

## EXPLANATION OF JEWISH WORDS, ITEMS AND HOLIDAYS

### Jewish Home

**Mezuzah** - Wooden or metal case containing a handwritten scroll, placed on the right of a doorpost.

**Tzedakah Box** - Charity bank

**Shalom** - Greeting, Peace

**Mazel Tov** - Congratulations

**Sabbath** - Day of rest. Friday evening through Saturday evening.

**Sabbath Candles** - Lighted at the beginning of the Sabbath

**Challah** - Braided bread

**Bar Mitzvah** - Ceremony which signifies that a thirteen year old boy has become of age to assume full religious responsibilities.

**Skull Cap, Kipah, Yarmulka** - Head covering

**Tallis** - Fringed prayer shawl...carried in a **Tallis Bag**

**Tefillin** - Small leather boxes which contain handwritten scrolls

**Other Items appropriate for a Bar Mitzvah:**

Bar Mitzvah Album, Prayer Book, Wrapped Gifts, Shopping Bag, Wrapping Paper, Mazel Tov Streamers, Bar Mitzvah Plate, Wine Bottle and Wine Goblet

**Bat Mitzvah** - Ceremony celebrating the entrance of a Jewish girl into religious life.

**Items appropriate for a Bat Mitzvah:**

Bat Mitzvah Album, Prayer Book, Bat Mitzvah Plate, Wrapped Gifts, Shopping Bag, Sabbath Candles, Mazel Tov Streamers, Wrapping Paper, Wine Bottle & Wine Goblet

**Wedding** - A Jewish wedding takes place under a **Chupa** (wedding canopy). At the end of the ceremony the bridegroom steps on and breaks a wine glass.

**Items appropriate for a Jewish Wedding:** Wedding Prayer book, Mazel Tov Streamers, Gifts, Shopping Bag, Wine Bottle & Goblet, Wine glass.

### JEWISH HOLIDAYS:

**Rosh Hashanah** - Jewish New Year. In celebration of a sweet New Year the following

**Items are appropriate for Rosh Hashanah:** Wine Bottle & Goblet, Honey Cake, Sponge Cake, Round Challah, Apples & Honey

**Purim** - Celebrates the downfall of Haman who wished to wipe out the Jewish People

**Grager** - Noisemaker

**Hamantashen** - Three cornered pastries

**Other items appropriate for Purim:** Purim Story Book, Wine Bottle & Goblet

**Chanukah, Hanukkah** - Celebrates the rededication of the ancient Temple in Jerusalem. Celebrated by lighting of candles in a nine candle **Menorah**.

**Dreidel** -Four sided top

**Gelt** - Money. Chocolate coins wrapped in foil.

**Other items appropriate for Chanukah:** Chanukah Cookbook, Chanukah Story & Chanukah is Fun books, Dreidel cookies, Chanukah Mug, Chanukah Plates, Chanukah Streamers, Gifts, Potato Pancakes, Chanukah Pillows, Wrapping Papers, Shopping Bag, Chanukah Candles

**Passover** - Celebrates the deliverance of the Israelites from Egyptian slavery.

**Matzah** - flat unleavened bread

**Haggadah** - Text of the home service read during the Passover **Sedar** celebration

**Sedar Plate** - Holds foods eaten as part of the Sedar ceremony

**Kiddish Cup** - Wine goblet

**Passover Pillow** - Placed on chairs to lean upon as part of the ceremony.

**Other items appropriate for Passover:** Matzah Bag, Matzah Plate, Wine Bottle & Goblets, Candle Sticks with Candles, Fruit Slices (candy), Chocolate Matzah, Macaroons, Gefilte fish, Chicken Soup, Honey Cake, Sponge Cake

Miniature Gift baskets, filled shopping bags, set acrylic tables or set skirted tables are available for all holidays & occasions. Barb will be happy to assist you with your choices. Articles Barb has written for various publications, detailing different Jewish holidays and occasions, are available to download from this web site.

## CALENDAR OF THE FIRST DAY OF JEWISH HOLIDAYS

Year	Passover	Rosh Hashanah	Chanukah	Purim
2009	April 9	September 19	December 11	March 10
2010	March 30	September 9	December 1	February 28
2011	April 19	September 29	December 20	March 20
2012	April 7	September 17	December 8	March 8
2013	March 26	September 5	November 27	February 24

