



## FIVE-YEAR CALENDAR OF MAJOR JEWISH HOLIDAYS

This calendar has been prepared to assist you in scheduling business, school, or community events. For schools, this includes scheduling with an equity lens regarding major assignments, examinations, assemblies, field trips and graduations, as well as school-related programs for parents. Courts, legislative bodies and administrative agencies may also find the calendar helpful in avoiding scheduling conflicts.

An asterisk (\*) denotes the Jewish High Holy Days and major Biblical festivals in observance of which labor is traditionally prohibited. As a result, Jewish individuals may be absent from both work and school.

Please note that Jewish holidays begin at sunset on the evening the day before listed on calendars for the holiday. The Jewish Sabbath begins at sunset on Friday of each week and lasts until nightfall on Saturday.

So as not to penalize students or workers for their religious observance, we ask that scheduling of events, tests, preparation for exams, assignments, assemblies, sports events, etc. on Jewish holidays, the Jewish Sabbath be avoided, or if such dates cannot be avoided, that consideration be given to the affected Jewish persons for reasonable opportunity for makeups.

HOLIDAY	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
Rosh Hashanah* (New Year)	Sep. 19-20 Sat-Sun	Sep. 7-8 Tues-Wed	Sep. 26-27 Mon-Tues	Sep. 16-17 Sat-Sun	Oct. 3-4 Thurs-Fri
Yom Kippur* (Day of Atonement)	Sep. 28 Mon	Sep. 16 Thurs	Oct. 5 Wed	Sep. 25 Mon	Oct 12 Sat
Sukkot* (Feast of Tabernacles)	Oct. 3-4 Sat-Sun	Sep. 21-22 Tues-Wed	Oct. 10-11 Mon-Tues	Sep. 30-Oct. 1 Sat-Sun	Oct. 17-18 Thurs-Fri
Shemini Atzeret* (Eighth Day of Sukkot)	Oct. 10 Sat	Sep. 28 Tues	Oct. 17 Mon	Oct. 7 Sat	Oct. 24 Thurs
Simchat Torah* (Rejoicing of the Law)	Oct. 11 Sun	Sep. 29 Wed	Oct. 18 Tues	Oct. 8 Sun	Oct. 25 Fri
Chanukah (Festival of Lights)	Dec. 11-18 Fri-Fri	Nov. 29-Dec. 6 Mon-Mon	Dec. 19-26 Mon-Mon	Dec. 8-15 Fri-Fri	Dec. 26-Jan. 2 Thurs-Thurs
Purim	Feb. 26 Fri	Mar. 17 Thurs	Mar. 7 Tues	Mar. 24 Sun	Mar. 14 Fri
Pesach* (Passover)	Mar. 28-29 Sun-Mon	Apr. 16-17 Sat-Sun	Apr. 6-7 Thurs-Fri	Apr. 23-24 Tues-Wed	Apr. 13-14 Sun-Mon
Concluding Days of Pesach*	Apr. 3-4 Sat-Sun	Apr. 22-23 Fri-Sat	Apr. 12-13 Wed-Thurs	Apr. 29-30 Mon-Tues	Apr. 19-20 Sat-Sun
Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Remembrance)	Apr. 8 Thurs	Apr. 28 Thurs	Apr. 18 Tues	May 6 Mon	Apr. 24 Thurs
Shavuot* (Feast of Harvest)	May 17-18 Mon-Tues	Jun. 5-6 Sun-Mon	May 26-27 Fri-Sat	Jun. 12-13 Wed-Thurs	Jun. 2-3 Mon-Tues

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# Jewish Holiday Descriptions

**Rosh Hashanah** - The Jewish New Year's Festival, considered the birthday of the world in rabbinical literature. This is the day on which all of humankind is judged.

**Yom Kippur** - The Jewish Day of Atonement. This is the most solemn day of the Jewish year devoted to prayer and fasting.

**Sukkot** - An eight-day Jewish festival of thanksgiving, harvest and remembrance of Jews wandering in the desert after Exodus from Egypt.

**Shemini Atzeret** - Final day of Sukkot, the 8<sup>th</sup> day of assembly; the day after the 7<sup>th</sup> day of Sukkot, Sukkot is essentially a celebration for all mankind while Shemini Atzeret is an extra celebration in which the Creator invites the Jewish people to stay for a more intimate celebration.

**Simchat Torah** - Reading of the Torah is complete and begun anew in the synagogue.

**Chanukah** - An eight-day Jewish holiday commemorating the rededication of the second Temple by the Maccabees and their victory over the Seleucid Empire in 165 B.C.E.

**Purim** - Celebrates the deliverance of the Jews of ancient Persia from a plot to exterminate them.

**Pesach (Passover)** - An eight-day Jewish festival marking deliverance of the Jews from slavery in Egypt.

**Yom Hashoah** - Honors the memory of six-million Jewish martyrs and heroes who perished in the Nazi Holocaust.

**Shavuot** - Jewish festival commemorating the giving of the Torah (Law) on Mount Sinai.

**Shabbat** - The Jewish Sabbath commemorates the day of rest on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of creation. Shabbat begins prior to sunset each Friday and concludes approximately one hour after sundown on Saturday.