



The Jewish Federation of Madison has been building our community and helping those facing hardship here and around the world since 1940. Among the major 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 our monthly newspaper, *Madison Jewish News*.

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 operated jointly with MSCR. The pool is open to the public at specified hours.

Jewish Social Services, our multi-faceted 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 also works on behalf of Jews throughout the world wherever they live: Israel, the former Soviet Union, Arab countries, South America, Europe and Africa, to name a few. We also provide non-sectarian support in response to natural and other crises throughout the world. We are engaged in a variety of community relations efforts including combating anti-Semitism, racism and all forms of bigotry, Holocaust education, and interfaith activities. Rounding out our programs and services is our support of a number of Jewish activities on the campus of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, as well as several national and world-wide Jewish organizations.

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 2015 – 2026

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, 2015 begins at sunset on December 6 and ends at nightfall on December 14. 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.

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Dec 6-14	Dec 24-Jan 1	Dec 12-20	Dec 2-10	Dec 22-30

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.

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
May 4-5	Apr 23-24	Apr 11-12	May -1-2	Apr 20-21

Purim

Celebrates the rescue of Jews in ancient Persia from annihilation.

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Mar 23-24	Mar 11-12	Feb 28- March 1	March 20-21	March 9-10








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Shabbat (Sabbath)
Observance begins every Friday at sunset concluding at nightfall on Saturday.

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.

		2015 5776	2016 5777	2017 5778	2018 5779	2019 5780	2020 5781	2021 5782	2022 5783	2023 5784	2024 5785	2025 5786
	Rosh Hashanah Jewish New Year. Begins Ten Days of Penitence.	Sep 13 Sun Eve Sep 14-15 Mon, Tue	Oct 2 Sun Eve Oct 3-4 Mon, Tue	Sep 20 Wed Eve Sep 21-22 Thu, Fri	Sep 9 Sun Eve Sep 10-11 Mon, Tue	Sep 29 Sun Eve Sep 30-Oct 1 Mon, Tue	Sep 18 Fri Eve Sep 19-20 Sat, Sun	Sep 6 Mon Eve Sep 7-8 Tue, Wed	Sep 25 Sun Eve Sep 26-27 Mon, Tue	Sep 15 Fri Eve Sep 16-17 Sat, Sun	Oct 2 Wed Eve Oct 3-4 Thu, Fri	Sep 22 Mon Eve Sep 23-24 Tue, Wed
	Yom Kippur Day of Atonement. The most solemn Holy Day devoted to prayer and fasting.	Sep 22 Tues Eve Sep 23 Wed	Oct 11 Tue Eve Oct 12 Wed	Sep 29 Fri Eve Sep 30 Sat	Sep 18 Tue Eve Sep 19 Wed	Oct 8 Tue Eve Oct 9 Wed	Sep 27 Sun Eve Sep 28 Mon	Sep 15 Wed Eve Sep 16 Thu	Oct 4 Tue Eve Oct 5 Wed	Sep 24 Sun Eve Sep 25 Mon	Oct 11 Fri Eve Oct 12 Sat	Oct 1 Wed Eve Oct 2 Thu
	Sukkot Festival of Booths. Harvest festival of thanksgiving.	Sep 27 Sun Eve Sep 28-29 Mon, Tue	Oct 16 Sun Eve Oct 17-18 Mon, Tue	Oct 4 Wed Eve Oct 5-6 Thu, Fri	Sep 23 Sun Eve Sep 24-25 Mon, Tue	Oct 13 Sun Eve Oct 14-15 Mon, Tue	Oct 2 Fri Eve Oct 3-4 Sat, Sun	Sep 20 Mon Eve Sep 21-22 Tue, Wed	Oct 9 Sun Eve Oct 10-11 Mon, Tue	Sep 29 Fri Eve Sept 30 - Oct 1 Sat, Sun	Oct 16 Wed Eve Oct 17-18 Thu, Fri	Oct 6 Mon Eve Oct 7-8 Tue, Wed
	Shemini Atzeret Conclusion of Sukkot.	Oct 4 Sun Eve Oct 5 Mon	Oct 23 Sun Eve Oct 24 Mon	Oct 11 Wed Eve Oct 12 Thu	Sep 30 Sun Eve Oct 1 Mon	Oct 20 Sun Eve Oct 21 Mon	Oct 9 Fri Eve Oct 10 Sat	Sep 27 Mon Eve Sept 28 Tue	Oct 16 Sun Eve Oct 17 Mon	Oct 6 Fri Eve Oct 7 Sat	Oct 23 Wed Eve Oct 24 Thu	Oct 13 Mon Eve Oct 14 Tue
	Simchat Torah Celebrates the conclusion of the year long cycle of reading of the Torah (Five Books of Moses) and renewing the cycle.	Oct 5 Mon Eve Oct 6 Tue	Oct 24 Mon Eve Oct 25 Tue	Oct 12 Thu Eve Oct 13 Fri	Oct 1 Mon Eve Oct 2 Tue	Oct 21 Mon Eve Oct 22 Tue	Oct 10 Sat Eve Oct 11 Sun	Sep 28 Tue Eve Sept 29 Wed	Oct 17 Mon Eve Oct 18 Tue	Oct 7 Sat Eve Oct 8 Sun	Oct 24 Thu Eve Oct 25 Fri	Oct 14 Tue Eve Oct 15 Wed
		2016 5777	2017 5778	2018 5779	2019 5780	2020 5781	2021 5782	2022 5783	2023 5784	2024 5785	2025 5786	2026 5787
	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 22 Fri Eve Apr 23-24 Sat, Sun Apr 28 Thu Eve Apr 29-30 Fri, Sat	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 19 Fri Eve Apr 20-21 Sat, Sun Apr 25 Thu Eve Apr 26-27 Fri, Sat	Apr 8 Wed Eve Apr 9-10 Thu, Fri Apr 14 Tue Eve Apr 15-16 Wed, Thu	Mar 27 Sat Eve Mar 28-29 Sun, Mon Apr 2 Fri Eve Apr 3-4 Sat, Sun	Apr 15 Fri Eve Apr 16-17 Sat, Sun Apr 21 Thu Eve Apr 22-23 Fri, Sat	Apr 5 Wed Eve Apr 6-7 Thu, Fri Apr 11 Tue Eve Apr 12-13 Wed, Thu	Apr 22 Mon Eve Apr 23-24 Tue, Wed Apr 28 Sun Eve Apr 29-30 Mon, Tue	Apr 12 Sat Eve Apr 13-14 Sun, Mon Apr 18 Fri Eve Apr 19-20 Sat, Sun	Apr 1 Wed Eve Apr 2-3 Thu, Fri Apr 7 Tue Eve Apr 8-9 Wed, Thu
	Shavuot Festival of Weeks. Marks giving of the law (Torah) on Mt. Sinai.	Jun 11 Sat Eve Jun 12-13 Sun, Mon	May 30 Tue Eve May 31-Jun 1 Wed, Thu	May 19 Sat Eve May 20-21 Sun, Mon	Jun 8 Sat Eve Jun 9-10 Sun, Mon	May 28 Thu Eve May 29-30 Fri, Sat	May 16 Sun Eve May 17-18 Mon, Tue	Jun 4 Sat Eve Jun 5-6 Sun, Mon	May 25 Thu Eve May 26-27 Fri, Sat	June 11 Thu Eve June 12-13 Wed, Thu	June 1 Sun Eve June 2-3 Mon, Tue	May 21 Thu Eve May 22-23 Fri, Sat