



The Jewish Federation of Madison has been building our community and helping those facing hardship here and around the world since 1940. Among the direct programs sponsored by the Jewish Federation are: Camp Shalom, the oldest day camp in Dane County; our early childhood program, the Hilde L. Mosse Gan HaYeled Preschool; the Midrasha Hebrew High School, our supplementary program of Jewish and Hebrew studies; and PJ Library, a Jewish engagement and literacy program for families with young children.

The Jewish Federation of Madison owns and operates the Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman Jewish Community Campus in Verona, including the Goodman Aquatic Center. The pool is open to the public at specified hours.

Jewish Social Services, our multifaceted sister agency, is a participating agency of United Way of Dane County. The major activities of Jewish Social Services are directed toward the elderly, individuals and families under stress, and émigrés.

The Jewish Federation collaborates with the Jewish Agency for Israel to support Jewish communities globally, including those in Israel, the former Soviet Union, Arab countries, South America, Europe, Africa, and others. Alongside the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), we also offer non-sectarian aid in response to natural and other crises throughout the world. Our community relations efforts include combating antisemitism, racism and all forms of bigotry, Holocaust education, and interfaith activities. On the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus, we support various Jewish activities through partnerships with UW-Hillel Foundation and Chabad at UW. Locally, we also partner with organizations such as the Jewish Burial Association of Madison (JBAM) and the Wisconsin Jewish Conference.

We are always ready to provide assistance and information at any time. This calendar and a variety of other information are available at www.jewishmadison.org.

Ten Year Calendar of Jewish Holy Days, for school years 2025 – 2036

This calendar is designed primarily for school personnel as they schedule events and activities such as examinations, assemblies, field trips, special events, evening programs and other activities. The Jewish day begins at sunset and ends at nightfall, not at midnight. The year is based on a lunar-solar cycle. This is why Jewish holidays always fall on a different calendar day each year. It also explains why consulting most “commercial” calendars for a specific Jewish holiday results in confusion – the holiday really began at sunset the evening before. Abstaining from school, work and other secular activities is a part of the observance of the Holy Days listed on the second page of this calendar. The Jewish holidays at the bottom of this page are not listed within the calendar because their observance does not require abstaining from secular activities. These holidays, however, frequently involve family or synagogue events. Sensitivity in avoiding conflicts is always appreciated. There are many more holidays throughout the year. Please call 608-278-1808 for more information.

Like all Jewish holidays, the following begin at sunset and end at nightfall; e.g., Hanukkah, 2025 begins at sunset on December 14 and ends at nightfall on December 22. While often in the same month, Hanukkah and Christmas are not comparable or related holidays.

Hanukkah

The Festival of Lights commemorates the rededication of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem after regaining independence from the Syrians in 165 B.C.E.

2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Dec 14-22	Dec 4-12	Dec 24-Jan 1	Dec 12-20	Dec 1-9

Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day)

This is the newest Jewish holy day. It commemorates the murder during the Holocaust of the six million Jews, including 1.5 million children, at the hands of the Nazis.

2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Apr 23-14	Apr 13-14	May 3-4	Apr 22-23	Apr 11-12

Purim

Celebrates the rescue of Jews in ancient Persia from annihilation.

2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Mar 13-14	Mar 2-3	Mar 22-23	Mar 11-12	Feb 28-Mar 1

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Shabbat (Sabbath) Observance begins every Friday at sunset concluding at nightfall on Saturday.	<p style="text-align: center;">Shabbat (Sabbath) and all Jewish Holy Days begin at sunset extending to the next nightfall. We request that these Holy Days and Shabbat be respected when scheduling events. For further information or assistance please call the Jewish Federation of Madison at (608) 278-1808.</p>										
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Rosh Hashanah Jewish New Year. Begins Ten Days of Penitence	Sep 22 Mon Eve Sep 23-24 Tue, Wed	Sep 11 Fri Eve Sep 12-13 Sat, Sun	Oct 1 Fri Eve Oct 2-3 Sat, Sun	Sep 20 Wed Eve Sep 21-22 Thu, Fri	Sep 9 Sun Eve Sep 10-11 Mon, Tue	Sep 27 Fri Eve Sep 28-29 Sat, Sun	Sep 17 Wed Eve Sep 18-19 Thu, Fri	Sep 5 Sun Eve Sep 6-7 Mon, Tue	Sep 23 Fri Eve Sep 24-25 Sat, Sun	Sep 13 Wed Eve Sep 14-15 Thu, Fri	Oct 3 Wed Eve Oct 4-5 Thu, Fri
Yom Kippur Day of Atonement. The most solemn Holy Day devoted to prayer and fasting.	Oct 1 Wed Eve Oct 2 Thu	Sep 20 Sun Sep 21 Mon	Oct 10 Sun Oct 11 Mon	Sep 29 Fri Eve Sep 30 Sat	Sep 18 Tue Eve Sep 19 Wed	Oct 6 Sun Eve Oct 7 Mon	Sep 26 Fri Eve Sep 27 Sat	Sep 14 Tue Eve Sep 15 Wed	Oct 2 Sun Eve Oct 3 Mon	Sep 22 Fri Eve Sep 23 Sat	Oct 12 Fri Eve Oct 13 Sat
Sukkot Festival of Booths. Harvest festival of thanksgiving	Oct 6 Mon Eve Oct 7-8 Tue, Wed	Sep 25 Fri Eve Sep 26-27 Sat, Sun	Oct 15 Fri Eve Oct 16-17 Sat, Sun	Oct 4 Wed Eve Oct 5-6 Thu, Fri	Sep 23 Sun Eve Sep 24-25 Mon, Tue	Oct 11 Fri Eve Oct 12-13 Sat, Sun	Oct 1 Wed Eve Oct 2-3 Thu, Fri	Sep 19 Sun Eve Oct 20-21 Mon, Tue	Oct 7 Fri Eve Oct 8-9 Sat, sun	Sep 27 Wed Eve Sep 28-29 Thu, fri	Oct 17 Wed Eve Oct 18-19 Thu, Fri
Shemini Atzeret Conclusion of Sukkot.	Oct 13 Mon Eve Oct 14 Tue	Oct 2 Fri Eve Oct 3 Sat	Oct 22 Fri Eve Oct 23 Sat	Oct 11 Wed Eve Oct 12 Thu	Sep 30 Sun Eve Oct 1 Mon	Oct 18 Fri Eve Oct 19 Sat	Oct 8 Wed Eve Oct 9 Thu	Sep 26 Sun Eve Sep 27 Mon	Oct 14 Fri Eve Oct 15 Sat	Oct 4 Wed Eve Oct 5 Thu	Oct 24 Wed Eve Oct 25 Thu
Simchat Torah Celebrates the conclusion of the year long cycle of reading of the Torah (Five Books of Moses) and renewing the cycle.	Oct 14 Tue Eve Oct 15 Wed	Oct 3 Sat Eve Oct 4 Sun	Oct 23 Sat Eve Oct 24 Sun	Oct 12 Thu Eve Oct 13 Fri	Oct 1 Mon Eve Oct 2 Tue	Oct 19 Sat Eve Oct 20 Sun	Oct 9 Thu Eve Oct 10 Fri	Sep 27 Mon Eve Sep 28 Tue	Oct 15 Sat Eve Oct 16 Sun	Oct 5 Thu Eve Oct 6 Fri	Oct 25 Thu Eve Oct 26 Fri
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Pesach (Passover) Festival of Freedom, recounting the deliverance from slavery. This is an 8 day observance and includes special dietary rules. The first two and last two days are observed as Holy Days.	Apr 1 Wed Eve Apr 2-3 Thu, Fri Apr 7 Tue Eve Apr 8-9 Wed, Thu	Apr 21 Wed Eve Apr 22-23 Thu, Fri Apr 27 Tue Eve Apr 28-29 Wed, Thu	Apr 10 Mon Eve Apr 11-12 Tue, Wed Apr 16 Sun Eve Apr 17-18 Mon, Tue	Mar 30 Fri Eve Mar 31- Apr 1 Sat, Sun Apr 5 Thu Eve Apr 6-7 Fri, Sat	Apr 17 Wed Eve Apr 18-19 Thu, Fri Apr 23 Tue Eve Apr 24-25 Wed, Thu	Apr 7 Mon Eve Apr 8-9 Tue, Wed Apr 13 Sun Eve Apr 14-15 Mon, Tue	Mar 26 Fri Eve Mar 27-28 Sat, Sun Apr 1 Thu Eve Apr 2-3 Fri, Sat	Apr 13 Wed Eve Apr 14-15 Thu, Fri Apr 19 Tue Eve Apr 20-21 Wed, Thu	Apr 3 Mon Eve Apr 4-5 Tue, Wed Apr 9 Sun Eve Apr 10-11 Mon, Tue	Apr 23 Mon Eve Apr 24-25 Tue, Wed Apr 29 Sun Eve Apr 30-May 1 Mon, Tue	Apr 11 Fri Eve Apr 12-13 Sat, Sun Apr 17 Thu Eve Apr 18-19 Fri, Sat
Shavuot Festival of Weeks. Marks giving of the law (Torah) on Mt. Sinai.	May 21 Thu Eve May 22-23 Fri, Sat	Jun 10 Thu Eve Jun 11-12 Fri, Sat	May 30 Tue Eve May 31-Jun 1 Wed, Thu	May 19 Sat Eve May 20-21 Sun, Mon	Jun 6 Thu Eve May 7-8 Fri, Sat	May 27 Tue Eve May 28-29 Wed, Thu	May 15 Sat Eve May 16-17 Sun, Mon	Jun 2 Thu Eve Jun 3-4 Fri, Sat	May 23 Tue Eve May 24-25 Wed, Thu	Jun 12 Tue Eve Jun 13-14 Wed, Thu	May 31 Sat Eve Jun 1-2 Sun, Mon