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| **Date** | **Upcoming Holiday** | **Hebrew Letter of the Week** | **Jewish Life Vocabulary (mostly but not entirely based on Letter of the Week)** | **Suggestions for introduction** | **Words to review** |
| 10-Sep |  | (First day) |  | Introduce concept of JLV to the community! |  |
| 17-Sep | Rosh Hashanah | Shin שׁ | ***Sh****anah tovah,* ***sh****ofar* | When someone says *shanah tovah*, another person responds “happy new year!” and yet another person says *shofar* and blows the *shofar* [i.e., a “random” unexpected chain of events that gets set off.] |  |
| 24-Sep | Yom Kippur  | Mem מ | ***M****ahzor, shanah tovah u’****m****etukah* | Candies handed out (tossed?) on the *m’tukah* part of the greeting. Something about grabbing a prayerbook, but “no, it’s a *mahzor*.” | *Shanah tovah* (add *m’tukah*), *shofar* |
| 8-Oct | Sukkot  | Samech ס  | ***S****ukkah,* ***s****’khakh (siddur)* | “What’s that on top of your *sukkah*?” “*S’khakh*!”“Bless you! No, but what’s on top?” …  | *mahzor* (as opposed to siddur)  |
| 15-Oct | Simchat Torah | Tav ת  | ***T****orah,* ***T****odah*  | Stand in circle, hand students the Torah, they respond with *todah*, pass to next person, etc. |  |
| 22-Oct |  | Sin שֹ  | ***S****ame-ah,* ***s****imhah* | Relate back to *Simhat Torah* |  |
| 29-Oct |  | Koofק  | ***K****adosh, (kos)* ***k****iddush* | Compare regular random cup to Kiddush cup, what makes it holy/special? |  |
| 5-Nov |  | Bet בּ | ***B****oker tov,* ***b****'vakasha* | A fun good morning skit with *b’vakashah* and *todah* mixed in.  | *Todah*  |
| 12-Nov |  | Gimmel ג | ***G****'milut hasadim,* ***g****adol /katan* | Play with something that is small and big, like a *Kiddush* cup.  | *Kos kiddush katan, Kos kiddush gadol* |
| 18-Nov |  | Hey ה  | *Yom* ***h****uledet,* ***h****akol b’seder*  | “I hear today’s your birthday! *Yom Huledet Same-ah*! How’s it going?” “*Hakol b’seder*!” | *Same-ah* (add to yom huledet)  |
| 3-Dec |  | Nun נ  | ***N****er/****n****erot,* ***n****es gadol hayah sham,* ***n****er tamid*  | Counting how many *nerot* will be needed in preparing for *Hanukkah*; introduce phrase based on letters on dreidel sides  | *Gadol*  |
| 10-Dec | Hanukkah | Chet ח  | ***H****ag,* ***H****anukkah,* ***H****anukiyah*OR ***h****odesh,* ***H****eshvan*  | Light the *hanukiyah* (with blessings) and wish one another *Hag same-ah*  | *Hag same-ah, nes gadol hayah sham, ner/nerot* |
| 7-Jan |  | Aleph א  | *Aron hakodesh* *OR eretz* |  | *Kodesh/kadosh*  |
| 21-Jan |  | Tzadeeצ  | **Tz**edakah, **tz**edek, ei**tz**  | Everyone gets a coin and is asked to donate *tz’dakah*. Sing a version of *Eitz Hayim* song. |  |
| 28-Jan | Tu B'shevat | Tetט  | ***T****u Bish’vat,* ***t****ov (hodesh* ***t****ov, boker* ***t****ov, erev* ***t****ov, shavua* ***t****ov*, etc.) | A fun-something with all the “\_\_\_ *tov*” greetings! |  |
| 4-Feb |  | Kaf כּ | ***K****avod,* ***K****ol ha****k****avod* |  |  |
| 11-Feb |  | Pay פּ | ***P****urim,* ***P****esah*  | Upbeat dividing of ritual objects (or photos) into the right holiday grouping. |  |
| 25-Feb | Purim Carnival / Purim |  | *Purim / Hag Purim same-ah!**M’gillat Ester* | *M’gillah* as compared to *Torah*  | *Hag, same-ah, Torah*  |
| 4-Mar |  | Zayin ז  | ***Z’****ro-a, o****z****nei Haman* | Purim and Passover are close together – use these two objects to differentiate between one and the other  |  |
| 11-Mar |  | Tzadee ץ צ  | *Ma****tz****ah, hame****tz*** | Which things are kosher for *Pesah* and which are *hametz*?  |  |
| 18-Mar | Pesach | Dalet ד  | ***D****ayeinu, haga****dd****ah*  |  | *z’ro-a* |
| 25-Mar |  | Ayin ע  | *Eitz (hayim), Omer*  | “*Pesah* was last week! Have you been counting the *Omer*?” |  |
| 15-Apr | Yom Ha'atzmaut | Yudי  | ***Y****om:* ***Y****om Ha'atzmaut,* ***Y****om Ha'zikaron,* ***y****om tov,* ***Y****israel*  |  | Tov  |
| 22-Apr |  | Vav ו  | ***V****’tzivanu* |  | Mitzvah  |
| 29-Apr |  | Reshר  | ***R****’fu-ah sh'leimah,* ***R****osh Hodesh*  |  |  |
| 6-May |   | Lamedל  | ***L****'hitra-ot,* ***l****'hayim* | “We’re almost done with the school year and it will be time to say *l’hitraot*!”“School is almost out! *L’hayim*!” |  |
| 20-May | Shavuot | (last day) |  |  |  |