



The Jewish Federation
OF GREATER ORANGE COUNTY

Building Our Jewish Community Together

5 YEAR CALENDAR OF JEWISH HOLIDAYS

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	Rosh HaShanah	Yom Kippur	Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret Simchat Torah	
2016-2017	Oct 3-4	Oct 12	Oct 17-18, Oct 19-23 Oct 24	
2017-2018	Sep 21-22	Sep 30	Oct 5-6, Oct 7-11 Oct 12	
2018-2019	Sep 10-11	Sep 19	Sep 24-25, Sep 26-30 Oct 1	
2019-2020	Sep 30-Oct 1	Oct 9	Oct 14-15, Oct 16-20 Oct 21,	
2020-2021	Sep 19-Sep 20	Sep 28	Oct 3-4, Oct 5-9 Oct 11	
	Hanukkah	Passover		Shavout
2016-2017	Dec 25-Jan 1	Apr 11-12 , Apr 13-16 Apr 17-18		May 31-Jun 1
2017-2018	Dec 13-20	Mar 31-Apr 1, Apr 2-5 Apr 6-7		May 20-21
2018-2019	Dec 3-10	Apr 20-21, Apr 22-25 Apr 26-27		Jun 9-10
2019-2020	Dec 23-30	Apr 9-10, Apr 11-14 Apr 15-16		May 29-30
2020-2021	Dec 11-18	Mar 28-29, Mar 30-Apr2 Apr 3-4		May 17-18

This calendar has been prepared to advise you in advance of the Jewish observances that will take place over the next five years. It is intended to assist schools in scheduling events such as major school assignments, examinations, sporting events, team and play tryouts, school photos, assemblies, field trips, graduations and other special programs. Cultural, legislative, municipal, business and other organizations may also find the calendar helpful in avoiding scheduling conflicts. In order to allow Jewish students, employees and community members to observe their traditions we ask that the scheduling of events on Jewish holy days, the Jewish Sabbath and the evenings preceding these occasions be avoided.

Jewish holy days begin at sundown on the preceding evening and conclude at sundown on the dates noted. For example Rosh Hashanah in 2016 begins on October 2nd at sundown and concludes on October 4th at sundown. The weekly Jewish Sabbath begins at sunset on Fridays and concludes one hour after sunset on Saturdays. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact the Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County (845) 562-7860. www.jewishorangeny.org

The most important holiday - SHABBAT

The Sabbath commemorates God's day of rest on the 7th day of Creation. Shabbat begins every Friday evening at sundown. No work is done in traditional Jewish homes. It is to be a day of rest and peace.

The "Head of the Year" - ROSH HASHANAH

These holy days begin a 10-day period of repentance and prayer which ends on Yom Kippur. Rosh Hashanah marks the anniversary of the birthday of the world. It is the day people are judged for their actions during the past year.

The Day of Atonement - YOM KIPPUR

This is considered the holiest day in the Jewish calendar and it ends the Ten Days of Repentance. It is spent in prayer, meditation and fasting in order to start the new year with a fresh beginning.

The Feast of Tabernacles - SUKKOT

The harvest festival is named for the huts (sukkot) hung with fruits and vegetables set up to recall the temporary field dwelling which farmers traditionally used during harvest time. It is observed for 7 or 8 days, followed by Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah. Labor is traditionally prohibited on the first two days of Sukkot, on Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah. Shemini Atzeret is the conclusion of Sukkot. Simchat Torah celebrates the conclusion of the year-long cycle of reading the Torah (first five books of the Bible) and renewing the cycle.

The Festival of Lights - HANUKKAH

An 8-day celebration of the Jews' victory over the Syrians in ancient times and their regaining political and religious freedom. Hanukkah is called the Festival of Lights

The Feast of Passover - PESACH

Passover commemorates the Exodus of the Jews from Egypt, the beginning of Jewish independence. It may be observed for 7 or 8 days, but labor is traditionally prohibited on only the first two and last two days. The name Pesach refers to God's "passing over" the homes of the Jews when he sent plagues to convince the Egyptian pharaoh to let them go.

The Feast of Harvest - SHAVUOT

This holy day marks the end of the early grain harvest and also commemorates Moses receiving the Torah (first five books of the Bible), with its Ten Commandments, from God on Mount Sinai.



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