

EXPLANATION OF HOLIDAYS

SHABBAT

The Jewish Sabbath is observed every Saturday. It reflects God's rest on the seventh day and is considered to be a day dedicated to prayer, reflection and rest. Observant Jews are unable to participate in secular events occurring between sunset on Friday and night-fall on Saturday.

ROSH HASHANAH

Marks the beginning of the Jewish year and the period considered the High Holy Days.

YOM KIPPUR

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

SUKKOT

Eight-day harvest and thanksgiving festival. The first two two days are observed as Holy Days.

SHEMINI ATZERET

Eighth and final day of Sukkot is observed as a Holy Day.

SIMCHAT TORAH

Celebrates the completion of the yearly cycle of reading the Hebrew Bible (Torah) and the beginning of the next cycle. Observed as a Holy Day.

CHANUKAH*

Eight-day festival of lights.

PURIM*

Festive holiday celebrates the rescue of the Jewish community recounted in the Book of Esther.

PASSOVER

Eight-day festival commemorates the exodus of Jews from slavery in Egypt. The first two and last two days are marked with extra sanctity in which observant Jews cannot participate in secular events.

SHAVUOT

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

Holidays in **Red** = HIGH HOLY DAYS.

Holidays in **Blue** = HOLY DAYS.

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

Our shared community is multicultural and diverse. One of the ways we demonstrate respect for each other is by scheduling around holidays to ensure equity, inclusion, and belonging.

Please use this calendar when planning meetings, events, and academic deadlines.

**Together,
we create a community
of good neighbors.**



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5-YEAR JEWISH HOLIDAY CALENDAR

2025-2030

Hebrew Calendar Years 5786-5790

A Planning and Scheduling Guide for:
School Administrators
Teachers and Coaches
Government Agencies
Private Employers



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5-YEAR CALENDAR OF MAJOR JEWISH HOLIDAYS AND RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCES

Red = HIGH HOLY DAYS

Expect virtually all Jewish students and staff to be absent.

Blue = HOLY DAYS

Expect some Jewish students and staff to be absent.

On major holidays, work is traditionally prohibited. Jewish individuals may be absent from work and school.

*It is permissible to go to work and attend school on Chanukah and Purim.

SHABBAT Weekly The Jewish Sabbath	Between sunset on Friday and nightfall on Saturday	Between sunset on Friday and nightfall on Saturday	Between sunset on Friday and nightfall on Saturday	Between sunset on Friday and nightfall on Saturday	Between sunset on Friday and nightfall on Saturday
Hebrew Calendar Year	5786	5787	5788	5789	5790
FALL	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
ROSH HASHANAH Jewish New Year	SEPTEMBER 23-24 Tuesday-Wednesday Begins at sunset on 9/22	SEPTEMBER 12-13 Saturday-Sunday Begins at sunset on 9/11	OCTOBER 2-3 Saturday-Sunday Begins at sunset on 10/1	SEPTEMBER 21-22 Thursday-Friday Begins at sunset on 9/20	SEPTEMBER 10-11 Monday-Tuesday Begins at sunset on 9/9
YOM KIPPUR Day of Atonement	OCTOBER 2 Thursday Begins at sunset on 10/1	SEPTEMBER 21 Monday Begins at sunset on 9/20	OCTOBER 11 Monday Begins at sunset on 10/10	SEPTEMBER 30 Saturday Begins at sunset on 9/29	SEPTEMBER 19 Wednesday Begins at sunset on 9/18
SUKKOT First 2 Days are Holy Days Feast of Tabernacles	OCTOBER 7-8 Tuesday-Wednesday Begins at sunset on 10/6	SEPTEMBER 26-27 Saturday-Sunday Begins at sunset on 9/25	OCTOBER 16-17 Saturday-Sunday Begins at sunset on 10/15	OCTOBER 5-6 Thursday-Friday Begins at sunset on 10/4	SEPTEMBER 24-30 Monday-Sunday Begins at sunset on 9/23
SHEMINI ATZERET & SIMCHAT TORAH Closing of High Holidays	OCTOBER 14-15 Tuesday-Wednesday Begins at sunset on 10/13	OCTOBER 3-4 Saturday-Sunday Begins at sunset on 10/2	OCTOBER 23-24 Saturday-Sunday Begins at sunset on 10/22	OCTOBER 12-13 Thursday-Friday Begins at sunset on 10/11	OCTOBER 1-2 Monday-Tuesday Begins at sunset on 9/30
CHANUKAH* Festival of Lights	DECEMBER 15-22 Monday-Monday Begins at sunset on 12/14	DECEMBER 5-12 Saturday-Saturday Begins at sunset on 12/4	DECEMBER 25-JANUARY 1 Saturday-Sunday Begins at sunset on 12/24	DECEMBER 13-20 Wednesday-Wednesday Begins at sunset on 12/12	DECEMBER 2-9 Sunday-Sunday Begins at sunset on 12/1
SPRING	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
PURIM* Festival of Esther	MARCH 3 Tuesday Begins at sunset on 3/2	MARCH 23 Tuesday Begins at sunset on 3/22	MARCH 12 Sunday Begins at sunset on 3/11	MARCH 1 Thursday Begins at sunset on 2/28	MARCH 19 Tuesday Begins at sunset on 3/18
PASSOVER First and Last 2 days are Holy Days with prohibitions	APRIL 2-9 Thursday-Thursday Begins at sunset on 4/1	APRIL 22-29 Thursday-Thursday Begins at sunset on 4/21	APRIL 11-18 Tuesday-Tuesday Begins at sunset on 4/10	MARCH 31-APRIL 7 Saturday-Saturday Begins at sunset on 3/30	APRIL 18-25 Thursday-Thursday Begins at sunset on 4/17
SHAVUOT Feast of Weeks	MAY 22-23 Friday-Saturday Begins at sunset on 5/21	JUNE 11-12 Friday-Saturday Begins at sunset on 6/10	MAY 31-JUNE 1 Wednesday-Thursday Begins at sunset on 5/30	MAY 20-21 Sunday-Monday Begins at sunset on 5/19	JUNE 7-8 Sunday-Monday Begins at sunset on 6/6