

## 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.

**Tzadakah 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, Yalmulkah** - Head covering for men

**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,

**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

**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, Wine 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

**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

**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

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**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Passover</b>	<b>Rosh Hashanah</b>	<b>Chanukah</b>	<b>Purim</b>
2020	April 8	September 18	December 10	March 9
2021	March 27	September 6	November 28	February 25
2022	April 15	September 25	December 18	March 16
2023	April 5	September 15	December 7	March 6
2024	April 22	October 2	December 25	March 21
2025	April 12	September 22	December 14	March 13