

Holiday Calendar 2017-2018

JUNE 2017

14, WEDNESDAY - FLAG DAY: to commemorate the United States flag's adoption.
24, SATURDAY - ISLAMIC HOLIDAY: The feast marking the end of fasting.

JULY 2017

4, TUESDAY - JULY FOURTH
31, 1 THURSDAY - TISHA BA'AV (SATURDAY EVENING) - Fast of the 9th of Av

AUGUST 2017

First day of School:
August 14th Caroline County; August 28th: Garrett; August 29th: Allegany; September 5th, Frederick, Talbot Counties, St. Mary's and Baltimore Counties, Dorchester and Harford Counties, Baltimore City, Carroll, Charles, Cecil, Howard, Montgomery, Queen Anne, Worcester County, and Washington County, September 6th Anne Arundel and Wicomico Counties, September 7th Somerset

SEPTEMBER 2017

4, MONDAY- LABOR DAY – Federal and state agencies closed.
1, FRIDAY - ISLAMIC HOLIDAY: EID-UL-ADHA (Feast of Sacrifice).
21, 22 - ROSH HASHANAH (WEDNESDAY EVENING) THURSDAY & FRIDAY - (Jewish New Year) Begins the Jewish year 5777.
21, THURSDAY – ISLAMIC HOLIDAY: AL HIJRA- Islamic New Year. Marks the migration of the Prophet Mohammad and his followers from Mecca to Medina of the Jewish people. (Fast begins 1st morning light)
24, SUNDAY - TZOM GEDALIAH: TZOM GEDALIAH: Commemorates the start of Babylonian exile

OCTOBER 2017

9, MONDAY - COLUMBUS DAY - Federal and state agencies closed.
29, 30 - YOM KIPPUR (FRIDAY EVENING) SATURDAY (Day of Atonement) Most holy of Jewish holidays, devoted to prayer, fasting and repentance.
4, 5, 6 - SUKKOT (WEDNESDAY EVENING) THURSDAY & FRIDAY (Feast of Tabernacles) - First day of festival of harvest, thanksgiving, and remembrance of the Jewish wandering in the wilderness and living in booths or tabernacles after the exodus from Egypt.
20, 21 – FRIDAY & SATURDAY - MARYLAND STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION CONVENTION - Schools closed Friday.
11, 12 - SHEMINI ATZERET (WEDNESDAY EVENING) THURSDAY (Eighth Day of Assembly) - Marks the climax of the Jewish holy season.
12, 13 - SIMCHAT TORAH (THURSDAY EVENING) FRIDAY (Rejoicing in the Law) - Reading of the Torah is completed and begun anew in the synagogue.
24, TUESDAY- UNITED NATIONS DAY
31, TUESDAY- REFORMATION DAY - Observed by Protestant groups to mark the beginning of Protestant Reformation in 1517.

NOVEMBER 2017

1, WEDNESDAY - ALL SAINTS DAY: Christian holy day of obligation commemorating all saints.
2, THURSDAY– ALL SOULS' DAY: Roman Catholic day of remembrance for friends and loved ones who have passed away.
11, SATURDAY - VETERANS DAY - Federal and state agencies closed.
13 – 17, - AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK
This year marks the 90th annual American Education Week.
23, THURSDAY - THANKSGIVING DAY: Federal and state agencies closed.
School Closings:
November 23rd-24th: Anne Arundel, Calvert, Caroline, Charles, Dorchester, Frederick, Howard, Kent, Montgomery, Prince George's, Queen Ann, St. Mary's, Talbot, Washington, Wicomico, and Worcester Counties, Allegany, Baltimore City, Baltimore Co., Garrett, Harford, and Somerset Counties.
24, FRIDAY - American Indian Heritage Day

DECEMBER 2017

8, FRIDAY - FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – Catholic holy day celebrating the privilege of freedom from sin.
10, SUNDAY - HUMAN RIGHTS DAY - Marks U.N. adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948.
15, FRIDAY - BILL OF RIGHTS DAY - Marks ratification of the first ten amendments to the U.S. Constitution in 1791.
12, 13-20 - CHANUKAH (TUESDAY EVENING) (Festival of Lights) - Eight-day festival marking the first recorded battle for religious liberty and rededication of the Temple by the Maccabees.
25, MONDAY - CHRISTMAS DAY – Federal and state agencies will be closed.
WINTER SCHOOL BREAK:
December 22nd – January 1st: All City and County Schools are closed and will reopen on Tuesday, January 2nd

26, TUESDAY - KWANZAA (First Fruits of the Harvest): African-American holiday that celebrates family, community, and culture. It is celebrated for seven days, December 26th-January 1st.
28, THURSDAY - ASARAH B'TEVET (Fast of Tevet-which begins morning light) Commemorates the beginning of the Babylonian siege of Jerusalem (6th Century BCE).

JANUARY 2018

1, MONDAY - NEW YEAR'S DAY – Schools closed. Federal and state agencies closed.
15, MONDAY - MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY – In honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. (b. 1929). Schools closed. Federal and state agencies closed.
31, WEDNESDAY - TU BISHVAT – New Year for Trees

FEBRUARY 2017

ALL FEBRUARY - AFRICAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH
12, MONDAY - LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY (b. February 12, 1809).
14, WEDNESDAY - ASH WEDNESDAY- Opens Lenten Season
19, MONDAY - PRESIDENTS' DAY - Celebrates the birthdays of George Washington (b. 1732) and Abraham Lincoln (b. 1809). Schools closed. Federal and state agencies closed.
28, WEDNESDAY - TA'ANIT ESTHER (Fast of Esther) – Commemorates the fast of Queen Esther (Fast begins Thursday morning).

MARCH 2018

FEB. 28 - 1, PURIM (WEDNESDAY EVENING) THURSDAY- Jewish day of merry- making, marking defeat of Persian tyrant, Haman.
17, FRIDAY - ST. PATRICK'S DAY
25 SUNDAY- MARYLAND DAY - Commemorating the arrival of Lord Baltimore's first settlers in Maryland in 1634. (State will observe on Monday, 26th)
25, SUNDAY - PALM SUNDAY
29, THURSDAY - HOLY THURSDAY - Christian holy day marking The Last Supper.
30, FRIDAY - GOOD FRIDAY
31, SATURDAY - HOLY SATURDAY

APRIL 2018

SPRING BREAK:
March 26 - April 2: Baltimore City, Montgomery, St. Mary's Counties; March 29 - April 2: Calvert, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Worcester Counties; March 30 - April 2: Allegany, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Kent, Talbot, Washington, Wicomico Counties; March 30 - April 3: Charles County; March 30 - April 6: Howard, Prince George's Counties; April 2 - 6: Caroline County
1, SUNDAY - EASTER/EASTERN ORTHODOX EASTER
MARCH 30, 1, 2 - PESACH (FRIDAY EVENING) SATURDAY & SUNDAY - First two days of PESACH (Passover) Jewish festival marking deliverance from slavery in Egypt.
5, 6, 7 - PESACH (THURSDAY EVENING) FRIDAY & SATURDAY - Concluding days of PESACH (Passover).
12, THURSDAY - YOM HASHOAH: Holocaust Remembrance Day – Memorializing the six million martyrs who died in the Holocaust, 1939-1945.
18, WEDNESDAY - YOM HAZIKARON: Israel's Memorial Day.
19, THURSDAY - YOM HA'ATZMAUT: Israel Independence Day.

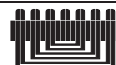
MAY 2018

3, THURSDAY – LAG BAOMER the 33rd day of the counting of the Omer.
10, THURSDAY - ASCENSION DAY - Christian holy day marking Jesus' ascension forty days after the Resurrection.
13, SUNDAY - YOM YERUSHALAYIM – Anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem in 1967 Six-Day war.
19, 20, 21 - SHAVUOT (SATURDAY EVENING) SUNDAY & MONDAY - Marks giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai.
28, MONDAY- MEMORIAL DAY (observed). Schools closed. Federal and state agencies closed.

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Use of Holiday Calendar 2017-2018

This calendar has been prepared and designed primarily to assist teachers and school administrators in planning and scheduling special events and activities such as examinations, assemblies, field trips, graduations and other school-related programs. Federal, state, county, and city government agencies, legislative bodies, and courts, as well as private employers, may also find this calendar helpful.

ALL Jewish holidays are set according to the Hebrew lunar calendar, so

that they begin at sundown on the preceding evening and conclude at sundown on the dates noted. The Sabbath begins at sunset on Friday evening and concludes at sunset on Saturday. During these observances, work is traditionally prohibited. As a result, Jewish individuals may be absent from both school and places of employment.

No person should be penalized for his/her religious observances or beliefs.

5-Year Calendar of Major Jewish Holidays

| Holiday | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
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| Pesach (<i>Passover</i>) | April 11 & 12 Tues. & Wed. | March 31, 1 Sat. & Sun. | April 20 & 21 Sat. & Sun. | April 9, 10 Thurs. & Fri. | March 28, 29 Sun. & Mon. |
| Concluding days of Pesach | April 17 & 18 Mon. & Tues. | April 6 & 7 Fri. & Sat. | April 26 & 27 Fri. & Sat. | April 15, 16 Wed. & Thurs. | April 3, 4 Sat. & Sun. |
| Shavuot (<i>Receiving of the Torah</i>) | May 31 & 1 Wed. & Thurs. | May 20 & 21 Sun. & Mon. | June 9 & 10 Sun. & Mon. | May 29, 30 Fri. & Sat. | May 17, 18 Mon. & Tues. |
| Rosh Hashanah (<i>New Year</i>) | Sept. 21 & 22 Thurs. & Fri. | Sept. 10 & 11 Mon. & Tues. | Sept. 30 & Oct. 1 Mon. & Tues. | Sept. 19, 20 Sat. & Sun. | Sept. 7, 8 Tues. & Wed. |
| Yom Kippur (<i>Day of Atonement</i>) | Sept. 30 Saturday | Sept. 19 Wednesday | Oct. 9 Wednesday | Sept. 28 Monday | Sept. 16 Thursday |
| Sukkot (<i>Feast of Tabernacles</i>) | Oct. 5 & 6 Thurs. & Fri. | Sept. 24 & 25 Mon. & Tues. | Oct. 14 & 15 Mon. & Tues. | Oct. 3 & 4 Sat. & Sun. | Sept. 21, 22 Tues. & Wed. |
| Shemini Atzeret (<i>Eighth Day of Assembly</i>) | Oct. 12 Thursday | Oct. 1 Monday | Oct. 21 Monday | Oct. 10 Saturday | Sept. 28 Tuesday |
| Simchat Torah (<i>Rejoicing of the Law</i>) | Oct. 13 Friday | Oct. 2 Tuesday | Oct. 22 Tuesday | Oct. 11 Sunday | Sept. 29 Wednesday |
| Tisha B'Av (<i>Official Day of Mourning</i>) | August 1 Tuesday | July 22 Sunday | August 11 Sunday | July 30 Thursday | July 18 Sunday |

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