

# PARSHAPIX

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## Word of the Month

A lunation is the average time it takes the moon to cycle through its phases - namely, 29.530588 days. Our fixed calendar uses 29d 12h 44m 1p (1 part of cheilek is 3⅓ seconds). This is the average time from one molad (new moon) to the next. Because of various natural factors, the actual time it takes the moon to go through its phases can be as much as 6h 12m shorter to 7h 15m longer than average. Our fixed calendar uses the average time (for setting Rosh HaShana and for Kiddush L'vana times). The actual new moon can be up to 14h 13m earlier or later than our announced molad time.





Lower-left is the Davka Graphic of Yosef's dreams 🕯️ No water in the pit into which the brothers threw Yosef, but there were snakes and scorpions, as pictured 🕯️ Animals you see are the sheep, as in the sheep that were being tended by Yosef's brothers 🕯️ The camel represents the passing caravans... 🕯️ and the goat is, of course, for the goat that the brothers slaughtered to cover-up their terrible deed. It also represents the goat that Yehuda sent to Tamar. Note well that the main animal that is used in the Beit HaMikdash as a CHATAT, a sin offering, is the goat. Communal chatat as well as individual chatat. This includes the two identical goats upon which lots were drawn on Yom Kippur 🕯️ Yehuda's staff (cane) 🕯️ seal (play on words) 🕯️ and hooded coat, which is close to the meaning of p'tilecha, that Yehuda gave to Tamar as security for the future payment of the goat 🕯️ Wine and bread represent the Wine Steward and the Baker 🕯️ The snow flake: Twice, once after the brothers saw that Yaakov loved Yosef the most, and once after he told them his dream, the Torah tells us, VAYOSIFU OD SNOW OTO, and they further hated him 🕯️ The birthday cake is for Par'o (end of the sedra) 🕯️ Insignia is that of the Israel Prison Service. The one who wears it can represent SAR BEIT HASOHAR 🕯️ Butcher stands for SAR HATABACHIM 🕯️ symbol for Gemini, the Twins represent Peretz and Zerach 🕯️ dreidels and Chanuka gelt is for

upcoming festival of lights. Don't miss the Chanuka section in this week's TT 🕯️ The wrinkly brown thing is a date, in Hebrew - TAMAR, as in daughter-in-law of Yehuda... 🕯️ The fellow in the upper-right corner is Y.L. Peretz - Yitschok Leybush Peretz, one of the great Yiddish-language authors and playwrights 🕯️ Above roaring lion is photo of Rabbi Dr. Zerach Warhaftig, lawyer, politician, one of the (37) signatories of Israel's Declaration of Independence... 🕯️ Top center is a picture of Rabbi Yaakov Yosef (because of EILEH TO-L'DOT YAAKOV, YOSEF...), the first, and really the only one to hold the position of Chief Rabbi of New York; RJJ is named for him. Google him - very interesting 🕯️ The roaring lion is from the haftara 🕯️ as is the Shofar 🕯️ as is the bird 🕯️ The fellow with the mustache in the picture under the fellow with the mustache and pipe is Edgar Allen Poe. Following Poe are the letter T and the number 4. If you say that consecutively you get something like POTIFAR 🕯️ Below the T4 is one of the first flags of the Confederate States of America. This one, which was used for several months, has 11 stars (when there were 11 states in the Confederacy) - reminder of the 11 stars in Yosef's dream 🕯️ And then there is the emblem of the US Customs service, which also has 11 stars. According to an article on the internet, the design that was submitted for production had 13 stars, as well as 13 each of other items - arrows, olive branches, and more. A prototype was made with only 11 stars (and other mistakes) because that's all that could fit using the embroidery machine. So instead of correcting it, they left 11 stars