

Please Note: All holidays begin at sundown and end at nightfall of the final day of observance.

✡ During the Sabbath and Jewish holy days, work and other forms of activity are prohibited. Therefore, Jewish individuals may be absent from school, work, and organization activities.

✡ No person should be penalized for his/her religious observances or beliefs. We appreciate your attention to these dates. For many Jews, work, school attendance, and other activities are prohibited during holy days but not during minor festivals.

For more information (518) 783.7800		HOLY DAY NAME	DESCRIPTION	2020-2021 (5781)	2021-2022 (5782)	2022-2023 (5783)
HIGH HOLY DAYS Holiest days of the year	Rosh Hashanah 2 days	This two-day observance is the first of the High Holy Days, marking the beginning of the New Year and a ten-day period of penitence and spiritual renewal. Extended synagogue services are held and traditionally work is restricted. Please avoid scheduling back-to-school nights or special events on the evening before or on these days. Almost all Jewish students and teachers will be absent.	Night of Fri, Sept 18 – Sun, Sept 20	Night of Mon, Sept 6 – Wed, Sept 8	Night of Sun, Sept 25 – Tues, Sept 27	
	Yom Kippur 1 day	This most holy day is marked by fasting and prayer. Traditionally, work is restricted. Please avoid scheduling back-to-school nights or special events on the evening before or on this day. Almost all Jewish students and teachers will be absent.	Night of Sun, Sept 27 – Mon, Sept 28	Night of Wed, Sept 15 – Thurs, Sept 16	Night of Tues, Oct 4 – Wed, Oct 5	
HOLY DAYS	Sukkot	<i>Sukkot</i> commemorates the 40-year wandering of the Israelites in the desert on the way to the Promised Land. This is a seven-day festival with work restrictions on the first two days of the observance. Some Jewish teachers and students may be absent.	Night of Fri, Oct 2 – Fri, Oct 9	Night of Mon, Sept 20 – Mon, Sept 27	Night of Sun, Oct 9 – Sun, Oct 16	
	Shemini Atzeret	<i>Shemini Atzeret</i> is the eighth day of the Sukkot Festival. <i>Simchat Torah</i> celebrates the conclusion of the annual cycle of the reading of the Torah (the first five books of the Hebrew Bible) and the beginning of the new cycle. Traditionally, work is restricted. Some Jewish teachers and students may be absent on both days.	Night of Fri, Oct 9 – Sat, Oct 10	Night of Mon Sept 27 – Tues Sept 28	Night of Sun, Oct 16 – Mon, Oct 17	
	Simchat Torah		Night of Sat, Oct 10 – Sun, Oct 11	Night of Tues Sept 28 – Wed Sept 29	Night of Mon, Oct 17 – Tues, Oct 18	
MINOR FESTIVALS	Hanukkah	This is an eight-day festival of religious freedom commemorating the victory of the Maccabees and the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem. No restrictions on work or school.	1 st candle - Dec 10 – 8 th candle - Dec 17	1 st candle - Nov 28 – 8 th candle - Dec 5	1 st candle - Dec 18 – 8 th candle - Dec 25	
	Purim	<i>Purim</i> celebrates the salvation of the Jews of ancient Persia, through the help of Queen Esther, from a plot to destroy them. Purim begins the evening before date listed. Please avoid scheduling special events on these evenings.	2020 Tues, Mar 10	2021 Fri, Feb 26	2022 Thurs, Mar 17	2023 Tues, Mar 7
HOLY DAYS	Passover	<i>Passover</i> celebrates Israel's deliverance from Egyptian bondage. On the evening before and on the first evening of Passover, Seders, or ritual family dinners, are held in the home. This is an eight-day observance with work restrictions on the first two and last two days. Some Jewish teachers and students may be absent.	Night of Wed, Apr 8 – Thurs, Apr 16	Night of Sat, Mar 27 – Sun, Apr 4	Night of Fri, Apr 15 – Sat, Apr 23	Night of Wed, Apr 5 – Thurs, Apr 13
	Shavuot	<i>Shavuot</i> celebrates the receiving of the Ten Commandments at Mount Sinai. Traditionally, work is restricted on both days. Please avoid scheduling final exams or special events on these days. Some Jewish teachers and students may be absent.	Night of Thurs, May 28 – Sat, May 30	Night of Sun, May 16 – Tues, May 18	Night of Sat, June 4 – Mon, June 6	Night of Thurs, May 25 – Sat, May 27
COMMEMORATIVE DAYS (No restrictions on work or school)	Yom Hashoah	Holocaust Remembrance Day	Apr 21 Tues	Apr 8 Thurs	Apr 28 Thurs	Apr 18 Tues
	Yom Hazikaron	Israel's Memorial Day	Apr 28 Tues	Apr 14 Wed	May 4 Wed	Apr 25 Tues
	Yom Ha'atzmaut	Israel's Independence Day	Apr 29 Wed	Apr 15 Thurs	May 5 Thurs	Apr 26 Wed