

THE HEBREW CALENDAR

Pre-Exilic	Post-Exilic	Sacred Calen.	Civil Calen.	Festivals	Modern Equivalent	Agricultural Season
Abib	Nisan	1	7	1 – New Moon	Mar/Apr	Spring Equinox Occasional Sirocco Latter rains: Flood season Beginning of Barley Season Flax Harvest
				14 – Passover		
Ziv	Iyyar	2	8	15-21 – Unleavened Bread	Apr/May	Dry season begins Apricots ripen
				16 – Firstfruits		
	Sivan	3	9	21 – Holy Convocation	May/Jun	Wheat harvest begins; dry winds; early figs grapes ripen
				7 – Pentecost (Feast of Weeks)		
	Tammuz	4	10		Jun/Jul	Hot, dry season; grape harvest
	Ab	5	11		Jul/Aug	Air still, heat intense; olive harvest
Elul	6	12	Aug/Sept		Dates & summer figs	
Ethaniam	Tishri	7	1	1 – Feast of Trumpets	Sept/Oct	Early rains; heavy dews; plowing, seed time
				10 – Day of Atonement		
Bul	Heshvan	8	2	15-21 – Feast of Tabernacles	Oct/Nov	Rains, winter figs; wheat & barley sown
				22 – Solemn Ceremony		
	Chislew	9	3	25 – Dedication	Nov/Dec	Winter begins; pastures become green
	Tebeth	10	4		Dec/Jan	Coldest month; rains & snow
	Shebat	11	5		Jan/Feb	Growing warmer: Almond trees blossom
Adar	12	6	15 – Feast of Purim	Feb/Mar	Spring; latter rains; citrus fruit harvest	