

# Holiday Calendar 2019-2020

## JUNE 2019

- 2, SUNDAY - YOM YERUSHALAYIM - Anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem in 1967 Six-Day war.  
8, 9, 10 - SHAVUOT (SATURDAY EVENING), SUNDAY & MONDAY - Marks the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai  
14, FRIDAY - FLAG DAY: to commemorate the United States flag's adoption.

## JULY 2019

- 4, - THURSDAY, JULY FOURTH  
10, 11 TISHA BA'AV (SATURDAY EVENING) - Fast of the 9th of Av

## AUGUST 2019

### First day of School:

August 12<sup>th</sup> Caroline · August 19<sup>th</sup> Talbot and Dorchester · August 26<sup>th</sup> Garrett · August 28<sup>th</sup> Allegany · September 3<sup>rd</sup> Frederick, Talbot Counties, St. Mary's, Baltimore, Harford, Carroll, Charles, Cecil, Howard, Montgomery, Queen Anne, Worcester County, Washington County, Anne Arundel, Somerset and Wicomico Counties, Baltimore City.

10, SATURDAY - ISLAMIC HOLIDAY: EID-UL-ADHA (Feast of Sacrifice).

31, SATURDAY - 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)

## SEPTEMBER 2019

- 2, MONDAY - LABOR DAY - Federal and state agencies closed.  
30, OCTOBER 1 - ROSH HASHANAH (SUNDAY EVENING) MONDAY & TUESDAY - (Jewish New Year) Begins the Jewish year 5777.

## OCTOBER 2019

- 2, WEDNESDAY - TZOM GEDALIAH: Commemorates the start of Babylonian exile  
8, 9 - YOM KIPPUR (TUESDAY EVENING) WEDNESDAY (Day of Atonement) Most holy of Jewish holidays, devoted to prayer, fasting and repentance  
14, 15 - SUKKOT (SUNDAY EVENING) MONDAY & TUESDAY (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 - SHEMINI ATZERET (SUNDAY EVENING) MONDAY (Eighth Day of Assembly) - Marks the climax of the Jewish holy season.  
21, 22 - SIMCHAT TORAH (MONDAY EVENING) TUESDAY (Rejoicing in the Law) - Reading of the Torah is completed and begun anew in the synagogue.  
14, MONDAY - COLUMBUS DAY - Federal and state agencies closed.  
18, 19 - FRIDAY & SATURDAY - MARYLAND STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION CONVENTION - Schools closed Friday.  
24, THURSDAY- UNITED NATIONS DAY  
31, THURSDAY- REFORMATION DAY - Observed by Protestant groups to mark the beginning of Protestant Reformation in 1517.

## NOVEMBER 2019

- 1, FRIDAY - ALL SAINTS DAY: Christian holy day of obligation commemorating all saints.  
2, SATURDAY - ALL SOULS' DAY: Roman Catholic day of remembrance for friends and loved ones who have passed away.  
11, MONDAY - VETERANS DAY - Federal and state agencies closed.  
11 - 15 - AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK - This year marks the 89th annual American Education Week.  
28, THURSDAY - THANKSGIVING DAY: Federal and state agencies closed.

### School Closings:

November 28<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> : 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.

29, FRIDAY - AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE DAY

## DECEMBER 2019

- 22 - 30 - CHANUKAH (SUNDAY EVENING) (Festival of Lights) - Eight-day festival marking the first recorded battle for religious liberty and rededication of the Temple by the Maccabees.  
8, SUNDAY - FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - Catholic holy day celebrating the privilege of freedom from sin.  
10, TUESDAY - HUMAN RIGHTS DAY - Marks U.N. adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948.  
15, SUNDAY- BILL OF RIGHTS DAY - Marks ratification of the first ten amendments to the U.S. Constitution in 1791.

## WINTER SCHOOL BREAK:

- December 23 - January 1:  
All City and County Schools are closed and will reopen on Tuesday, January 2nd  
25, WEDNESDAY - CHRISTMAS DAY - Federal and state agencies will be closed.  
26, THURSDAY - 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.

## JANUARY 2020

- 1, TUESDAY- NEW YEAR'S DAY - Schools closed. Federal and state agencies closed.  
7, TUESDAY - ASARAH B'TEVET (Fast of Tevet-which begins morning light) Commemorates the beginning of the Babylonian siege of Jerusalem (6th Century BCE).  
20, MONDAY - MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY - In honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. (b. 1929). Schools closed. Federal and state agencies closed.  
28, THURSDAY - TU BISHVAT - New Year for Trees

## FEBRUARY 2020

- ALL FEBRUARY - AFRICAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH  
12, WEDNESDAY - LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY (b. February 12, 1809).  
17, MONDAY - PRESIDENTS' DAY - Celebrates the birthdays of George Washington (b. 1732) and Abraham Lincoln (b. 1809). Schools closed. Federal and state agencies closed.  
26, WEDNESDAY - ASH WEDNESDAY- Opens Lenten Season

## MARCH 2020

- 9, MONDAY - TA'ANIT ESTHER (Fast of Esther) - Commemorates the fast of Queen Esther (Fast begins Thursday morning).  
9, 10 - PURIM (MONDAY EVENING) TUESDAY- Jewish day of merry making, marking defeat of Persian tyrant, Haman  
17, TUESDAY - ST. PATRICK'S DAY  
25, WEDNESDAY- MARYLAND DAY - Commemorating the arrival of Lord Baltimore's first settlers in Maryland in 1634.

## APRIL 2020

### SPRING BREAK:

- March 13 - 16: Alleghany County  
April 9 - 13: Baltimore City and County, Anne Arundel, Carroll, Calvert Co, Caroline Co., Cecil, Garrett Co., Hartford, Howard, St. Mary's, Prince George Somerset, Frederick, Kent Co., Queen Anne, Washington, Wicomico & Worcester  
April 20 -24: Somerset  
5, SUNDAY - PALM SUNDAY  
9, THURSDAY - HOLY THURSDAY - Christian holy day marking The Last Supper.  
10, FRIDAY - GOOD FRIDAY  
8, 9, 10 - PESACH (WEDNESDAY EVENING) THURSDAY & FRIDAY - First two days of PESACH (Passover) Jewish festival marking deliverance from slavery in Egypt.  
11, SATURDAY - HOLY SATURDAY  
12, SUNDAY - EASTER/EASTERN ORTHODOX EASTER  
14, 15, 16 - PESACH (TUESDAY EVENING) WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY - Concluding days of PESACH (Passover).  
20, THURSDAY - YOM HASHOAH: Holocaust Remembrance Day - Memorializing the six million martyrs who died in the Holocaust, 1939-1945.  
27, MONDAY - YOM HAZIKARON: Israel's Memorial Day  
28, TUESDAY - YOM HA'ATZMAUT: Israel Independence Day.

## MAY 2020

- 11, MONDAY - LAG BAOMER the 33rd day of the counting of the Omer.  
21, THURSDAY - ASCENSION DAY - Christian holy day marking Jesus' ascension forty days after the Resurrection.  
22, FRIDAY- YOM YERUSHALAYIM - Anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem in 1967 Six-Day war.  
25, MONDAY- MEMORIAL DAY (observed).  
Schools closed. Federal and state agencies closed.  
28, 29, 30 - SHAVUOT (THURSDAY EVENING) FRIDAY & SATURDAY - Marks giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai.

## JUNE 2020

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# Use of Holiday Calendar 2020-2020

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	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
<b>Pesach</b> ( <i>Passover</i> )	April 20 & 21 Sat. & Sun. .	April 9, 10 Thurs. & Fri.	March 28, 29 Sun. & Mon.	April 16 & 17 Sat. & Sun.	April 7 & 8 Thurs. & Fri.
<b>Concluding days of Pesach</b>	April 26 & 27 Fri. & Sat.	April 15, 16 Wed. & Thurs.	April 3, 4 Sat. & Sun.	April 22 & 23 Fri. & Sat.	April 12 & 13 Wed. & Thurs.
<b>Shavuot</b> ( <i>Receiving of the Torah</i> )	June 9 & 10 Sun. & Mon.	May 29, 30 Fri. & Sat.	May 17, 18 Mon. & Tues.	June 5 & 6 Sun. & Mon.	May 26 & 27 Fri. & Sat.
<b>Rosh Hashanah</b> ( <i>New Year</i> )	Sept. 30 & Oct. 1 Mon. & Tues.	Sept. 19, 20 Sat. & Sun.	Sept. 7, 8 Tues. & Wed.	Sept. 26 & 27 Mon. & Tues.	Sept. 16 & 17 Sat. & Sun.
<b>Yom Kippur</b> ( <i>Day of Atonement</i> )	Oct. 9 Wednesday	Sept. 28 Monday	Sept. 16 Thursday	Oct. 5 Wednesday	Sept. 15 Monday
<b>Sukkot</b> ( <i>Feast of Tabernacles</i> )	Oct. 14 & 15 Mon. & Tues.	Oct. 3 & 4 Sat. & Sun.	Sept. 21, 22 Tues. & Wed.	Oct. 10 & 11 Mon. & Tues.	Oct. 1 & 2 Sat. & Sun.
<b>Shemini Atzeret</b> ( <i>Eighth Day of Assembly</i> )	Oct. 21 Monday	Oct. 9 Friday	Sept. 28 Tuesday	Oct. 17 Monday	Oct. 7 Sunday
<b>Simchat Torah</b> ( <i>Rejoicing of the Law</i> )	Oct. 22 Tuesday	Oct. 10 Saturday	Sept. 29 Wednesday	Oct. 18 Tuesday	Oct. 8 Sunday
<b>Tisha B'Av</b> ( <i>Official Day of Mourning</i> )	August 11 Sunday	July 29 Wednesday	July 18 Sunday	August 8 Sunday	July 27 Thursday

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