

# 5- YEAR CALENDAR OF MAJOR JEWISH HOLIDAYS & RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCES

This 5-year calendar of Jewish holidays has been prepared by the **Jewish Community Relations Council** as an aid for planning and scheduling events (tests, examinations, assemblies, conferences, athletic events, tournaments, open houses, registrations, etc.) in an attempt to minimize conflicts that involve the absence of Jewish students and personnel.

**All dates in red are HIGH HOLY DAYS: Expect virtually all Jewish students/employees to be absent.**

**All dates in blue are HOLY DAYS: Expect some Jewish students/employees to be absent.**

Some Jews will not participate in events during Shabbat. Hanukkah and Purim do not require an absence from school or work.

Hebrew Calendar Year	5784	5785	5786	5787	5788
<b>SHABBAT</b> Jewish Sabbath	Every Friday eve thru Saturday eve	Every Friday eve thru Saturday eve	Every Friday eve thru Saturday eve	Every Friday eve thru Saturday eve	Every Friday eve thru Saturday eve
<b>FALL</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2027</b>
<b>ROSH HASHANAH</b> Jewish New Year	<b>September 15 - 17</b> Fri. eve - Sun. eve	<b>October 2 - 4</b> Wed. eve - Fri. eve	<b>September 22 - 24</b> Mon. eve - Wed. eve	<b>September 11 - 13</b> Fri. eve - Sun. eve	<b>October 1 - 3</b> Fri. eve - Sun. eve
<b>YOM KIPPUR</b> Day of Atonement	<b>September 24 - 25</b> Sun. eve - Mon. eve	<b>October 11 - 12</b> Fri. eve - Sat. eve	<b>October 1 - 2</b> Wed. eve - Thurs. eve	<b>September 20 - 21</b> Sun. eve - Mon. eve	<b>October 10 - 11</b> Sun. eve - Mon. eve
<b>SUKKOT</b> Beginning of the Feast of Tabernacles	<b>September 29 - October 1</b> Fri. eve - Sun. eve	<b>October 16 - 18</b> Wed. eve - Fri. eve	<b>October 6 - 8</b> Mon. eve - Wed. eve	<b>September 25 - 27</b> Fri. eve - Sun. eve	<b>October 15 - 17</b> Fri. eve - Fri. eve
<b>SHEMINI ATZERET &amp; SIMCHAT TORAH</b> Closing of High Holidays	<b>October 6 - 8</b> Fri. eve - Sun. eve	<b>October 23 - 25</b> Wed. eve - Fri. eve	<b>October 13 - 15</b> Mon. eve - Wed. eve	<b>October 2 - 4</b> Fri. eve - Sun. eve	<b>October 22 - 24</b> Fri. eve - Sun. eve
<b>HANUKKAH*</b> Festival of Lights	<b>December 7 - 15</b> Thurs. eve - Fri. eve	<b>December 25 - January 2</b> Wed. eve - Thurs. eve	<b>December 14 - 22</b> Sun. eve - Mon. eve	<b>December 4 - 12</b> Fri. eve - Sat. eve	<b>December 24 - January 1</b> Fri. eve - Sat. eve
<b>SPRING</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>2028</b>
<b>PURIM*</b> Festival of Esther	<b>March 23 - 24</b> Sat. eve - Sun. eve	<b>March 13 - 14</b> Thurs. eve - Fri. eve	<b>March 2 - 3</b> Mon. eve - Tues. eve	<b>March 22 - 23</b> Mon. eve - Tues. eve	<b>March 11 - 12</b> Sat. eve - Sun. eve
<b>PESACH (PASSOVER)</b> Beginning of Passover	<b>April 22 - 24</b> Mon. eve - Wed. eve	<b>April 12 - 14</b> Sat. eve - Mon. eve	<b>April 1 - 3</b> Wed. eve - Fri. eve	<b>April 21 - 23</b> Wed. eve - Fri. eve	<b>April 10 - 12</b> Mon. eve - Wed. eve
<b>PESACH (PASSOVER)</b> End of Passover	<b>April 28 - 30</b> Mon. eve - Tues. eve	<b>April 18 - 20</b> Fri. eve - Sun. eve	<b>April 7 - 9</b> Tue. eve - Thurs. eve	<b>April 27 - 29</b> Tues. eve - Thurs. eve	<b>April 16 - 18</b> Sun. eve - Tues. eve
<b>SHAVUOT</b> Feast of Weeks	<b>June 11 - 13</b> Tues. eve - Thurs. eve	<b>June 1 - 3</b> Sun. eve - Tues. eve	<b>May 21 - 23</b> Thurs. eve - Sat. eve	<b>June 10 - 12</b> Thurs. eve - Sat. eve	<b>May 30 - June 1</b> Tues. eve - Thurs. eve

\*It is permissible to work and attend school on these holidays.

# EXPLANATION OF HOLIDAYS

## ROSH HASHANA

Jewish New Year; marks the beginning of the period considered the High Holy Days.

## YOM KIPPUR

Day of Atonement, the holiest day of the Jewish year.

## SUKKOT

Eight-day harvest and thanksgiving festival.

## SHMINI ATZERET

The final day of Sukkot.

## SIMCHAT TORAH

Joyous holiday that marks the completion of the yearly cycle of reading the Hebrew Bible (Torah) and the beginning of the next cycle.

## HANUKKAH\*

Eight-day festival of lights, commemorating the rededication of the ancient Temple in Jerusalem.

## PURIM\*

Festive holiday commemorates the rescue of the Jewish community in ancient Persia based on the Book of Esther.

## PESACH (PASSOVER)

Eight-day festival that celebrates the exodus of Jews from slavery in Egypt. The first two and last two days are observed as holy days.

## SHAVUOT

Celebrates the receiving of the Torah by the Israelites on Mt. Sinai.

## SHABBAT

The Jewish Sabbath is observed every Friday evening to Saturday evening. Observant Jews refrain from work to devote time to prayer, reflection, and rest.

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Dates in **blue** are **Holy Days**.

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## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

### JUDAISM & JEWISH HISTORY

- Institute for Curriculum Services
- My Jewish Learning
- Jewish Federation of Greater Rochester

### HOLOCAUST EDUCATION

- U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum
- Facing History and Ourselves
- Yad Vashem
- Center for Holocaust Awareness and Information, Jewish Federation of Greater Rochester

### TEACHING RELIGION

- Anti-Defamation League

## ABOUT OUR JCRC

The mission of the Jewish Community Relations Council concerns building strong partnerships between the Jewish community and other organizations and faith/tradition-based groups through education, advocacy, and celebrations of identity. We aim to combat antisemitism through relationship-building and dialogue. We work to protect and promote a just American society that is democratic and pluralistic.

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