



"וְהָיָה מִיָּדֵי זֶדֶד בְּזֶדֶדְשׁוֹ, וּמִיָּדֵי שַׁבָּת בְּשַׁבָּתוֹ"

*And it shall come to pass that from one New Moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another*  
(ישעיהו פרק סו פסוק כג)

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## Iyar 5786

April 17 – May 16, 2026

**The New Moon:** Friday morning 5:38 a.m. and 14 *chalakim*

**Kiddush Levana (Sanctification of the Moon):**

from Monday night, 4 *Iyar* (19.04.2026) to Thursday night, 14 *Iyar* (31.04.2026)

**Kiddush Levana (according to Oriental communities):** Saturday night, 9 *Iyar* (25.05.2026)  
to Thursday night, 14 *Iyar* (31.04.2026)

### **Shabbat Parashot Tazria-Metzora, second day of Rosh Chodesh Iyar (18.4.2026)**

*Yaale ve'Yavo*, half *Hallel*, *Kadish Titkabel*. Two Torah scrolls are taken out. In the first, seven people are called to read the weekly Torah portion. The first Torah scroll is lifted and rolled up. In the second Torah scroll we read *Maftir* from Parashat **Pinchas** *u'vyom ha'shabat, u'vroshy chodshechem* until *v'nisko*. The *Haftara* is read from Isaiah ch. 66: *ko amar hashem ha'shamyim kisi'i* until the end of the book, and the verse *v'haya midei chodesh b'chodsho* is repeated twice. *Av Harachim* is not recited (some do not say *Av Harachamim* in all the Shabatot between Pesach and Shavuot). *Mussaf* for Shabbat and Rosh Chodesh: "*Ata Yazarta*". Some add in *Mussaf* before the end of the Bracha "*Baruch ata Hashem Mekadesh Hashabat v'Yisrael*" – "*Kadshenu b'mitzvotcha*" like in every Shabbat, and then end the Bracha "*Mekadesh Hashabat v'Yisrael v'roshey chodashim*". *Shir shel Yom* and *Barchi Nafshi*.

**Mincha:** three men are called up to read from Parashat **Acharei**. *Yaale ve'Yavo*. *Tsidkatecha tzedek* is not recited. *Avot* chapter 2.

### **Tuesday, 4 Iyar (21.4.2026): Yom Ha-Zikaron (Memorial Day) for the Fallen in Israel's Battles**

We light *nerot neshama* (24-hour candles) in memory of the fallen. In the *'arvit* prayer service *Psalm* 83 is read after *kaddish titkabbal* (and some recite *Psalm* 9), verse by verse. *Kaddish* is recited by parents and relatives of the fallen. In the *shacharit* prayer service, after *kaddish titkabbal*, the Ark is opened and *Psalm* 144 is recited, verse by verse. *Yizkor*, *el maleh rachamim* and *kaddish* by parents and relatives.

### **Yom Ha'Atzma'ut – Wednesday, 5 Iyar (22.4.2026)**

In accordance with the ruling of the Israel Chief Rabbinate, we recite before the *'arvit* prayer service various prayers of thanks in accordance with custom, and in the *shacharit* prayer we add the psalms recited on *Shabbatot* and *Yamim Tovim*; we recite *Shirat Ha-Yam* (Song of the Sea) verse by verse; after the *'Amida* we recite *Hallel* (some do so with a *beracha*, others – without) and the Prayer for the Wellbeing of the State and Israel Defense Forces.

We do not recite *tachanun* or *lam'natzeach*. From the Book of Isaiah 11, 12, we read the section '*Od ha'yom b'Nov la'amod* until *kedosh Yisrael*. We celebrate the onset of the growth of our Redemption – *Reishit Tz'michat Ge'ulateinu* – with rejoicing and thanksgiving to the Almighty.

### **Shabbat Parashot Acharei Mot – Kedoshim, 8 Iyar (25.4.2026)**

The *Haftara* is read from Amos 9:7 "*Ha-lo kiv'nei kushiyim atem li*" to the end of the chapter. We bless those who fast *sheini-hamishi-sheini*.

**Mincha:** three men are called up to the read from Parashat **Emor**. *Avot* chapter 3.

**Monday, 10 Iyar (27.4.2026) Ta'anit Sheini Kama** – the first Monday fast – *selichot*; *'alot ha-shachar* (first glimmer of dawn): 4:20 a.m. in Israel.

**Thursday, 13 Iyar (30.4.2026). Ta'anit Chamishi.** *Selichot*: *alot ha-shachar* (first glimmer of dawn): 4:17 a.m. in Israel. Some recite *Tachanun* in *Mincha* and some do not recite *Tachanun* in *Mincha*.

**Pesach Sheini, Friday, 14 Iyar (1.5.2026):** We do not recite *tachanun*, but do recite *lam'natzeach*. On Thursday night we celebrate the *hillula* of Rabbi Meir *ba'al ha-Nes*, whose gravesite is in T'veria (Tiberias).

### **Shabbat Parashat Emor, 15 Iyar (2.5.2026)**

The *Haftara* is read from *Yechezkel* (Ezekiel), 44:15: "*v'ha-kohanim hal'viyim*" to the end of the chapter "*lo yochlu ha'kohanim*".

**Mincha:** three men are called up to the read from *Parashat Behar*. *Tsidkatkcha tsedek*. Avot, Chapter 4.

From 16 Iyar onwards, those who have a doubt if they said *Mashiv Haruach* or *V'ten Bracha*, do not repeat the *Shmoneh Esreh* prayer, since 30 days (90 prayers) have passed since the beginning of saying these phrases.

**Monday, 17 Iyar (4.5.2026) Ta'anit Sheini Batra – selichot:** '*alot ha-shachar* (first glimmer of dawn): 4:11 a.m. in Israel. *Tachanun* is not recited in Mincha.

### **Lag Ba'Omer, Tuesday, 18 Iyar (5.5.2026) - Hillula of Rabbi Shim'on Bar Yochai at Meron**

From sunset we must take care not to say that today is *Lag Ba'Omer* until we actually count the '*Omer*, lest we enter into doubt as to whether to pronounce the *beracha* or not. *Tachanun* is not recited, but we do say *lam'natzeah*. We may take haircuts. It is customary to rejoice, and weddings are celebrated. The *hillula* at Meron takes place at the gravesite of Rabbi Shim'on bar Yohai. Some are accustomed to cutting the hair of a child who has turned three years of age. We do not fast on this day, except for a *ta'anit chalom* or a bridegroom on his wedding day.

### **Shabbat Parashot Behar-Bechukotai, 22 Iyar (9.5.2026)**

"*Chazak*". It is customary to read the verses of the *tochecha* in an undertone, yet clearly so that the entire congregation can hear it. It is also customary for the Torah reader himself to be called to the Torah for this reading. The *Haftara* is read from *Yirmiyahu* (Jeremiah), from 16:19: "*HaShem 'uzi*" until 17:14 "*ki tehillati atta*".

**Mincha:** three men are called up to the read from *Parashat B'midbar*. Avot chapter 5.

**Thursday, 27 Iyar (14.5.2026) – Erev Rosh Chodesh Sivan (early):** At *Mincha*, we recite *Yom Kippur Katan*.

### **Friday, 28 Iyar (15.5.2026) – Yom Yerushalayim (Jerusalem Day)**

The liberation of the Old City and the Western Wall (the *Kotel*) from foreign occupation. In accordance with the ruling of the Chief Rabbinate, this day was proclaimed a day of rejoicing and thanksgiving. At *Ma'ariv* we open with *Shir Ha-Ma'alot Samachti b'omerim* (psalms ch. 122) sung in a festive melody. Some also add *Shir Ha-Ma'alot Zechor le-David et kol Anuto* (psalms ch. 132).

**Shacharit:** *Az Yashir* verse by verse, the entire *Hallel* recited with a *beracha*, and the *chazan* and congregation together recite Psalm 107, verse by verse: *hodu l'Ha-Shem ki tov*. We hold a festive *se'uda* to commemorate the miracles and wonders we experienced.

### **Shabbat Parashat B'midbar, 29 Iyar (16.5.2026)**

The *Haftara* is read from *Shmuel* (Samuel) I 20:18 "*vayomer yehonatan Machar chodesh*" until verse 42 "*ad olam*". *Av Harachamim* is recited. We announce the New Moon which will fall on Sunday (17.5.2026).

**The Molad: Saturday night (16.5.2026), 6:02 p.m. and 15 Chalakim**

**Mincha:** three men are called up to the read from *Parashat Naso*. *Tsidkatkcha tsedek* is not recited. Avot Chapter 6.

**With best wishes for a good month,**

**Yitshak Mamo**

**David Ben-Naeh**

### Candle Lighting Times For Shabbat - Friday, 29 Nissan, April 17, 2026

Shabbat begins		Shabbat ends		Shabbat begins		Shabbat begins			
Jerusalem	18:34	Jerusalem	19:48	New York	19:18	Melbourne	17:22	Madrid	20:26
Tel Aviv	18:51	Tel Aviv	19:50	Los Angeles	19:07	Johannesburg	17:25	Marbella	20:37
Beer Sheba	18:51	Beer Sheba	19:49	Paris	20:16	Buenos Aires	17:58	Toronto	19:36
Haifa	18:44	Haifa	19:51	London	19:32	Moscow	19:12	Warsaw	19:06
Eilat	18:38	Eilat	19:46	Amsterdam	20:12	Rome	19:23	Belmonte	19:52
								Lisbon	19:57

### Candle Lighting Times For Shabbat - Friday, 7 Iyar, April 24, 2026

Shabbat begins		Shabbat ends		Shabbat begins		Shabbat begins			
Jerusalem	18:39	Jerusalem	19:54	New York	19:25	Melbourne	17:12	Madrid	20:33
Tel Aviv	18:55	Tel Aviv	19:56	Los Angeles	19:13	Johannesburg	17:19	Marbella	20:43
Beer Sheba	18:56	Beer Sheba	19:54	Paris	20:27	Buenos Aires	17:50	Toronto	19:44
Haifa	18:49	Haifa	19:56	London	19:43	Moscow	19:27	Warsaw	19:18
Eilat	18:42	Eilat	19:51	Amsterdam	20:24	Rome	19:30	Belmonte	19:59
								Lisbon	20:04

### Candle Lighting Times For Shabbat - Friday, 14 Iyar, May 5, 2026

Shabbat begins		Shabbat ends		The Chag begins		The Chag begins			
Jerusalem	18:44	Jerusalem	19:59	New York	19:32	Melbourne	17:04	Madrid	20:40
Tel Aviv	19:00	Tel Aviv	20:02	Los Angeles	19:18	Johannesburg	17:13	Marbella	20:50
Beer Sheba	19:00	Beer Sheba	20:00	Paris	20:37	Buenos Aires	17:42	Toronto	19:53
Haifa	18:54	Haifa	20:02	London	19:55	Moscow	19:41	Warsaw	19:30
Eilat	18:46	Eilat	19:56	Amsterdam	20:56	Rome	19:38	Belmonte	20:06
								Lisbon	20:11

### Candle Lighting Times For Shabbat - Friday, 21 Iyar, May 8, 2026

Shabbat begins		Shabbat ends		Shabbat begins		Shabbat begins			
Jerusalem	18:49	Jerusalem	20:05	New York	19:40	Melbourne	16:56	Madrid	20:47
Tel Aviv	19:05	Tel Aviv	20:07	Los Angeles	19:24	Johannesburg	17:09	Marbella	20:56
Beer Sheba	19:05	Beer Sheba	20:09	Paris	20:47	Buenos Aires	17:36	Toronto	20:01
Haifa	18:59	Haifa	20:08	London	20:06	Moscow	19:55	Warsaw	19:42
Eilat	18:51	Eilat	20:01	Amsterdam	20:48	Rome	19:46	Belmonte	20:13
								Lisbon	20:17

### Candle Lighting Times For Shabbat - Friday, 28 Iyar, May 15, 2026

Shabbat begins		Shabbat ends		Shabbat begins		Shabbat begins			
Jerusalem	18:54	Jerusalem	20:10	New York	19:46	Melbourne	16:50	Madrid	20:54
Tel Aviv	19:10	Tel Aviv	20:13	Los Angeles	19:29	Johannesburg	17:05	Marbella	21:02
Beer Sheba	19:10	Beer Sheba	20:11	Paris	20:57	Buenos Aires	17:30	Toronto	20:09
Haifa	19:05	Haifa	20:14	London	20:17	Moscow	20:08	Warsaw	19:53
Eilat	18:55	Eilat	20:06	Amsterdam	20:59	Rome	19:53	Belmonte	20:20
								Lisbon	20:24