

# At a Glance – Jewish Calendar Sensitivity Guide

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For questions about holidays or any challenges with school/work conflicts  
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## Shabbat

Shabbat begins on Friday night at sundown and ends at nightfall on Saturday (about 25 hours later) every single week. Traditionally observant households refrain from “work” and don’t use cars, electricity, etc.

## Major holidays (Biblical in Origin):

Holidays begin at sundown on the first date specified and end at nightfall on the last date specified.

Dates in bold are *Yom Tov*, so they have similar obligations and restrictions to Shabbat in the sense that normal “work” is forbidden.

Holiday	Mood:	Considerations:	5784 2023-2024	5785 2024-2025	5786 2025-2026
Rosh Hashana	Contemplative/Joyful	People likely to miss school/work Appropriate to send Greetings ahead of Holiday. – “Shanah Tovah”	<b>Sep 15-17 F-Su</b>	<b>Oct 2-4 W-F</b>	<b>Sep 22-24 M-W</b>
Yom Kippur	Repentant/Awe Fast Day	People likely to miss school/work Appropriate to send greetings ahead of holiday “May you be inscribed and sealed for a good year.”	<b>Sep 24-25 Su-M</b>	<b>Oct 11-12 F-Sa</b>	<b>Oct 1-2 W-Th</b>
Sukkot	Joyful/Celebratory	People may miss school/work on <b>BOLD</b> dates.	<b>Sep 29-Oct 1 F-Su</b> Oct 2-6 M-F	<b>Oct 16-18 W-F</b> Oct 19-23 Sa-W	<b>Oct 6-8 M-W</b> Oct 9-13 Th-M
Shmini Atzeret	Joyful	People may miss school/work on <b>BOLD</b> dates.	<b>Oct 6-7 F-Sa</b>	<b>Oct 23-24 W-Th</b>	<b>Oct 13-14 M-Tu</b>
Simchat Torah	Joyful	People may miss school/work on <b>BOLD</b> dates.	<b>Oct 7-8 Sa-Su</b>	<b>Oct 24-25 Th-F</b>	<b>Oct 14-15 Tu-W</b>
Pesach/Passover	Joyful (Stressful for many leading up to the holiday due to significant preparation needs.)	People may miss school/work on <b>BOLD</b> dates. Kosher rules on Passover are significantly more restrictive. Food should not be served unless it's coming directly from the DK's Passover offerings.	<b>Apr 22-24 M-W</b> Apr 25-27 Th-Sa <b>Apr 28-30 Su-Tu</b>	<b>Apr 12-14 Sa-M</b> Apr 15-17 Tu-Th <b>Apr 18-20 F-Su</b>	<b>Apr 1-3 W-F</b> Apr 4-7 Sa-Tu <b>Apr 7-9 Tu-Th</b>
Shavuot	Joyful	People may miss school/work on <b>BOLD</b> dates.	<b>Jun 11-13 Tu-Th</b>	<b>Jun 1-3 Su-Tu</b>	<b>May 21-23 Th-Sa</b>

## Minor holidays (“Rabbinic” in Origin):

Holiday	Mood:	Considerations:	5784 2023-2024	5785 2024-2025	5786 2025-2026
Tu BiShvat	Joyful	New Year of the Trees	Jan 24-25 W-Th	Feb 12-13 W-Th	Feb 1-2 Su-M
Purim	Joyful		Mar 23-24 Sa-Su	Mar 13-14 Th-F	Mar 2-3 M-Tu
Chanukah	Joyful	Candles lit in evening for 8 nights	Dec 7-15 Th-F	Dec 24-Jan 2 Tu-Th	Dec 14-Dec 22 S-M

## Modern Israeli holidays (observed by Jews in the US, too):

Holiday	Mood:	Considerations:	5784 2023-2024	5785 2024-2025	5786 2025-2026
Yom HaShoah	Sad/Mournful	Holocaust Remembrance Day	May 5-6 Su-M	Apr 23-24 W-Th	Apr 13-14 M-Tu
Yom HaZikaron	Sad/Mournful	Israeli Memorial Day	May 12-13 Su-M	Apr 29-30 Tu-W	Apr 20-21 M-Tu
Yom HaAtzma'ut	Joyful/Prideful	Israeli Independence Day	May 13-14 M-Tu	Apr 30-May 1 W-Th	Apr 21-22 T-W



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