

Calendar of Major Jewish Religious Observances

All observances begin at sundown on the first day and end at sundown on the last day.

This calendar will help administrators and teachers avoid scheduling events, programs, and examinations at times that conflict with Jewish religious observances. The Jewish calendar is a lunar/solar calendar so the dates of religious observance will vary from year to year. There is wide diversity of religious practices in the Jewish community. Some students and staff members will be absent for religious purposes more than others. For more information contact Jessica Blitchok at jessicab@jvalley.org.



Rosh Hashanah*

September 15-17, 2023
 October 2-4, 2024
 September 22-24, 2025

Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year.



Yom Kippur*

September 24-25, 2023
 October 11-12, 2024
 October 1-2, 2025

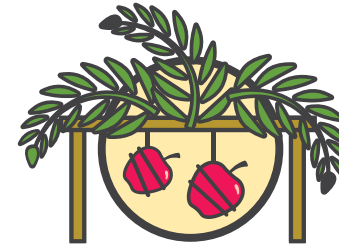
Yom Kippur is the Day of Atonement, the most solemn day of the Jewish year.



Sukkot

September 29-Oct 6, 2023
 October 16-23, 2024
 October 6-13, 2025

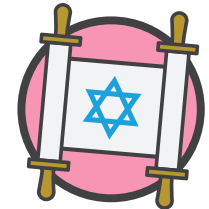
Sukkot, the Feast of Tabernacles, is the fall harvest of Thanksgiving.



Shemini Atzeret

October 6-7, 2023
 October 23-24, 2024
 October 13-14, 2025

Shemini Atzeret marks the final day of Sukkot.



Simchat Torah

October 7-8, 2023
 October 24-25, 2024
 October 14-15, 2025

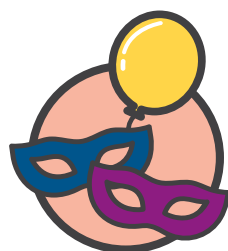
Simchat Torah concludes the year long cycle of the reading of the Torah.



Hanukkah

December 7-15, 2023
 December 25, 2024-January 2, 2025
 December 14-22, 2025

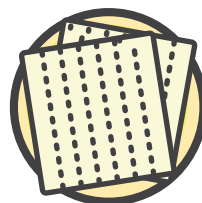
Chanukah, the Festival of Light, is celebrated for eight nights.



Purim

March 23-24, 2024
 March 13-14, 2025
 March 2-3, 2026

Purim, the Feast of Lots, is based on the Biblical Book of Esther.



Pesach*

April 22-30, 2024
 April 12-20, 2025
 April 1-9, 2026

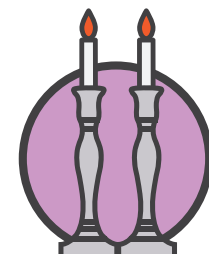
Pesach (Passover) is an eight-day festival, celebrating the deliverance of the ancient Israelites from Egyptian bondage.



Shavuot

June 11-13, 2024
 June 1-3, 2025
 May 21-23, 2026

Shavuot, the Festival of Weeks, is a two-day observance.



Shabbat

Every Friday
 throughout the year

Shabbat is celebrated each week beginning on Friday at sundown and ending on Saturday an hour after sundown.

*The first two days of Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, and the first two and last two days of Passover are the most widely observed days with time off from school/work.