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
September 22-24, 2025
Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year.

Yom Kippur *
September 24-25, 2023
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 6-7, 2023
Sukkot, the Feast of Tabernacles, is the fall harvest of Thanksgiving.

Shemini Atzeret
October 6-7, 2023
October 23-24, 2024
Shemini Atzeret marks the final day of Sukkot.

Simchat Torah
October 7-8, 2023
October 24-25, 2024
Simchat Torah concludes the year long cycle of the reading of the Torah.

Hanukkah
December 7-15, 2023
December 25, 2024-January 2, 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
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.