## The Advent Datebook

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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there's more to getting through December than looking forward to a new bicycle. With its handy checklist for the season, this Advent Datebook not only helps you anticipate joyful tidings, it also reminds you, at a glance, how much you still have to do.			27 DAYS TO GO	26 DAYS TO GO	25 DAYS TO GO	24 DAYS TO GO  Confirm holiday travel plans Daydream about tropics vs. in-laws Start family gift list
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Chanukah begins at sundown
23 DAYS TO GO	22 DAYS TO GO	21 DAYS TO GO	20 DAYS TO GO	19 DAYS TO GO	18 DAYS TO GO	17 DAYS TO GO
☐ Type up detailed newsletter ☐ Consume box of holiday gift chocolate ☐ Shop online and find things only for self	☐ Change holiday travel plans ☐ Wonder why mall is already so crowded ☐ Buy holiday cards	☐ Realize holiday card count was too low ☐ Buy more holiday cards ☐ Stumble upon perfect gift for someone	☐ Write and address holiday cards ☐ Apply alcohol to papercuts on lips ☐ Turn up heat	□ Dump holiday cards in mail □ Take home cookies coworker baked □ Appreciate nip in air	□ Get "Jingle Bell Rock" stuck in head □ Wrap last-minute gifts in newspaper □ Donate to grumpy Salvation Army Santa	☐ Race around to find Chanukah candles ☐ Change holiday travel plans again ☐ Refresh Hebrew singing skills
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 DAYS TO GO	15 DAYS TO GO	14 DAYS TO GO	13 DAYS TO GO	12 DAYS TO GO	11 DAYS TO GO	10 DAYS TO GO
□ Write To-Do list □ Feel defeated □ Overly appreciate new episodes on TV	□ Curse holiday traffic □ Untangle & string lights □ Hook up & situate plastic reindeer	☐ Buy Christmas tree ☐ Struggle to tie tree atop car ☐ Apply alcohol to pine needle wounds	□ Decorate Christmas tree □ Shop □ Begin ambitious holiday craft project	☐ Absentmindedly eat more chocolate ☐ Wait in line to mail out-of-town gifts ☐ Forget to light Chanukah candles	☐ Fry up some latkes ☐ Reflect on unappreciated blessings ☐ Give biggest Chanukah presents	□ Unpack holiday- themed clothing □ Revise To-Do list □ Get professional massage
16 Last night of Chanukah	17	18	19	20	21	22
9 DAYS TO GO	8 DAYS TO GO	7 DAYS TO GO	6 DAYS TO GO	5 DAYS TO GO	4 DAYS TO GO	3 DAYS TO GO
□ Plan holiday menus □ Test eggnog recipe, then repeat □ Feel holiday nostalgia deeply	☐ Reserve turkey or ham ☐ Acknowledge hatred of Christmas music ☐ Rent tearjerker DVD	□ Shop □ Eat lunch □ Shop more	□ Shop □ Shop more □ Eat dinner	□ Balance checkbook □ Overcome nausea □ Break in new credit card	☐ Shop, then shop more ☐ Inhale neighborhood fireplace scent ☐ Marvel at shortest day of the year	□ Wax philosophic on commercialism □ Fantasize about other people's families □ Resort to candy with unappealing filling
23	24	25 Christmas	26 Kwanzaa begins	27	28	29
2 DAYS TO GO	1 DAYS TO GO	0 DAYS TO GO	364 DAYS TO GO	363 DAYS TO GO	362 DAYS TO GO	361 DAYS TO GO
□ Spend 45 minutes looking for parking □ Fight crowds for last-minute gifts □ Clean house late into night	Consider attending religious services Wrap gifts while drinking cocktails Interpret assembly directions	□ Wake up extremely early □ Wear pajamas until noon □ After family fight, go to movies	□ Be grateful it's over □ Look up Kwanzaa on Internet □ Recycle wrapping & packing materials	☐ Make "To Return" list ☐ Decide to leave tree up for meantime ☐ Toss out fruitcake	Delay writing thank-you notes Buy new calendar Transcribe important 2013 dates	☐ Attack home- organization project ☐ Regret all major life choices ☐ Escape to action- adventure movie
30	31 New Year's Eve	1 New Year's Day, 2013	2	3	4	5
360 DAYS TO GO	359 DAYS TO GO	358 DAYS TO GO	357 DAYS TO GO	356 DAYS TO GO	355 DAYS TO GO	354 DAYS TO GO
□ Step on scale □ Sulk □ Finish off holiday leftovers	☐ Confirm that every outfit is unflattering ☐ Leave mess in bedroom for later ☐ Get drunk	☐ Test "hair o' the dog" theory ☐ Make one resolution to break ☐ Make one resolution to keep				