

2018-2021 CALENDAR OF MAJOR JEWISH HOLIDAYS



Please note: Jewish students may not be able to participate in school activities that take place on the days marked with an *.

	2018	2019	2020	2021
 PURIM Celebrates the defeat of the plot to destroy the Jews of Persia.	March 1	March 21	March 10	February 26
 PASSOVER Deliverance of the Jewish people from Egypt. The first and last two days are observed as full holidays. There are dietary restrictions against leavened products (such as bread, pastries, pasta, certain legumes and more) during all eight days of the holiday.	*Eve. of March 30 *March 31 *April 1 *April 6 *April 7	*Eve. of April 19 *April 20 *April 21 *April 26 *April 27	*Eve. of April 8 *April 9 *April 10 *April 15 *April 16	*Eve. of March 27 *March 28 *March 29 *April 3 *April 4
 SHAVUOT Feast of Weeks, marks the giving of the Law (Torah) at Mt. Sinai. (Often linked with the Confirmation of teenagers.)	*Eve. of May 19 *May 20 *May 21	*Eve. of June 8 *June 9 *June 10	*Eve. of May 28 *May 29 *May 30	*Eve. of May 16 *May 17 *May 18
 ROSH HASHANAH The Jewish New Year; start of the Ten Days of Penitence. The first two days are observed as full holidays.	*Eve. of Sept. 9 *Sept. 10 *Sept. 11	*Eve. of Sept. 29 *Sept. 30 *Oct. 1	*Eve. of Sept. 18 *Sept. 19 *Sept. 20	*Eve. of Sept. 6 *Sept. 7 *Sept. 8
 YOM KIPPUR Day of Atonement; the most solemn day of the year devoted to fasting, prayer and repentance.	*Eve. of Sept. 18 *Sept. 19	*Eve. of Oct. 8 *Oct. 9	*Eve. of Sept. 27 *Sept. 28	*Eve. of Sept. 15 *Sept. 16
 SUKKOT First two days of Tabernacles, commemorating the dwelling of the Israelites in booths in the wilderness.	*Eve of Sept. 23 *Sept. 24 *Sept. 25	*Eve of Oct. 13 *Oct. 14 *Oct. 15	*Eve of Oct. 2 *Oct. 3 *Oct. 4	*Eve of Sept. 20 *Sept. 21 *Sept. 22
 SHEMINI ATZERET Eighth Day of Assembly.	*Eve of Sept. 30 *Oct. 1	*Eve of Oct. 20 *Oct. 21	*Eve of Oct. 9 *Oct. 10	*Eve of Sept. 27 *Sept. 28
 SIMCHAT TORAH Celebrates the new cycle of annual scriptural readings.	*Oct. 2	*Oct. 22	*Oct. 11	*Sept. 29
 HANUKKAH Festival of Lights; celebrates the victory of the Maccabees and rededication of the Ancient temple in Jerusalem.	Dec. 3 – Dec. 10	Dec. 22 – Dec. 30	Dec. 11 – Dec. 18	Nov. 29 – Dec. 6