

FEBRUARY 2012 - SHEVAT/ADAR 5772 שבט~אדר תשע"ב

SHEVAT 10

Yartzeit of Rabbi Yosef Yitzchak Schneersohn, sixth leader of Chabad-Lubavitch (1950). Rabbi Yosef Yitzchak fought to preserve Jewish life in the U.S.S.R. until he was imprisoned, threatened with his life, and finally forced to leave (1927). In 1940 he came to the United States and established the network of Chabad-Lubavitch educational institutions throughout the U.S.A. and across the world.

This day also marks the beginning of the leadership of his son-in-law Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, known as the Lubavitcher Rebbe.

SHEVAT 15 - TU B'SHEVAT

In Jewish tradition, the fifteenth day of Shevat is the "New Year" of the trees, opening the season in which trees begin to bud in the Holy Land of Israel. Just as Rosh Hashanah, the New Year for all creation, is the day on which man is judged, so too is Tu B'Shevat the day of judgment for earth's trees.

To commemorate this special day, Jews throughout the world eat the distinctive foods that are characteristic of the Holy Land, especially the five fruits mentioned in the Torah: Grapes, Figs, Pomegranates, Olives, and Dates.

SHEVAT 22

Yartzeit of Rebbetzin Chaya Mushka Schneerson, wife of the Lubavitcher Rebbe (1988).

SHABBAT AND FESTIVAL **CANDLES**

Throughout the ages, light has stirred the imagination of poets, mystics, scientists and psychologists. Because its nature is so different from other material entities, it is often used to describe spiritual insight. Shabbat is a day of light; its pattern and value-orientation is different from the other days of the week. Thus it is the lighting of the Shabbat Candles that ushers in this state of awareness and inspires us to feel the way it permeates our lives. The mystics call this day of light the Shabbat Queen, and the responsibility for lighting the candles and inducing this change of perspective is the woman's. It is she who welcomes the Shabbat Queen into the home

Young girls, from about the age of three, are encouraged to light their own candles. to involve and educate them in this profound and beautiful mitzvah.

The Shabbat Candles are lit 18 minutes hefore sunset.

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