

THE JEWISH CALENDAR

Number of Month		Hebrew Name	Modern Equivalent	Feasts	Agriculture
<i>Sacred sequence</i> 1	<i>Civil sequence</i> 7	Abib (Nisan)	March–April	Passover Unleavened Bread First fruits	Spring (later) rains; barley and flax harvest begins
2	8	Ziv (Iyyar)	April–May		Barley harvest; dry season begins
3	9	Sivan	May–June	Weeks (Pentecost)	Wheat harvest
4	10	Tammuz	June–July		Tending vines
5	11	Ab	July–August		Ripening of grapes, figs, and olives
6	12	Elul	August–September		Processing grapes, figs, and olives
7	1	Ethanim (Tishri)	September–October	Trumpets Day of Atonement Tabernacles (Booths)	Autumn (early) rains begin; plowing
8	2	Bul (Marcheshvan)	October–November		Sowing of wheat and barley
9	3	Chislev	November–December	Hanukkah (Dedication)	Winter rains begin; snow in some areas
10	4	Tebeth	December–January		
11	5	Shebat	January–February		
12	6	Adar	February–March	Purim	Almond trees bloom; citrus fruit harvest
		Second Adar (Adar Sheni)	<i>Month added every three years so that the lunar calendar corresponds to the solar year.</i>		

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