**June**

**Called by name:**

***Naming & Baptism***

Naming in Judaism: a sign of the covenant, a sign of belonging. For boys, it coincides with the circumcision on the 8th day. **(Name Day, especially in Catholic Christianity: the celebration of the patron saint, being named after a holy person (through baptism.)** Baptism seals admission into the community with Jesus Christ and the Church: God's covenant unites the generations. To be a child of God! United eternally.

**A Jewish voice**

**short version:**

Judaism attaches great importance to names, for they are an expression of an individual's belonging to family and community traditions. In addition, parents cherish the hope that by giving their child a melodious and significant name, they are giving him or her a positive omen on his or her life's journey. For boys, naming is part of the circumcision ceremony on the 8th day of life. For girls, the name is announced after birth during the Torah reading in the synagogue. In recent decades, it has become common to celebrate a separate naming ritual for girls as well. In addition, many children still have a "civil" name, which is their official first name.

When deciding on a name, depending on regional custom, deceased or living family members are often honored, who in this way symbolically accompany the child through life. In addition, there is an abundance of biblical names to choose from, as well as names that have references to the Jewish cycle of the year, to nature and to desirable character traits. The parents are part of the name, because one is always called "*X, son/daughter of Y and Z*".