

Manual for Chagim for the Pocket PC

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1 Introduction

Chagim (the Hebrew word for ‘Holidays’) is a handheld application used to display the Gregorian (civil) dates for Jewish holidays and first days of the months (Rosh Chodeshim). Its features include:

- Displaying dates for an unlimited number years in the future or past
- Displaying a short description of each holiday
- Allowing you to add dates to the devices Calendar or Date Book

2 Installing Chagim

Prior to installing Chagim, you must have the Microsoft .NET Compact Framework installed on your device. If your device is running Pocket PC 2003, this framework is already installed on it. If you are running Pocket PC 2002 or earlier, go to this site and download the framework:

<http://msdn.microsoft.com/mobility/downloads/default.aspx>
and download “.NET Compact Framework 1.0 Redistributable”.

Install this framework.

After the Compact Framework is installed, run the Chagim setup program called **chagimSetup.exe**.

NOTE FOR UPGRADING FROM PREVIOUS VERSION

If you are upgrading from a previous version of Chagim, you must close Chagim prior to running the Chagim setup program. To do this:

1. Select **Start > Settings**
2. Select the **System** tab
3. Tap on the **Memory** button
4. Tap on the **Running Programs** tab
5. Tap on **Chagim** and tap the **Stop** button.
6. Install Chagim by running the chagimSetup.exe program

If you still have problems installing, perform a soft reset on your device and then retry running chagimSetup.exe.

3 Chagim Main Screen



The main screen of the application consists of 3 areas:

1. The year for which to display the holidays
2. A category of holidays to display
3. A list of holidays and their corresponding Gregorian dates

2.1 Year

At the top of the screen, you may select the year for which to view holidays. If the dates are sorted in Gregorian order, the year will be a Gregorian year (e.g. 2004, 2005, etc). If the dates are sorted in Hebrew date order, the year will be a Hebrew year (e.g. 5765, 5766, etc). Tap on the **Preferences > General Preferences...** menu item to change the sort order.

2.2 Categories

The top right of the screen displays a drop down list of different holiday categories. The categories are:

- **Favorites**
 - Holidays that you mark as favorites on the **Preferences > Favorites Preferences...** page.
- **All**
 - All the holidays

- **Major**
 - Major holidays that include days where it is not permissible to work (Yom Tov days)
- **Minor**
 - Minor holidays such as Chanukah and Purim
- **Modern**
 - Holidays created since the creation of the State of Israel
- **Fast Days**
 - Fast days
- **Rosh Chodesh**
 - A list of the Hebrew months

Appendix A lists the holidays and their respective categories.

2.3 Holiday list

The middle of the screen shows the holidays and their dates. This list is based on the year and category you chose. When you change either the year or the category, the list is redrawn.

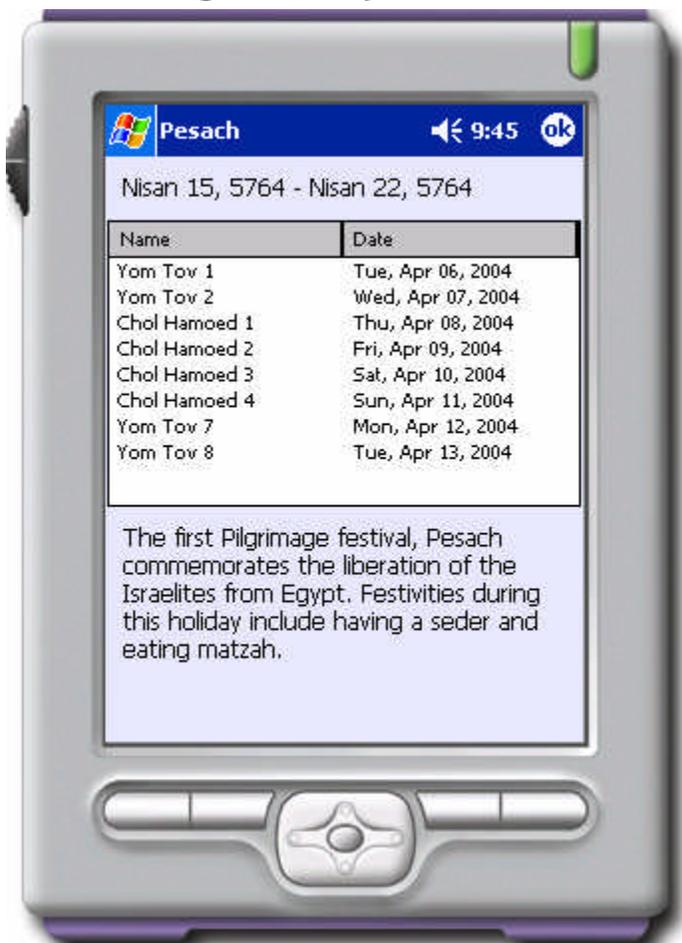
The list displayed has 3 columns:

- The first column displays either an image of the sun or the moon. The sun indicates that the date displayed is the first *day* of the holiday. The moon indicates that the date displayed is in the first *evening* of the holiday. You specify which date you wish to see on the **Preferences > General Preferences...** page.
- The second column displays the name of the holiday.
- The third column displays the Gregorian date of the holiday for the year indicated at the top of the screen. Note that this date could be the first day or the first evening of the holiday, depending on the preferences you established. You will know which date it is if the first column has an image of a sun or a moon.

2.3.1 Note for Rosh Chodesh dates

A Rosh Chodesh (Hebrew for ‘head of the month’) is the first day of the Hebrew month. If a month has 30 days, the following month’s Rosh Chodesh is celebrated for 2 days; otherwise it is celebrated for one day. If a Rosh Chodesh is celebrated for 2 days, the date displayed in the list is really the 30th day of the previous month. Otherwise, the date is the date of the 1st day of the current month.

3 Viewing Holiday Details



Tapping on any row in the holiday list will bring up details for the holiday. The details page shows the following pieces of information:

- The Hebrew date range of the holiday (e.g. Nisan 15, 5764 – Nisan 22, 5764)
- A list of individual days of the holiday and the Gregorian dates
- A short description of the holiday

4 Preferences

You can access the preferences from the main menu, under the **Preferences** menu item.

4.1 General Preferences



Use this screen to set general preferences.

4.1.1 Holiday Viewing Order

Indicates how holidays are sorted on the main screen. Select **Gregorian** to sort in Gregorian order, displaying holidays starting in January and ending in December. Select **Hebrew** to sort in Hebrew order, displaying holidays starting from Rosh Hashanah and ending with next year's Rosh Hashanah.

4.1.2 Dates to View on Main Screen

This option specifies the date that is displayed on the main screen for the holidays. Select **First Day of the Holiday** to display the first day of the holiday or select **First Evening of the Holiday** to display the first evening of the holiday.

NOTE: if a holiday does not start in the evening (such as some fast days), and you specify First Evening of the Holiday, the first *day* will be displayed on the main screen.

4.1.3 Location

This option specifies your location. Select **Diaspora** if you are not in Israel, **Israel** if you are in Israel.

4.2 Favorite Preferences



This screen allows you to specify which holidays appear when you select the **Favorites** category on the main screen. Tap the **Defaults** button to use Chagim's default favorites.

5 Adding to the Calendar

From the main menu, tap the **Command > Add to Calendar...** menu item to add holidays to the Calendar.

5.1 Selecting holidays to add to the Calendar



Tap the checkbox next to the holidays you wish to add to the Calendar.
Tap the **Favorites** button to have your favorite holidays checked.
Tap the **Sel All** button to select all the holidays.
Tap the **Desel All** button to deselect all the holidays.

If you wish to add the Rosh Chodesh (first dates of the month), check the **Add Rosh Chodesh dates** checkbox.

After you are done selecting which holidays, tap the **Next >** button.

5.2 Setting options



This screen asks you to specify options when holidays are added to the Calendar.

For single day holidays, the date of that holiday is added to the Calendar. However, for multiple day holidays such as Pesach, you have the option of adding all the days or just the first day of the holiday to the Calendar. Select the **Add All Days** radio button to add all the days or select **Add first day only** to add the first day only.

If you wish to have the date of the first evening added as well, check the **Add date of the first evening** checkbox.

Select the number of years for which you wish to add holidays for. If you only wish to add holidays for the current year, select **1** from the drop down list. You are allowed to select a value between 1 and 5 years.

Tap the **Finish** button to add the holidays.

NOTE: Chagim will not duplicate holidays that may have been already added in the past. If Chagim sees that the holiday was already added to the Calendar, it will skip over it and not re-add it.

FAQs

Q: After installing Chagim, why do I get a message on my Pocket PC that says “The .NET Compact Framework could not be found. Please install the .NET Compact Framework and run the installation again.”?

A: Prior to installing Chagim, you must install the .NET Compact Framework. Go to <http://msdn.microsoft.com/mobility/downloads/default.aspx> and download “.NET Compact Framework 1.0 Redistributable”.

Q: How do I register Chagim?

A: Go to <http://www.bigfoot.com/~mshmia> for instructions on registering.

Q: Why can't I add holiday dates to the Calendar?

A: You are using a trial version of Chagim. Register Chagim and go the **Help > Register...** menu item and enter your unlock code.

Q: What do the sun and moon images represent on Chagim's main screen?

A: The sun icon indicates that the date displayed is the first day of the holiday; the moon icon indicates that the date displayed is the first evening of the holiday.

Q: How do I indicate which holidays should appear in the Favorites category?

A: Tap the Preferences > Favorites Preferences... menu item.

Q: Can I add user defined holidays, such as Yahrzeits, to Chagim?

A: At this time, you cannot add your own holidays to Chagim.

Appendices

Appendix A. Holiday Listing

This table displays the holidays displayed by Chagim, in which categories they fall in, the Hebrew dates for them, and their descriptions.

| Holiday | Category | Hebrew Date | Description |
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| Rosh Hashanah | Major | Tishri 1 | The Hebrew New Year. Celebrates the creation of the world. The shofar is blown and it begins the Ten Days of Repentance. |
| Tzom Gedaliah | Fast Days | Tishri 3 | Fast Day Lamenting The Expulsion From Israel; Commemorates the assassination of Gedalya Ben Achikam, and the true start of Babylonian exile of the Jewish people (Early 6th century B.C.E.) |
| Yom Kippur | Major, Fast Days | Tishri 10 | This fast day is the day of repentance and the holiest day of the year. |
| Sukkot | Major | Tishri 15 | The third Pilgrimage festival, a.k.a. the festival of Tabernacles. Commemorates the Jewish people's wanderings in the desert during their journey to the promised land. |
| Hoshanah Rabbah | Major | Tishri 21 | The seventh day of Sukkot, a half holiday, marks the day that heavenly judgment on the amount of rainfall to insure bountiful harvests is rendered. |
| Shemini Atzeret | Major | Tishri 22 | The Eighth Day of Solemn Assembly, the festival is observed the day |

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| | | | after Sukkot. |
| Simchat Torah | Major | Tishri 23* | This celebration marks the conclusion of the annual cycle of readings of the Torah. |
| Chanukah | Minor | Kislev 25 | The Festival of Lights commemorates the victory of the Maccabees over the Syrians in 165 B.C.E and the re-dedication of the Temple in Jerusalem which had been defiled by them. Each night, a candle is lit. |
| Tevet 10 | Fast Days | Tevet 10 | This fast marks the beginning of the siege of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar. |
| Tu Bishvat | Minor | Shevat 15 | The Jewish Arbor Day. It is customary to eat fruits on this day. |
| Taanith Esther | Fast Days | Adar 13 ** | Commemorates the Esther's fast in reaction to Haman's decree to destroy the entire Jewish population. |
| Purim | Minor | Adar 14 ** | Commemorates the Jewish people's escape from extermination at the hands of Haman, minister of the Persian king Ahasuerus. The book of Esther is read. |
| Shushan Purim | Minor | Adar 15 ** | Purim is celebrated on this day in walled cities, such as Jerusalem. |
| Tzom Bechorot | Fast days | Nisan 14 | This fast day |

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| | | | commemorates the slaying of Egyptian first born sons, while the Hebrew counterparts were spared. |
| Pesach | Major | Nisan 15 | The first Pilgrimage festival, Pesach commemorates the liberation of the Israelites from Egypt. Festivities during this holiday include having a seder and eating matzah. |
| Yom HaShoah | Modern | Nisan 27 | Holocaust Remembrance Day. |
| Yom HaZikaron | Modern | Iyyar 4 | Israel day of remembrance. A memorial day to those who fell in active service in Israel's wars. |
| Yom HaAtzmaut | Modern | Iyyar 5 | Israel Independence Day, which commemorates the establishment of the State of Israel on May 14, 1948. |
| Lag B'Omer | Minor | Iyyar 18 | Thirty third day of Omer counting. It commemorates the the day of the cessation of the plague in which 24,000 disciples of Rabbi Akiba were said to have died during the Bar Kokhba revolt. |
| Yom Yerushalayim | Modern | Iyyar 28 | Jerusalem Reunification Day. |
| Shavuot | Major | Sivan 6 | The second Pilgrimage festival, |

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| | | | Shavuot celebrates the giving of the Torah. |
| Tammuz 17 | Fast Days | Tammuz 17 | This fast day commemorates the breach of the walls of Jerusalem by the besieging ancient Romans (1st century C.E.). |
| Tisha B'Av | Fast Days | Av 9 | This fast day commemorates the destruction of the first and second Temples. It was also on this day in 1492 that the King of Spain expelled the Jews. |

* = in Israel, the date for this holiday is Tishri 22

** = in leap year, these holidays are in Adar II

Appendix B. Rosh Chodesh List

This table displays the Hebrew months, and the number of days the Rosh Chodesh is celebrated for.

| Month | Number of Rosh Chodesh Days |
|---------|-----------------------------|
| Tishri | 2 |
| Heshvan | 2 |
| Kislev | 1 or 2 |
| Tevet | 1 or 2 |
| Shevat | 1 |
| Adar | 2 |
| Adar II | 2 |
| Nisan | 1 |
| Iyyar | 2 |
| Sivan | 1 |
| Tammuz | 2 |
| Av | 1 |
| Elul | 2 |

For any months that have 2 Rosh Chodesh dates, Chagim will display the 30th of the previous month on the main screen.

