

yomim tovim
our days of divine goodness

PESACH – THE SOUL’S LIBERATION

PESACH CELEBRATES THE ISRAELITES’ LIBERATION FROM EGYPTIAN SLAVERY AND THE SPIRITUAL BIRTH OF THE JEWISH NATION. THE PESACH ENERGY IS THE CALL TO FREEDOM. IT IS A TIME TO MEDITATE ON FREEING OUR SOULS FROM THE LIMITATIONS OF OUR BODY AND THE EXILE OF OUR OWN EGO.

SHAVUOT – THAT LOVING FEELING

SHAVUOT CELEBRATES THE GIVING OF THE TORAH AT MT SINAI. IT IS THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE WEDDING BETWEEN G^{OD} AND THE JEWISH PEOPLE. IT IS A DAY TO FOCUS ON OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH G^{OD}, RENEW OUR BOND OF LOVE AND DEEPEN OUR COMMITMENT TO OUR SPIRITUAL PATH.

ROSH HASHANA – NEW YEAR REVOLUTION

ROSH HASHANA IS THE JEWISH NEW YEAR. IT CELEBRATES THE BEGINNING OF CREATION AND THE BIRTH OF HUMANITY. WE ARE AWOKEN BY THE SOULFUL SOUND OF THE SHOFAR LIKE AN OUTCRY FROM THE DEPTH OF OUR SOULS. WE INVITE G^{OD}LINNESS BACK INTO OUR LIVES WITH RENEWED FRESHNESS AND VITALITY TO FACE THE CHALLENGES AND BLESSINGS OF THE YEAR AHEAD.

YOM KIPPUR – SOUL OVER BODY

YOM KIPPUR IS THE DAY OF ATONEMENT. ON THIS DAY WE ARE CLEANSED OF ANY NEGATIVE BAGGAGE THAT WE CARRY FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR. WE FAST IN ORDER TO SHIFT THE FOCUS AWAY FROM OUR BODILY NEEDS AND ALLOW THE PURITY OF OUR SOULS TO SHINE THROUGH.

SUKKOT – THE INNER HOME

ON SUKKOT WE MOVE OUT OF OUR HOUSES FOR A WEEK AND MAKE OUR HOMES IN A FRAGILE HUT COVERED WITH BRANCHES. THIS SYMBOLISES OUR HOPE THAT A HAPPY HOME IS BUILT WITH LOVE, REGARDLESS OF WHAT THE WALLS ARE MADE OUT OF.

CHANUKAH – VICTORY OF CULTURE

CHANUKAH CELEBRATES THE MIRACLE OF ISRAEL’S RESISTANCE TO THE HELLENISTIC CULTURAL INVASION. WE LIGHT CANDLES EACH NIGHT, SYMBOLISING THE EVER-INCREASING POWER OF THE JEWISH SOUL TO INFLUENCE ITS SURROUNDINGS AND TO BE A ‘LIGHT UNTO THE NATIONS’.

PURIM – WE WILL SURVIVE

PURIM IS THE FEAST AND CELEBRATION OF JEWISH SURVIVAL, COMMEMORATING THE JEWISH PEOPLE’S MIRACULOUS SALVATION FROM EXTERMINATION. IT HONOURS THE ETERNITY AND INDESTRUCTIBILITY OF THE JEWISH NATION. AM YISRAEL CHAI – THE JEWISH PEOPLE ARE ALIVE!

ODEM INVITES YOU TO EXPERIENCE THE RICHNESS OF THE JEWISH FESTIVAL CYCLE AND ALLOW THE UNIQUE MESSAGE OF EACH SPECIAL DAY TO BRING LIGHT INTO YOUR LIFE AND ILLUMINATE YOUR HOME.