

Explanation of Holidays

ROSH HASHANAH

Jewish New Year; marks the beginning of the period considered the High Holy Days.

YOM KIPPUR

Day of Atonement, the holiest day of the Jewish year.

SUKKOT

Eight-day harvest and thanksgiving festival.

SHEMINI ATZERET

Marks the final day of Sukkot.

SIMCHAT TORAH

Joyous holiday that marks the completion of the yearly cycle of reading the Hebrew Bible (Torah) and the beginning of the next cycle.

CHANUKAH*

This eight-day festival of lights.

PURIM*

This festive holiday celebrates the rescue of the Jewish community recounted in the Book of Esther.

PASSOVER

This eight-day festival commemorates the Jewish exodus from Egypt. Work is allowed during the middle days of Passover.

SHAVUOT

Commemorates the receiving of the Torah by the Israelites on Mt. Sinai.

SHABBAT

The Jewish Sabbath is observed every Friday evening to Saturday evening. Observant Jews refrain from work to devote time to prayer, reflection and rest.

*It is permissible to work and attend school on these holidays.

**To learn more about Jewish holidays,
culture, or the local Jewish community,
visit:**

www.JewishVA.org/JCRC

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- **Teaching Religion**
 - Anti-Defamation League
- **Judaism, Jewish History, & Israel**
 - Institute for Curriculum Services
 - My Jewish Learning
- **Holocaust Education**
 - UJFT Holocaust Commission
 - Virginia Holocaust Museum
 - U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum
 - Facing History & Ourselves
 - Yad Vashem

ABOUT THE JCRC

The Jewish Community Relations Council of the United Jewish Federation of Tidewater champions a thriving Jewish community locally, in Israel, and around the world and leverages the strength of our diverse and vibrant Jewish community to promote a just and democratic society by leading, convening, educating and advocating. As the representative voice of the Tidewater Jewish community, the JCRC addresses issues of vital concern based on Jewish values, consensus, and respect for diversity, and builds bridges within and beyond the Jewish community.

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5 YEAR JEWISH HOLIDAY CALENDAR 2023-2028

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A planning & scheduling guide for:

- School Administrators
- Teachers and Coaches
- Government Agencies
- Private Employers
- Civic Organizations
- Nonprofits



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5 YEAR CALENDAR OF MAJOR JEWISH HOLIDAYS & RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCES

This 5-year calendar of Jewish holidays has been prepared by the Jewish Community Relations Council as an aid for planning and scheduling events (tests, examinations, assemblies, conferences, athletic events, tournaments, open houses, registrations, etc.) in an attempt to minimize conflicts that involve the absence of Jewish students and personnel.

Some members of the Jewish community will not participate in events during Shabbat. Hanukkah and Purim do not require an absence from school or work.

Jewish holidays begin at sunset on the evening preceding the holiday.

	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028
ROSH HASHANAH Jewish New Year	September 16-17 Sat.-Sun. (begins at sunset Sept. 15)	October 3-4 Thurs.-Fri. (begins at sunset Oct. 2)	September 23-24 Tues.-Wed. (begins at sunset Sept. 22)	September 12-13 Sat.-Sun. (begins at sunset Sept. 11)	October 2-3 Fri.-Sat. (begins at sunset Oct. 1)
YOM KIPPUR Day of Atonement	September 25 Monday (begins at sunset Sept. 24)	October 12 Saturday (begins at sunset Oct. 11)	October 2 Thursday (begins at sunset Oct. 1)	September 21 Monday (begins at sunset Sept. 20)	October 11 Monday (begins at sunset Oct. 10)
SUKKOT Feast of Tabernacles	September 30- October 1 Sat.-Sun. (begins at sunset Sept. 29)	October 17-18 Thurs.-Fri. (begins at sunset Oct. 16)	October 7-8 Tues.-Wed. (begins at sunset Oct. 6)	September 26- October 2 Sat.-Fri. (begins at sunset Sept. 26)	October 16-17 Sat.-Sun. (begins at sunset Oct. 15)
SHEMINI ATZERET & SIMCHAT TORAH Closing of the High Holiday season	October 7-8 Sat.-Sun. (begins at sunset Oct. 6)	October 24-25 Thurs.-Fri. (begins at sunset Oct. 23)	October 14-15 Tues.-Wed. (begins at sunset Oct. 13)	October 3-4 Sat.-Sun. (begins at sunset Oct. 2)	October 23-24 Sat.-Sun. (begins at sunset Oct. 22)
CHANUKAH* Festival of Lights	December 8-15 Fri.-Fri. (begins at sunset Dec. 7)	December 26- January 2 Thurs.-Thurs. (begins at sunset Dec. 25)	December 15-22 Mon.-Mon. (begins at sunset Dec. 14)	December 5-12 Sat.-Sat. (begins at sunset Dec. 4)	December 25- December 31 Sat.-Sat. (begins at sunset Dec. 24)
PURIM* Festival of Esther	March 24 Sunday (begins at sunset Mar. 23)	March 14 Friday (begins at sunset Mar. 13)	March 3 Tuesday (begins at sunset Mar. 2)	March 23 Tuesday (begins at sunset Mar. 22)	March 12 Sunday (begins at sunset Mar. 11)
PASSOVER Commemorates Exodus of the Jewish people from Egypt	April 23-30 Tues.-Tues. (begins at sunset Apr. 22)	April 13-20 Sun.-Sun. (begins at sunset Apr. 12)	April 2-9 Thurs.-Thurs. (begins at sunset April. 1)	April 22-29 Thurs.-Thurs. (begins at sunset April. 21)	April 11-18 Tues.-Tues. (begins at sunset Apr. 10)
SHAVOUT Feast of Weeks	June 12-13 Wed.-Thurs. (begins at sunset June 11)	June 2-3 Mon.-Tues. (begins at sunset June 1)	May 22-23 Fri.-Sat. (begins at sunset May 21)	May 11-12 Fri.-Sat. (begins at sunset May 10)	May 31- June 1 Mon.-Tues. (begins at sunset May 30)

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