



February 2016 shevat/adar I 5776

HIGHLIGHTS

Where are the holidays?

In an old joke about the High Holy Days, someone hears the holidays are "early" that year and says "The holidays are early. The holidays are late. When will they be on time?"

If you're looking for Purim celebrations, wait for the March calendar. And Passover this year coincides with the April school vacation, which really is spring, even in New Hampshire.

Why?

We can see the answer in the name of the upcoming Hebrew month, Adar I. To keep the lunar Hebrew calendar aligned to the seasons (and avoid Passover in July), we have periodic leap years, adding an extra month of Adar. Adar I occurs in the 3rd, 6th, 8th, 11th, 14th, 17th and 19th years of a 19-year cycle. The current cycle began in the Jewish year 5758 (the year that began October 2, 1997).

We celebrate Purim in the second Adar, the one that occurs every year.

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 Student-led Shabbat service, 7:00 pm | 6 <i>Mishpatim</i> |
| 7 Sunday School, 9 am | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 Rav Rebekah led service 7:30 pm Pre-Bat Mitzvah dinner, 6:30 pm | 13 <i>Terumah</i> |
| 14 Sunday School, 9 am Board meeting, noon | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 Lay-led Shabbat service, 7:30 pm | 20 <i>Tetzaveh</i> |
| 21 NO Sunday School, | 22 Board Meeting, 7:30 pm | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 Rav Rebekah led service , 7:30 pm Torah study to follow | 27 <i>Ki Tisa</i> |
| 28 Sunday School, 9 am | 29 | | | | | |