



TEVET

Jewish time aligns Tevet
in the middle of the
year, whereas the new
Gregorian year of 2024
is only just starting.
In addition to welcoming
the renewal of the
Gregorian year, Tevet
enters on the tail end
of Hanukkah,
the Festival of Lights.
How can we hold onto
the light during
the dark winter months?

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December 13, 2023
to January 10, 2024

This is the sixth
edition of our monthly
zine, which means we are
almost half way through
the Jewish year!



Tevet contains the
shortest, darkest day of
the year, Tekufat Tevet,
the winter solstice.

There are four Tekufot,
Hebrew for seasons or
cycles, that align with
the winter and summer
solstices and the autumn
and spring equinoxes.

*What power can we find
in times of darkness?*

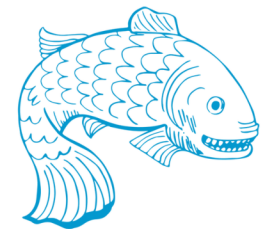
*What power can we find
in times of rest?*

A midrash connects the
month of Tevet with the
Leviathan, a powerful
mystical sea monster.

A midrash is a form of
rabbinical storytelling
that uses parables to
explain ethical or
theological questions or
to interpret Jewish
scriptures.

*"At each winter
solstice, Leviathan
would raise his head
and make himself large
and snort in the water
and stir it up, and the
fear of him would fall
on all the fishes in
the sea. If this were
not so, the small could
not stand before the
great."*

Otzar haMidrashim, Hashem
Bechachmah Yasad Aretz, 6



One interpretation of
this midrash holds
that the Leviathan
represents
disruption and change.

*How can a new season
motivate personal and
or community upheaval
and change?*