

Happy Hanukkah



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Shalom, one and all!

Chanukah is just around the corner! Can you believe this year is almost over? We need to get geared up for what I believe will be one of the most prophetically revealing years ever in this generation. One piece of advice I want to really get across is we need to be better prepared. Primarily we need to be spiritually prepared. It is difficult enough when we are not physically prepared and the power goes out. We stumble around looking for a flashlight. We finally find one and the batteries are dead. We stumble along looking for batteries and there aren't any. We get in the car to go to the store and buy batteries or a new flashlight. We get there and the store is closed due to lack of power. You finally find a store open and they are sold out already. Finally you make due and buy some candles and matches. All these things take time. If you are fortunate you may have had some nice neighbors to help or maybe remember a secret stash you forgot about and located that.

But when it comes to being spiritually prepared you either have the resources within or you don't. You can't buy faith. You can't get it from your neighbors. You either have a deeply seeded trust in the Almighty or you don't. You can't buy a close relationship. Knowing someone takes time and is built over years. A relationship with God is not gotten like fast food. Saying some magical words and thinking now I have a deep personal relationship. We need to be studying God's Word everyday and getting to know Him even if it is only a short time everyday we need consistency in our lives. All the external preparations we make are great but we should never walk in fear. It is all about trusting in God and helping our fellowman.

With that said we really need to be as physically prepared as well, not only for ourselves but also for our neighbors. Of course we have to stay within our budget and trust God for the rest. Here are some great links for preparedness.

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Here we are in the month of Kislev. This coming Sunday, Nov 10th is Kislev 7, which is the day King Jehoiakim burned the Torah Scroll as mentioned in Jeremiah. Monday November 18th is the 15th of Kislev and the very day a pagan altar was set up in the Holy Temple resulting in the story of Chanukah. Wednesday, November 27th is the 24th of Kislev. This is the very day that Haggai prophesied the downfall of the Median/Persian Empire and the salvation of the Jews.

Haggai 2:6-10 For this is what the LORD of Hosts says: 'Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, the earth, the sea, and the dry land; and I will shake all nations. The precious things of all nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory,' says the LORD of Hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine,' says the LORD of Hosts. 'The latter glory of this house will be greater than

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the former,' says the LORD of Hosts; 'and in this place will I give peace,' says the LORD of Hosts." In the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month, in the second year of Darius, the Word of the LORD came by Haggai the prophet, saying,.....

Then it goes on to say:

Haggai 2:20-23 The Word of the LORD came the second time to Haggai in the twenty-fourth day of the month, saying, "Speak to Zerubbabel, governor of Judah, saying, 'I will shake the heavens and the earth. I will overthrow the throne of kingdoms. I will destroy the strength of the kingdoms of the nations. I will overthrow the chariots, and those who ride in them. The horses and their riders will come down, everyone by the sword of his brother. In that day, says the LORD of Hosts, will I take you, Zerubbabel, my servant, the son of Shealtiel,' says the LORD, 'and will make you as a signet, for I have chosen you,' says the LORD of Hosts."

Chanukah and Thanksgiving together are just around the corner! This won't happen again for 75,000 years - hope to see you then! We are having an awesome Chanukah party on Monday night December 2nd. Be sure and invite the whole family and all your friends. Bring your Chanukkahs and be a light to the world!

The Shabbat of November 30th is Kislev 27 the very day the 40 days of flood rains finally stopped. It is so fun to be aware of the significant biblical events and when they happen on our regular calendar. With Jan 1st approaching we still have our Eclipse Calendar available that is good through all of next year. It makes for a great way to wake up your friends and relatives to the importance of the feasts and the biblical calendar. You can get yours here! <http://shop.elshaddaiministries.us/16-Month-ESM-Blood-Moon-Eclipse-Calendar-600-999.htm>

May the LORD bless all of you and keep you safe!
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Book Review by Shawn Miller

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"**Thou Shall Prosper**", Rabbi Daniel Lapin

Recommended? Yes (for those desiring to apply Torah principles to achieve financial prosperity)

Rating: 4.5 out of 5 stars

Rabbi Lapin's book, "Thou Shall Prosper", provides 10 commandments for establishing financial prosperity from the perspective of a rabbinical Jewish rabbi. If you are someone who loves Torah, I think you will find this book very insightful. Rabbi Lapin uses biblical insights as well as principles from Jewish tradition and the sages to bring financial principles to light. Let me highlight a few of Rabbi Lapin's commandments.

One pleasant surprise in this book is that Lapin has a chapter on leadership (commandment 5, "Lead consistently and constantly"). It seems that financial prosperity follows biblical leadership. In this chapter, Rabbi Lapin talks about having the courage to persuasively present your vision, how to induct employees into the culture of an organization, and how to adapt the power of prayer to business goals. This is a great chapter for business people and small business owners.

His 7th commandment is, "Learn to foresee the future". He gives some great tips for predicting the future, including focusing on the events that will impact your business life, interpreting events without emotion, and how to watch for patterns, cycles and trends.

In his 8th commandment he also talks about the importance of developing trustworthiness. "Trust is essential to successful wealth creation", Lapin states. He also discusses the importance of having a handle on your personal finances and keeping excellent records by maintaining your own personal

financial statements.

Finally, in his 10th commandment, Rabbi Lapin turns retirement on its heels, saying that there is nothing biblical about retirement. This chapter is especially thought provoking, and will have you challenging your pre-conceived assumptions about when and how to retire.

As a Torah-loving Christian and someone who has read many financial books, and does financial counseling for the under-privileged, I highly recommend "Thou Shall Prosper" (available on Amazon.com for \$17).

-Shawn Miller

Recommended Product

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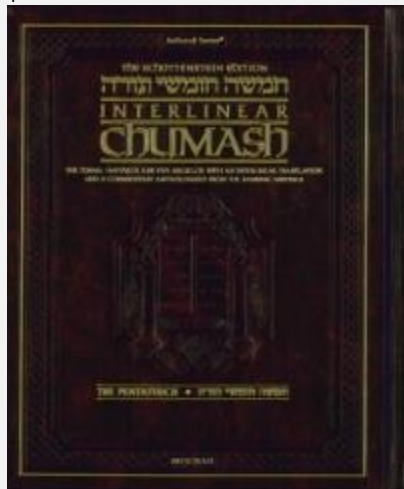
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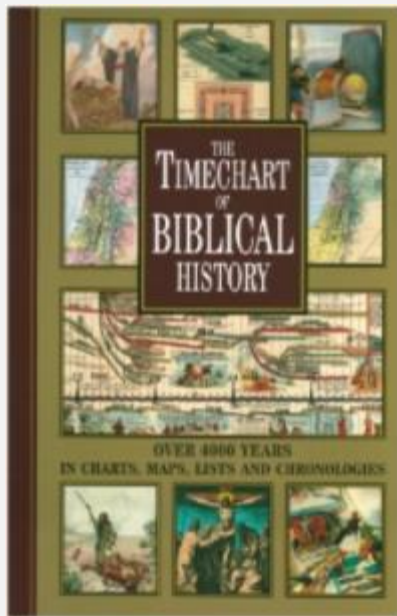
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Recipes

Latkes



2 cups peeled and shredded potatoes

(russets work best)

1 tablespoon grated onion

3 eggs, beaten

2 tablespoons all-purpose flour

1 1/2 teaspoons salt

1/2 cup peanut oil for frying

Directions:

1. Place the potatoes in a cheesecloth and wring, extracting as much moisture as possible.

2. In a medium bowl stir the potatoes, onion, eggs, flour and salt together.

3. In a large heavy-bottomed skillet over medium-high heat, heat the oil until hot. Place large spoonfuls of the potato mixture into the hot oil, pressing down on them to form 1/4 to 1/2 inch thick patties.

Brown on one side, turn and brown on the other. Let drain on paper towels. Serve hot!

Cranberry-Chestnut Challah Stuffing



Yield: 8 to 10 servings

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 large onion, coarsely chopped
- 4 celery stalks, coarsely chopped
- 1 cup roasted and peeled chestnuts, quartered
- 1 cup dried cranberries
- 1/4 cup finely chopped fresh sage or 1 tablespoon dried
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh parsley or 2 teaspoons dried
- 8 cups 1/2-inch cubes white or whole wheat challah
- 2 cups chicken broth, such as Manischewitz all natural Chicken Broth
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Directions:

1. Preheat the oven to 400°F.
2. Heat the olive oil in a large Dutch oven or ovenproof sauté pan over medium-high heat. Sauté the onion and celery until softened and the onion is translucent, 8 to 10 minutes. Add the chestnuts, cranberries, sage, and parsley and cook 2 minutes more. Stir in the challah, chicken broth, salt, and pepper. Remove from the heat. Cover and bake for 30 minutes. Uncover and bake until lightly browned, 10 minutes more.



Mini Sufganiyot

3-1/4 to 3-

- 1/2 Cups all-purpose flour
- 2 packages active dry yeast
- 1/2 Tsp. ground cinnamon
- 1 Cup water
- 1/3 Cup granulated sugar
- 2 Tbsp. cooking oil (such as olive oil)
- 1/2 Tsp. salt
- 1 egg
- 1/2 Tsp. vanilla

1/4 Cup chocolate-hazelnut spread (such as Nutella) or jelly
Cooking oil for deep frying (such as peanut oil)
Sifted powdered sugar

Directions:

1. In a large mixing bowl stir together 1-1/4 cups of flour, the yeast, and cinnamon; set aside.
2. In a medium saucepan heat and stir water, sugar, cooking oil, and salt just until warm (120 degrees F to 130 degrees F). Add oil mixture to flour mixture; add egg and vanilla. Beat with an electric mixer on low to medium speed for 30 seconds, scraping the sides of the bowl constantly. Beat on high speed for 3 minutes. Using wooden spoon, stir in as much of the remaining flour as you can.
3. Turn dough out onto a lightly floured surface. Knead in enough of the remaining flour to make a moderately soft dough that is smooth and elastic (3 to 5 minutes total). Shape dough into a ball. Place in a lightly greased bowl, turning once to grease the surface of the dough. Cover and let rise in a warm place until double in size (about 1 hour).
4. Punch dough down. Turn dough out onto a lightly floured surface. Divide in half. Cover and let rise for 10 minutes.
5. Roll dough, 1 portion at a time, to 1/4-inch thickness. Cut dough with a floured 1-1/2-inch biscuit cutter, dipping cutter into flour between cuts. Place about 1/4 Tsp. chocolate spread or jelly onto the centers of the half of the circles. Lightly moisten edges of circles; top with remaining circles. Press edges together to seal. Repeat with remaining dough and fillings. Re roll and cut trimmings.
6. Fry filled doughnuts, 3 or 4 at a time, in deep hot oil (365 degrees F) about 1 minute on each side or until golden, turning once with a slotted spoon. Remove from oil; drain on a paper towels. Sprinkle with powdered sugar. Cool on wire racks. Makes about 42 mini-sufganiyot.

This Month in Jewish History

- Kislev 3: First Nazi mass-murder of Warsaw Jews, 1939; 1,538 Jews of Poltava, Russia, executed by the Nazis, 1941.
- Kislev 4: Jews of Pressburg were expelled by order of Maria of Hapsburg, 1526; Empress Elizabeth ordered the expulsion of all Jews from Great Russia, 1742.
- Kislev 5: Portuguese Jews had to leave by this date in 1497 (the decree of expulsion was earlier, but there was a grace period); Rumanian Jews were barred from the practice of law, 1864.
- Kislev 6: Jews barred from settling in Stockholm, Sweden, 1685.
- Kislev 7: King Yehoyakim burned a Sefer Torah, 603 b.c.e. - day was made a fast day.
- Kislev 9: Jews of Paris expelled (again) by Charles VI, 1394.
- Kislev 10: 27,000 Jews of the Riga ghetto taken for execution, 1941.
- Kislev 14: Birth of Reuven; Czar of Russia provides for the establishment of Jewish schools and seminaries, 1844; Nazi's place Jews of Poland outside the law and beyond protection of the courts, 1941; First plane of Operation Magic Carpet bringing Yemenite Jews to Israel, 1948.
- Kislev 15: A pagan altar was set up in the Beit HaMikdash, 167 B.C.E.
- Kislev 17: Massacre of Jews of Ausburg, Germany, 1349; Anti-Jewish riots in Paris, many Jews killed, 1380; First Jewish author in America, and his mother, burned to death in Mexico City by the Inquisition, 1596; Jews of Nassau, Germany granted equality, 1848; Anti-Jewish violence in Bucharest, 1897; Hebrew date of the U.N. vote to partition Palestine, 1947.

- Kislev 18: Jews of Strasbourg were forbidden to circumcise, to wear beards, and to own Hebrew books (which were to be burned), 1793; Polish forces attack Jews of Lvov, 1918.
- Kislev 20: Ezra urged the Jews in Jerusalem to dissolve all intermarriages and to purge the Jewish community of foreign elements and influence, 456 b.c.e.
- Kislev 21: Har G'rizim Day, ancient festival celebrating victory over the Samaritans, 331 b.c.e.; Austrian forces kill many Jews in Prague, 1744.
- Kislev 22: Charles IV issued letters of protection for the Jews of Strasbourg in 1357. Two years later, mobs burned 1000 Jews and baptized many others; King of Denmark invited Amsterdam Jews to settle in Norway and have religious freedom, 1622.
- Kislev 23: Year of Terror against Jews of Alsace began (with a well-poisoning accusation), 1348; Massacre of the Jews of Nuremberg in Black Death riots, 1349.
- Kislev 24: Foundation of second Beit HaMikdash was completed; Chaggai prophesied the downfall of Persia and the salvation of the Jews.
- Kislev 25: First day of Chanukkah; Cain killed Abel; Construction of the Mishkan was completed; Jews ordered expelled from Tennessee by Gen. Ulysses S. Grant; The order of the expulsion of the Jews of Spain (associated with Tish'a b'Av 1492) was officially voided on the first day of Chanukkah 1968.
- Kislev 26: First Crusade proclaimed, 1095; Second day of Chanukkah.
- Kislev 27: The Flood rains stopped; Third day of Chanukkah.
- Kislev 28: Fourth day of Chanukkah.
- Kislev 29: Fifth day of Chanukkah.
- Kislev 30: Sixth day of Chanukkah.



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