just a news source – we're your neighbor, your storyteller and your trusted companion in Jewish life across the Bay Area.*



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### SATURDAY

	1 8 Elul ח Labor Day	2 9 Elul ט	3 10 Elul י	4 11 Elul יא	5 12 Elul יב Light 7:14	6 13 Elul יג Ki Teitze Ends 8:10
7 14 Elul יד	8 15 Elul טו	9 16 Elul טז	10 17 Elul יז	11 18 Elul יח	12 19 Elul יט Light 7:04	13 20 Elul כ Ki Tavo Ends 7:59
14 21 Elul כא	15 22 Elul כב	16 23 Elul כג	17 24 Elul כד	18 25 Elul כה	19 26 Elul כו Light 6:53	20 27 Elul כז Nitzavim Ends 7:48
21 28 Elul כח	22 29 Elul כט Erev Rosh Hashanah Light 6:48	23 1 Tishrei א Rosh Hashanah Shofar is blown Light after 7:43	24 2 Tishrei ב Rosh Hashanah Shofar is blown Ends 7:42	25 3 Tishrei ג Tzom Gedaliah Fast 5:38 -7:28	26 4 Tishrei ד Light 6:42	27 5 Tishrei ה Vayeilech Shabbat Shuva Ends 7:37
28 6 Tishrei ו	29 7 Tishrei ז	30 8 Tishrei ח				





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.*

### SINAI OFFERS FREE PRE-NEED CONSULTATIONS

*to help you document your wishes with clarity and care.*



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#### SATURDAY

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**1** 9 Tishrei ט  
**Erev Yom Kippur**  
Kol Nidre

Light, fast begins 6:34



**2** 10 Tishrei י  
**Yom Kippur**  
Yizkor  
Shofar is blown



**3** 11 Tishrei יא

Light 6:31

Ends 7:29

**4** 12 Tishrei יב  
Ha'azinu

Ends 7:26

**5** 13 Tishrei יג

**6** 14 Tishrei יד  
**Erev Sukkot**

Light 6:27



**7** 15 Tishrei טו  
**Sukkot**

Light after 7:22



**8** 16 Tishrei טז  
**2nd day of Sukkot**

Ends 7:21



**9** 17 Tishrei יז  
Chol Hamoed Sukkot



**10** 18 Tishrei יח  
Chol Hamoed Sukkot

Light 6:21



**11** 19 Tishrei יט  
Chol Hamoed Sukkot

Ends 7:16




**12** 20 Tishrei כ  
Chol Hamoed Sukkot



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

Light 6:16



**14** 22 Tishrei כב  
**Shemini Atzeret**  
Yizkor  
**Erev Simchat Torah**

Light after 7:12



**15** 23 Tishrei כג  
**Simchat Torah**

Ends 7:11



**16** 24 Tishrei כד



**17** 25 Tishrei כה

Light 6:11




**18** 26 Tishrei כו  
Bereshit  
Birkat Hachodesh

Ends 7:07



**19** 27 Tishrei כז



**20** 28 Tishrei כח



**21** 29 Tishrei כט



**22** 30 Tishrei ל  
**Rosh Chodesh**



**23** 1 Cheshvan א  
**Rosh Chodesh**



**24** 2 Cheshvan ב

Light 6:02



**25** 3 Cheshvan ג  
Noach

Ends 6:58



**26** 4 Cheshvan ד



**27** 5 Cheshvan ה



**28** 6 Cheshvan ו



**29** 7 Cheshvan ז



**30** 8 Cheshvan ח



**31** 9 Cheshvan ט

Light 5:54





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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#### SATURDAY

						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

### CALL SINAI MEMORIAL IMMEDIATELY

We'll guide you through the next steps with care, from contacting clergy to arranging a memorial service.



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	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 Kislevכו Chanukah Light 3rd candle	17 27 Kislevכז Chanukah Light 4th candle	18 28 Kislevכח Chanukah Light 5th candle	19 29 Kislevכט 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



## A LEGACY OF TRUST

For 130 years, J. has supported the Jewish community of Northern California.



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#### THURSDAY

#### FRIDAY

#### SATURDAY

				1 12 Tevet יב New Year's Day	2 13 Tevet יג Light 4:45	3 14 Tevet יד Vayechi Ends 5:46
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**  
*and counseling to support you through each phase of grief.*



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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 Ends 6:28  
Shabbat Shekalim  
Birkat Hachodesh

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 Ends 6:42  
Shabbat Zachor



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

*In the last year J. received a combined 29 awards from the American Jewish Press Association, the San Francisco Press Club, the California News Publishers Association, the Society for Features Journalism and AAN Publishers.*



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#### SUNDAY

1 יב Adar 12

#### MONDAY

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



#### TUESDAY

3 יד Adar 14  
 Purim



#### WEDNESDAY

4 טו Adar 15

#### THURSDAY

5 טז Adar 16

#### FRIDAY

6 יז Adar 17  
 Light 5:51

#### SATURDAY

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

8 יט Adar 19  
 Daylight Saving Time begins

9 כ Adar 20

10 כא Adar 21

11 כב Adar 22

12 כג Adar 23

13 כד Adar 24  
 Light 6:57

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

15 כו Adar 26

16 כז Adar 27

17 כח Adar 28

18 כט Adar 29

19 א Nissan 1  
 Rosh Chodesh

20 ב Nissan 2  
 Light 7:04

21 ג Nissan 3  
 Vayikra  
 Ends 8:02

22 ד Nissan 4

23 ה Nissan 5

24 ו Nissan 6

25 ז Nissan 7

26 ח Nissan 8

27 ט Nissan 9  
 Light 7:10

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

29 יא Nissan 11

30 יב Nissan 12

31 יג Nissan 13  
 Bedikat Chametz



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

*Chesed shel emet—caring for the dead—is considered the truest kindness.*

### BY CHOOSING SINAI,

*you participate in this sacred mitzvah, offering dignity and compassion to every soul.*



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#### FRIDAY

#### SATURDAY

Empty box for Sunday.

Empty box for Monday.

Empty box for Tuesday.

1 14 Nissan יד  
Ta'anit Bechorot  
Erev Pesach  
1st Seder  
Light 7:15

2 15 Nissan טו  
1st day of Pesach  
2nd Seder  
Count Omer 1 tonight  
Light after 8:13

3 16 Nissan טז  
2nd day of Pesach  
Count Omer 2 tonight  
Light 7:17

4 17 Nissan יז  
Chol Hamoed  
Pesach  
Count Omer 3 tonight  
Ends 8:15

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  
Count Omer 6 tonight  
Light 7:20

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

9 22 Nissan כב  
8th day of Pesach  
Yizkor  
Count Omer 8 tonight  
Ends 8:20

10 23 Nissan כג  
Count Omer 9 tonight  
Light 7:23

11 24 Nissan כד  
Shemini  
Birkat Hachodesh  
Count Omer 10 tonight  
Ends 8:22

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  
Light 7:30

18 1 Iyar א  
Rosh Chodesh  
Tazriya / Metzora  
Count Omer 17 tonight  
Ends 8:29

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  
Light 7:36

25 8 Iyar ח  
Acharei Mot /  
Kedoshim  
Count Omer 24 tonight  
Ends 8:37

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

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\*commences prior evening



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  
IYAR – SIVAN 5786



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#### THURSDAY

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#### FRIDAY

**1** 14 Iyar יד  
**Pesach Sheini** Light 7:42  
Count Omer 30 tonight

#### SATURDAY

**2** 15 Iyar טו  
Emor Ends 8:44  
Count Omer 31 tonight

**3** 16 Iyar טז  
Count Omer 32 tonight

**4** 17 Iyar יז  
Count Omer 33 tonight

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

**6** 19 Iyar יט  
Count Omer 35 tonight

**7** 20 Iyar כ  
Count Omer 36 tonight

**8** 21 Iyar כא  
Count Omer 37 tonight Light 7:49

**9** 22 Iyar כב  
Behar / Behoukotai Ends 8:51  
Count Omer 38 tonight

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

**11** 24 Iyar כד  
Count Omer 40 tonight

**12** 25 Iyar כה  
Count Omer 41 tonight

**13** 26 Iyar כו  
Count Omer 42 tonight

**14** 27 Iyar כז  
Count Omer 43 tonight

**15** 28 Iyar כח  
**Yom Yerushalayim\*** Light 7:55  
Count Omer 44 tonight

**16** 29 Iyar כט  
Bemidbar Ends 8:58  
Birkat Hachodesh  
Count Omer 45 tonight

**17** 1 Sivan א  
**Rosh Chodesh**  
Count Omer 46 tonight

**18** 2 Sivan ב  
Count Omer 47 tonight

**19** 3 Sivan ג  
Count Omer 48 tonight

**20** 4 Sivan ד  
Count Omer 49 tonight

**21** 5 Sivan ה  
**Erev Shavuot** Light 8:00

**22** 6 Sivan ו  
**1st day of Shavuot** Light 8:01

**23** 7 Sivan ז  
**2nd day of Shavuot** Ends 9:05  
Yizkor

**24** 8 Sivan ח

**25** 9 Sivan ט  
Memorial Day

**26** 10 Sivan י

**27** 11 Sivan יא

**28** 12 Sivan יב

**29** 13 Sivan יג  
Light 8:06

**30** 14 Sivan יד  
Nasso Ends 9:11

**31** 15 Sivan טו

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

# JUNE

## 2026

סיון - תמוז תשפ"ו  
SIVAN - TAMUZ 5786



### SIMPLE IS BEAUTIFUL

*A traditional plain wooden casket reflects humility and equality in death.*

### SINAI OFFERS A RANGE OF CASKETS

*that meet halachic standards and honor Jewish tradition.*



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#### SUNDAY

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#### THURSDAY

#### FRIDAY

#### SATURDAY

15 Sivan טו

16 Sivan טז

17 Sivan יז

18 Sivan יח

19 Sivan יט

20 Sivan כ Light 8:11

21 Sivan כא Beha'alotecha Ends 9:16

22 Sivan כב

23 Sivan כג

24 Sivan כד

25 Sivan כה

26 Sivan כו

27 Sivan כז Light 8:14

28 Sivan כח Shelach Birkat Hachodesh Ends 9:20

29 Sivan כט

30 Sivan ל Rosh Chodesh

1 Tamuz א Rosh Chodesh

2 Tamuz ב

3 Tamuz ג

4 Tamuz ד Juneteenth Light 8:17

5 Tamuz ה Korach Ends 9:22

6 Tamuz ו Father's Day

7 Tamuz ז

8 Tamuz ח

9 Tamuz ט

10 Tamuz י

11 Tamuz יא Light 8:18

12 Tamuz יב Chukat / Balak Ends 9:23

13 Tamuz יג

14 Tamuz יד

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  
TAMUZ - AV 5786



## YOUR GO-TO JEWISH RESOURCE

Planning a bar or bat mitzvah? Searching for High Holiday services? Check out J.'s **Resource Guide** at [jweekly.com/jewishresourceguide](http://jweekly.com/jewishresourceguide)



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1 16 Tamuz טז

#### THURSDAY

2 17 Tamuz יז  
**Tzom Shiva**  
**Assar Be'Tamuz**  
 Fast 4:06 -9:07

#### FRIDAY

3 18 Tamuz יח  
 Independence Day (observed)  
 Light 8:17

#### SATURDAY

4 19 Tamuz יט  
 Pinechas  
 Ends 9:22

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 לו  
 Matot / Massei Birkat Hachodesh  
 Ends 9:19

12 27 Tamuz לז

13 28 Tamuz לח

14 29 Tamuz לט

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  
AV - ELUL 5786



### JEWISH DEATH CARE IS GREEN

*Eco-conscious burial aligns with Jewish values of humbleness, stewardship and simplicity.*

### ASK SINAI ABOUT GREEN BURIAL OPTIONS

*that honor both tradition and the earth.*



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SATURDAY

18 Av יח Ekev

19 Av יט

20 Av כ

21 Av כא

22 Av כב

23 Av כג

24 Av כד Light 7:54

25 Av כה

26 Av כו

27 Av כז

28 Av כח

29 Av כט

30 Av ל Rosh Chodesh

1 Elul א Rosh Chodesh Light 7:46

1 Elul ב Shofetim

2 Elul ג

3 Elul ד

4 Elul ה

5 Elul ו

6 Elul ז

7 Elul ח Light 7:36

8 Elul ט

9 Elul י

10 Elul יא

11 Elul יב

12 Elul יג

13 Elul יד Light 7:27

14 Elul טו Ki Tavo

15 Elul יו

16 Elul יז

17 Elul יח

18 Elul יט

19 Elul כ

20 Elul כא

21 Elul כב

22 Elul כג

23 Elul כד

24 Elul כה

25 Elul כו

26 Elul כז

27 Elul כח

28 Elul כט



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

## 2026

אלול תשפ"ו - תשרי תשפ"ז  
ELUL 5786 - TISHREI 5787



### 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](http://jweekly.com/newsletter)*



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

**בְּעֵלְמָא דִּי בְּרָא כְרְעוּתֵיהּ וְיִמְלִיךָ מַלְכוּתֵיהּ בְּחַיֵּינוּ וּבְיוֹמֵינוּ**

**וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּעַגְלָא וּבְזָמוּ קָרִיב, וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן:**

**יְהֵא שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבָרַךְ לְעָלְמֵי וְלְעָלְמֵי עָלְמַיָּא**

**וְיִתְבָּרַךְ וְיִשְׁתַּבַּח וְיִתְפָּאֵר וְיִתְרוֹמַם וְיִתְנַשֵּׂא וְיִתְהַדָּר וְיִתְעַלֶּה**

**וְיִתְהַלָּל שְׁמֵהּ דְקַדְשָׁא. בְּרִיךְ הוּא.**

**לְעֵלְמָא מוּ כָּל בְּרַכְתָּא וְשִׁירָתָא תְּשַׁבְּחָתָא וְנַחֲמָתָא דְאָמְרִין בְּעֵלְמָא.**

**וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן:**

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

**עוֹשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמִרְמוֹתָיו הוּא יַעֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם 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 almayya.

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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