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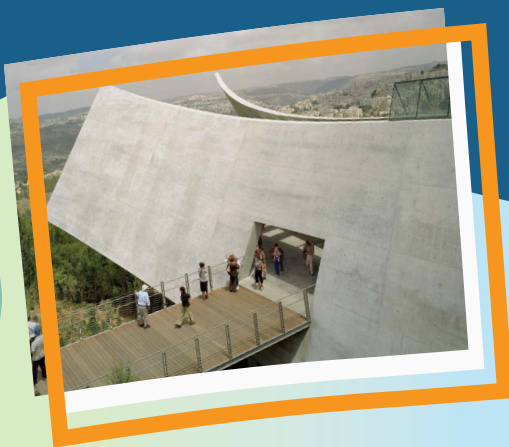
מחזירים אותם הביתה

(Machzirim Otam Habaiyta)

We will bring them home

May is full of important dates in the Jewish calendar which define the most significant time of the year in Israeli society. In Israel, these 3 dates of significance have become what they refer to as the "High Holidays".

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
Yom HaShoah 5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Yom HaZikaron 12	Yom Ha'atzmaut 13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Lag B'Omer 26	27	28	29	30	31	



Yom HaShoah

From the evening of
Sunday May 5 - Monday May 6, 2024

Hebrew calendar: 27 Nissan

This is the official day for remembering the Holocaust in Israel. It is also widely observed by Jews around the world. In Israel, places of entertainment are closed, and memorial ceremonies are held throughout the country. The central ceremonies, in the evening and the following morning, are held at Yad Vashem (Holocaust Remembrance Museum) and are broadcast on television.

Yom HaZikaron

From the evening of
Sunday May 12 - Monday May 13, 2024

Hebrew calendar: 4 Iyar

Israeli Memorial Day, the day before Yom Ha'atzmaut, is a day of remembrance for the soldiers who lost their lives fighting to defend and protect Israel. It is also a day to remember those who lost their lives by terror. Yom HaZikaron begins with a siren at 8:00 PM. The entire country stands still, including all traffic on the streets.

Read some stories about heroic people of this war such as:

Read here:

Inbal
Lieberman



Read here:

Oz
Dravidian



Did you know?

- As summer approaches, Israelis move outdoors and there are many festivals, concerts, exhibitions and much more.
- One of the best things to do during May is to visit Jaffa's Old City, an enchanting journey through one of the oldest port cities in the world.
- Jerusalem International Book Forum takes place in the middle of May in the enchanted neighborhood of Mishkenot Shaananim. The forum offers workshops, panel talks and social gatherings.
- Eat Tel Aviv is the ultimate festival for foodies! It brings together many of Israel's top chefs in one place, all attempting to woo visitors with their creations
- If you are spending a day in Tel Aviv, stroll down Rothschild Boulevard and stop at Independence Hall. This is where the Israeli Declaration of Independence was signed.



Yom Ha'atzmaut

From the evening of
Monday May 13 - Tuesday May 14

Hebrew calendar: 5 Iyar

Israel Independence Day is Israel's birthday. The day Israel became a country is celebrated each year on the Hebrew date Hey of Iyar. **This year Israel is turning 76 years old!**

A torch lighting ceremony (טקס הדלקת המשואות) is the official ceremony of Yom HaZikaron commemorations and the opening of the Independence Day celebrations in Israel. Each person that lights a torch ends with the following phrase: לתפארת מדינת ישראל "For the glory of the State of Israel".

All towns and cities in Israel have festivities for Yom Ha'atzmaut which include fireworks and concerts. In Jerusalem, there is a traditional torch lighting ceremony at Mount Herzl.



Lag B'Omer

Sunday May 26

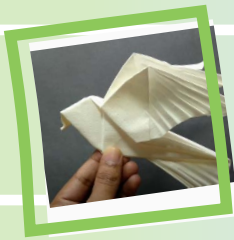
Hebrew calendar: 18 Iyar

Lag B'Omer is one happy day to interrupt the sadness of the Omer period. Omer is the special 49 days between Passover and Shavuot. There are different opinions of the origin of the holiday - the ending of a plague, a victorious battle, connection to Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai and Rabbi Akiva.

In Israel, celebrate Lag B'Omer by lighting bonfires and having barbecues to symbolize the light that Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai brought into the world. On this day many Jewish couples also get married.



Blue's Favourite Activities



Origami Dove
[Link to Activity](#)

Air Dry Clay Jewish Star
[Link to Activity](#)









How to Tie Star of David Shoelaces
[Link to Activity](#)

Salted-Painted Israeli Flag
[Link to Activity](#)



Popsicle Stick Bow with Skewer Arrows
[Link to Activity](#)

Blue's Favourite Playlist

-  Independence Day Special - Grow up in good hands 
-  Israel's Birthday Song Ofra and Idan
-  Am Yisrael Chai
-  Lag BaOmer songs 

Blue's Recipes!



Sabich Board

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Middle Eastern Za'atar Bread (Manaeesh)

[Click here for recipe](#)



Shishlik (Meat Kabobs)

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S'mores Ice Cream Sandwiches

[Click here for recipe](#)

Blue's Favourite Books

1. **The Butterfly** by Patricia Palacco
2. **Z is for Zionism** by Ze'ev Zion
3. **Shoham's Bangle** by Sarah Sassoon
4. **Avocado Magic** by Taltal Levi
5. **Sadie's Lag BaOmer Mystery** by Sarah Sassoon
6. **Holiday for Ari Ant** by Sylvia Rouss
7. **The Neighbors** by Einat Tsarfati

