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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) |  |  |  |