

## Rosh Hashana

The Jewish New Year marks the beginning of the Ten Days of Penitence which conclude on Yom Kippur.

## Yom Kippur

The Day of Atonement is the most solemn of Holy Days in the Jewish calendar. It is devoted to fasting and prayer as Jews strive to reaffirm their faith so it may be a guiding force in daily life.

## Sukkot

The Festival of Tabernacles is the fall harvest festival of thanksgiving, deriving its name from the tabernacle of booth dwellings used by ancient Israelites during the harvest.

## Shemini Atzeret

The eighth day of Sukkot marks the conclusion of the Holy Season.

## Simchat Torah

Rejoicing for the Torah celebrates the conclusion of the year-long cycle of reading the Five Books of Moses and the beginning of a new year.

## Purim

Based on the biblical Book of Esther, Purim celebrates the foiling of a plot to kill the Jews in ancient Persia.

## Passover (Pesach)

The Festival of Freedom celebrates the deliverance of the ancient Israelites from Egyptian bondage.

## Shavuot

The Festival of Weeks observes the giving of the Torah commemorating ancient Israel's acceptance of the Torah and its obligations.

## Chanukah

The Festival of Lights commemorates the rededication (hanukah) of the Temple in Jerusalem by Judah Maccabee in 165 B.C.E.

## A Note on Jewish Observance

The Jewish Sabbath (Shabbat) is observed from Friday sundown until Saturday evening each week. All Jewish religious observances begin on the evening before the date indicated on conventional calendars and conclude on a subsequent evening.

There is a wide diversity of religious practice in the Jewish community. Some students, staff members and employees will be absent for religious purposes more than others. Because the Jewish calendar is a lunar/solar calendar, the dates of these holy days will vary from year to year on the Gregorian calendar.

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# Seven-Year Calendar of Major Jewish Religious Observances



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This seven-year calendar of the Jewish Holy Days has been prepared as an aid for the planning and scheduling of school events (e.g. graduations, examinations, registrations, assemblies, athletic events, science camps, open houses and conferences) in order to minimize conflicts which involve the absence of Jewish students and personnel. Government agencies and private employers may also find this listing helpful. The dates listed follow an academic calendar and are not necessarily in order of importance.

*Purim and Chanukah do not require cessation from daily routines, but major programs should not be scheduled on the first nights.*

Fall/Winter Holy Days	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
<b>Rosh Hashana</b> <i>Jewish New Year</i>							
Evenings of Observance	Sept 6, 7 (Mon, Tue)	Sept 25, 26 (Sun, Mon)	Sept 15, 16 (Fri, Sat)	Oct 2, 3 (Wed, Thu)	Sept 6, 7 (Mon, Tue)	Sept 22, 23 (Mon, Tue)	Oct 1, 2 (Fri, Sat)
Days of Observance	Sept 7, 8 (Tue, Wed)	Sept 26, 27 (Mon, Tue)	Sept 16, 17 (Sat, Sun)	Oct 3, 4 (Thu, Fri)	Sept 7, 8 (Tue, Wed)	Sept 23, 24 (Tue, Wed)	Oct 2, 3 (Sat, Sun)
<b>Yom Kippur</b> <i>Day of Atonement</i>							
Evenings of Observance	Sept 15 (Wed)	October 4 (Tue)	Sept 24 (Sun)	Oct 11 (Fri)	Oct 1 (Wed)	Sept 20 (Sun)	Oct 10 (Sun)
Days of Observance	Sept 16 (Thu)	Oct 5 (Wed)	Sept 25 (Mon)	Oct 12 (Sat)	Oct 2 (Thu)	Sept 21 (Mon)	Oct 11 (Mon)
<b>Sukkot</b> <i>Festival of Tabernacles</i>							
Evenings of Observance	Sept 20-26 (Mon-Sun)	Oct 9-15 (Sun-Sat)	Sept 29-Oct 5 (Fri-Thu)	Oct 16-22 (Wed-Tue)	Oct 6-12 (Mon-Sun)	Sept 25-Oct 1 (Fri-Thu)	Oct 15-21 (Fri-Thu)
Days of Observance	Sept 21-27 (Tue-Mon)	Oct 10, 16 (Mon-Sun)	Sept 30-Oct, 6 (Sat-Fri)	Oct 17-23 (Thu-Wed)	Oct 7-13 (Tue-Mon)	Sept 26-Oct 2 (Sat-Fri)	Oct 16-22 (Sat-Fri)
<b>Shemini Atzeret</b> <i>8th Day of Sukkot</i> <b>Simchat Torah</b> <i>Rejoicing for the Torah</i>							
Evenings of Observance	Sept 27, 28 (Mon, Tue)	Oct 16, 17 (Sun, Mon)	Oct 6, 7 (Fri, Sat)	Oct 23, 24 (Wed, Thu)	Oct 13, 14 (Mon, Tue)	Oct 2, 3 (Fri, Sat)	Oct 22, 23 (Fri, Sat)
Days of Observance	Sept 28, 29 (Tue, Wed)	Oct 17, 18 (Mon, Tue)	Oct 7, 8 (Sat, Sun)	Oct 24, 25 (Thu, Fri)	Oct 14, 15 (Tue, Wed)	Oct 3, 4 (Sat, Sun)	Oct 23, 24 (Sat, Sun)
<b>Chanukah</b> <i>Festival of Lights</i>							
Evenings of Observance	Nov 28-Dec 5 (Sun-Mon)	Dec 18-Dec 25 (Sun-Mon)	Dec 7-Dec 14 (Thu-Fri)	Dec 25-Jan 1 (Wed-Thu)	Dec 14-Dec 21 (Sun-Mon)	Dec 4-Dec 11 (Fri-Sat)	Dec 24-Dec 31 (Fri-Sat)
Winter/Spring Holy Days	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
<b>Purim</b>							
Evenings of Observance	Feb 25 (Thu)	Mar 16 (Wed)	Mar 6 (Mon)	Mar 23 (Sat)	Mar 13 (Thu)	Mar 2 (Mon)	Mar 22 (Mon)
Day of Observance	Feb 26 (Fri)	Mar 17 (Thu)	Mar 7 (Tue)	Mar 24 (Sun)	Mar 14 (Fri)	Mar 3 (Tue)	Mar 23 (Tue)
<b>Passover</b> <i>Pesach</i>							
Evenings of Observance	Mar 27, 28 (Sat, Sun)	April 15, 16 (Fri, Sat)	Apr 5, 6 (Wed, Thu)	Apr 22, 23 (Mon, Tue)	Apr 12, 13 (Sat, Sun)	Apr 1, 2 (Wed, Thu)	Apr 21, 22 (Wed, Thu)
Days of Observance	Mar 28, 29 (Sun, Mon)	Mar 16, 17 (Sat, Sun)	Apr 6, 7 (Thu, Fri)	Apr 23, 24 (Tue, Wed)	Apr 13, 14 (Sun, Mon)	Apr 2, 3 (Thu, Fri)	Apr 22, 23 (Thu, Fri)
Concluding Evenings of Observance	Apr 2, 3 (Fri, Sat)	Apr 21, 22 (Thu, Fri)	Apr 11, 12 (Tue, Wed)	Apr 28, 29 (Sun, Mon)	Apr 18, 19 (Fri, Sat)	Apr 7, 8 (Tue, Wed)	Apr 27, 28 (Tue, Wed)
Concluding Days of Observance	Apr 3, 4 (Sat, Sun)	Apr 22, 23 (Fri, Sat)	Apr 12, 13 (Wed, Thu)	Apr 29, 30 (Mon, Tue)	Apr 19, 20 (Sat, Sun)	Apr 8, 9 (Wed, Thu)	Apr 28, 29 (Wed, Thu)
<b>Shavuot</b> <i>Festival of Weeks</i>							
Evenings of Observance	May 16, 17 (Sun, Mon)	June 4, 5 (Sat, Sun)	May 25, 26 (Thu, Fri)	June 11, 12 (Tue, Wed)	June 1, 2 (Sun, Mon)	May 21, 22 (Thu, Fri)	June 10, 11 (Thu, Fri)
Days of Observance	May 17, 18 (Mon, Tue)	June 5, 6 (Sun, Mon)	May 26, 27 (Fri, Sat)	June 12, 13 (Wed, Thu)	June 2, 3 (Mon, Tue)	May 22, 23 (Fri, Sat)	June 11, 12 (Fri, Sat)