



**Most Widely
Observed
Holy Days**

Rosh Hashanah: Jewish New Year, commencing the High Holy Days. Most Jews will observe the first evening and will be absent on the first day listed; some will also observe the second evening and be absent on the second day as well.

Yom Kippur: The holiest day of the year, this Day of Atonement concludes the High Holy Day period. Most Jews will observe the evening service as an extremely sacred occasion and be absent from school during the day.

Passover: This holiday commemorates the ancient Jewish liberation from Egyptian slavery. Most Jews will celebrate a very elaborate meal on the first evening listed, and many will also celebrate that meal on the second evening as well. Be aware that many Jews will have significant dietary restrictions during all eight days of Passover.

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Dear School Administrator,

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As you are planning your 2017 - 2018 school calendars, the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids is pleased to send you this calendar listing the days on which traditionally observant Jews will not work or go to school. There may be Jews in your schools who will choose to be absent on some or all of these days in observance of the holidays. There are three holidays in particular that most, if not all, members of the Jewish community will observe more strictly. These holidays are Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, and Passover.

We ask that you please:

- Try not to schedule any significant classroom, school-wide, or district-wide meetings, programs, or trips on any of the evenings or days of the Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur or Passover holidays.
- Try not to schedule tests or significant school events on these dates.
- Not expect Jewish students to study for tests on the holiday itself.
- Be aware that if you give significant homework assignments due on one of these days, or immediately following these weekends, Jewish students will need to hand them in late.

If you have any questions you may contact me at rabbi@ahavasisraelGR.org or (616)949-2840.

Sincerely,
Rabbi David J. B. Krishef, Congregation Ahavas Israel

School Year 2017-2018

Holidays always begin the evening before the date noted. Most Jews observe the Holidays listed below in which **no work** is permitted and absences from school should be excused.

Rosh Hashanah	<i>Thursday & Friday September 21-22, 2017</i>
Yom Kippur	<i>Saturday September 30, 2017</i>
Passover	<i>Saturday & Sunday March 31 & April 1, 2018</i>

See back for a 5 year calendar of Jewish holidays.

For Your Information

Calendar of Major Jewish Holidays School Years 2017-2018 through 2021-2022

Holidays begin *the evening before the day noted*. Holidays marked with an asterisk are often observed for one day only by Reform and Reconstructionist Jews. Holidays noted *initalic* are holy days on which **no work** is permitted and absences from school or work should be excused.

School year 2017-2018

Rosh Hashanah*	Thu & Fri, Sep 21-22, 2017
Yom Kippur	Sat, Sep 30, 2017
Succot*	Thu & Fri, Oct 5-6, 2017
Sh'mini Atzeret	Thu, Oct 12, 2017
Simchat Torah	Fri, Oct 13, 2017
Hanukkah	Wed, Dec 13, 2017
Purim	Thu, Mar 1, 2018
Passover (start)*	Sat & Sun, Mar 31-Apr 1, 2018
Passover (end)*	Fri & Sat, Apr 6-7, 2018
Yom Hashoah	Thu, Apr 12, 2018
YomHaatzmaut	Thu Apr 19, 2018
LagB'Omer	Thu, May 3, 2018
Shavuot*	Sun & Mon, May 20-21, 2018
Tisha B'Av	Sat, Jul 21, 2018

School year 2018-2019

Rosh Hashanah*	Mon & Tue, Sep 10-11, 2018
Yom Kippur	Wed, Sep 19, 2018
Succot*	Mon & Tue, Sep 24-25, 2018
Sh'mini Atzeret	Mon, Oct 1, 2018
Simchat Torah	Tue, Oct 2, 2018
Hanukkah	Mon, Dec 3, 2018
Purim	Thu, Mar 21, 2019
Passover (start)*	Sat & Sun, Apr 20-21, 2019
Passover (end)*	Fri & Sat, Apr 26-27, 2019
Yom Hashoah	Thu, May 2, 2019
YomHaatzmaut	Thu, May 9, 2019
LagB'Omer	Thu, May 23, 2019
Shavuot*	Sun & Mon, Jun 9-10, 2019
Tisha B'Av	Sat, Aug 10, 2019

School year 2019-2020

Rosh Hashanah*	Mon & Tue, Sep 30-Oct 1, 2019
Yom Kippur	Wed, Oct 9, 2019
Succot*	Mon & Tue, Oct 14-15, 2019
Sh'mini Atzeret	Mon, Oct 21, 2019
Simchat Torah	Tue, Oct 22, 2019
Hanukkah	Mon, Dec 23, 2019
Purim	Tue, Mar 10, 2020
Passover (start)*	Thu & Fri, Apr 9-10, 2020
Passover (end)*	Wed & Thu, Apr 15-16, 2020
Yom Hashoah	Tue, Apr 21, 2020
YomHaatzmaut	Wed, Apr 29, 2020
Shavuot*	Fri & Sat May 29-30, 2020
Tisha B'Av	Thu, Jul 30, 2020

School year 2020-2021

Rosh Hashanah*	Sat & Sun, Sep 19-20, 2020
Yom Kippur	Mon, Sep 28, 2020
Succot*	Sat & Sun, Oct 3-4, 2020
Sh'mini Atzeret	Sat, Oct 10, 2020
Simchat Torah	Sun, Oct 11, 2020
Hanukkah	Fri, Dec 11, 2020
Purim	Tue, Feb 26, 2021
Passover (start)*	Sun & Mon, Mar 28-29, 2021
Passover (end)*	Sat & Sun, Apr 3-4, 2021
Yom Hashoah	Fri, Apr 9, 2021
YomHaatzmaut	Sat, Apr 17, 2021
Shavuot*	Mon & Tues May 17-18, 2021
Tisha B'Av	Sun, Jul 18, 2021

School year 2021-2022

Rosh Hashanah*	Tue & Wed, Sep. 7-8, 2021
Yom Kippur	Thurs, Sep. 16, 2021
Succot*	Tue & Wed, Sep. 21-22, 2021
Sh'mini Atzeret	Tue, Sep 28, 2021
Simchat Torah	Wed, Sep 29, 2021
Hanukkah	Mon, Nov 29, 2021
Purim	Thu, Mar 17, 2022
Passover (start)*	Sat & Sun, Apr 16-17, 2022
Passover (end)*	Fri & Sat, Apr 22-23, 2022
Yom Hashoah	Thu, Apr 28, 2022
YomHaatzmaut	Fri, May 6, 2022
LagB'Omer	Thu, May 19, 2022
Shavuot*	Sun & Mon, Jun 5-6, 2022
Tisha B'Av	Sat, Aug 6, 2022

Rosh Hashanah*	Mon & Tue, Sep 30-Oct 1, 2019
Yom Kippur	Wed, Oct 9, 2019
Succot*	Mon & Tue, Oct 14-15, 2019
Sh'mini Atzeret	Mon, Oct 21, 2019
Simchat Torah	Tue, Oct 22, 2019
Hanukkah	Mon, Dec 23, 2019
Purim	Tue, Mar 10, 2020
Passover (start)*	Thu & Fri, Apr 9-10, 2020
Passover (end)*	Wed & Thu, Apr 15-16, 2020
Yom Hashoah	Tue, Apr 21, 2020
YomHaatzmaut	Wed, Apr 29, 2020
Shavuot*	Fri & Sat May 29-30, 2020
Tisha B'Av	Thu, Jul 30, 2020



Yom Hashoah is Holocaust Remembrance Day.
Yom Ha'atzma'ut is Israel Independence Day.
Date of observance of these may vary from the calendar date.

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