

Hebrew Calendar and Selected Events

NUMBER OF MONTH	HEBREW NAME	MODERN EQUIVALENT	BIBLICAL REFERENCES	AGRICULTURE	FEASTS	
1 Sacred sequence begins	7	Abib; Nisan	March-April	Ex 12:2, 13:4, 23:15; 34:18, Dt 16:1, Neh 2:1, Est 3:7	Spring(later) rains; barley & flax harvest begins	Passover; Unleavened Bread; Firstfruits
2	8	Ziv(Iyyar)*	April-May	I Ki 6:1,37	Barley harvest; dry season begins	
3	9	Sivan	May-June	Est 8:9	Wheat harvest	Pentecost (weeks)
4	10	(Tammuz)*	June-July		Tending vines	
5	11	(Ab)*	July-August		Ripening of grapes, figs & olives	
6	12	Elul	August-September	Ne 6:15	Processing grapes, figs & olives	
7	1 Civil sequence	Ethanim (Tishri)*	September-October	I Ki 8:2	Autumn(early) rains begin; plowing	Trumpets; Day of Atonement; Tabernacles (Booths)
8	2	Bul (Marcheshvan)*	October-November	I Ki 6:38	Sowing of wheat & barley	
9	3	Kislev	November-December	Ne 1:1; Zec 7:1	Winter rains begin(snow in some areas)	Hanukkah (Dedication)
10	4	Tebeth	December-January	Est 2:16		
11	5	Shebat	January-February	Zec 1:7		
12	6	Adar	February-March	Ezr 6:15; Est 3:7,13;8:12; 9:1,15,17,19,21	Almond trees bloom; citrus fruit harvest	Purim

(Adar Sheni)* - This intercalary month was added about every three years so that the lunar calendar would correspond to the solar year.
Second Adar

* Names in parentheses are not in the Bible

Start of the month – Every New Moon Day