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Jewish Calendar



Neighbors Who Disappeared

In tens of communities throughout the Czech Republic, teams of elementary and middle school students are conducting research projects to identify Jews who lived in their communities before the Holocaust and then vanished. Students are searching archives, interviewing elderly residents who are the last eyewitnesses, and piecing together scraps of information. The students are creating plaques to place in their schools to memorialize "the forgotten ones." The program is organized by the Education and Culture Center of the Jewish Museum in Prague. Exhibitions of the materials collected have been shown in communities throughout the world.



National Bird

The long-billed hoopoe, with its black-tipped orange crest was crowned the National Bird of Israel during the celebration of the country's 60th anniversary. Its Hebrew name is *duchifat*. Though listed among non-kosher birds in the Bible, the hoopoe was a well-known character in rabbinic lore. King Solomon, who was known for his ability to talk with the animals, used the bird to send messages to the Queen of Sheba.

Tears and Laughter

The 4th of Iyar marks Remembrance Day (Yom Hazikaron), a 24-hour observance commemorating those who died in all of Israel's wars. The day is marked by solemn civil, military, and religious ceremonies. Flags fly at half-mast, and for two minutes in the morning all activities cease as the country observes a period of silent remembrance. When the day of mourning draws to a close, a siren is sounded and suddenly there is music and laughter as Israel begins the joyous celebration of its Independence Day.



Homeland Security

Before the creation of the State of Israel, other places were suggested as sites for a Jewish homeland. In 1820, Mordecai Manual Noah tried to found a refuge at Ararat in upstate New York. In 1903, the British Colonial Secretary offered Theodore Herzl Uganda as a temporary solution. Stalin proposed to exile all the Soviet Jews to an autonomous region in Birobidzhan close to the Chinese border. French philanthropist Baron de Hirsch established agricultural colonies in Argentina as havens for persecuted Jews.

Charoset Pancakes

2 eggs
 1/2 c. matzah meal
 1/2 c. water or milk
 1/2 c. charoset (chopped apples, nuts, cinnamon)
 oil for frying

Beat eggs, add liquid, then stir in rest of ingredients. Drop by rounded tablespoonfuls into hot oil and fry on both sides until golden.

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4 20 nisan CHOL HAMOED	5 21 nisan PASSOVER	6 22 nisan YIZKOR PASSOVER	7 23 nisan 	8 24 nisan 	9 25 nisan 	10 26 nisan Shemini
11 27 nisan YOM HASHOAH	12 28 nisan 	13 29 nisan 	14 30 nisan ROSH CHODESH	15 1 iyar 	16 2 iyar 	17 3 iyar Tazria/Metzora
18 4 iyar 	19 5 iyar YOM HAZIKARON OBSERVED	20 6 iyar YOM HA'ATZMA'UT OBSERVED	21 7 iyar 	22 8 iyar 	23 9 iyar 	24 10 iyar Acharei Mot/Kedoshim
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