5 Year Calendar of Jewish Holy Days for School Years 2026-2031 / 5787 - 5791

Shabbat (Sabbath)
Observance begins every Friday at sunset and concludes at sunset on Saturday.

Shabbat and all Jewish Holy Days begin at sunset on the "Eve" indicated and conclude at sunset on the last date indicated.
We request that these Holy Days and Shabbat be respected when scheduling events.
Personal observance of Jewish holidays varies greatly from family to family.

For additional copies, further information, or assistance please call the Jewish Federation of Western Massachusetts.

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Rosh Hashanah The Jewish New Year: a solemn yet joyful time of renewal and reflection. Begins Ten High Holy Days of Penitence.	**Sep 11** Fri Eve **Sep 12-13** Sat, Sun	**Oct 1** Fri Eve **Oct 2-3** Sat, Sun	**Sep 20** Wed Eve **Sept 21-22** Thu, Fri	**Sep 9** Sun Eve **Sep 10-11** Mon, Tue	**Sep 27** Fri Eve **Sep 28-29** Sat, Sun
Yom Kippur Day of Atonement. The most solemn Holy Day devoted to prayer, reflection, and fasting.	**Sep 20** Sun Eve **Sep 21** Mon	**Oct 10** Sun Eve **Oct 11** Mon	**Sep 29** Fri Eve **Sep 30** Sat	**Sep 18** Tue Eve **Sep 19** Wed	**Oct 6** Sun Eve **Oct 7** Mon
Sukkot The harvest festival of booths. We eat outdoors, celebrate, and give thanks.	**Sep 25** Fri Eve **Sep 26-27** Sat, Sun	**Oct 15** Fri Eve **Oct 16-17** Sat, Sun	**Oct 4** Wed Eve **Oct 5-6** Thu, Fri	**Sep 23** Sun Eve **Sep 24-25** Mon, Tue	**Oct 11** Fri Eve **Oct 12-13** Sat, Sun
Shemini Atzeret Joyful eighth day of Sukkot, a separate holiday focused on intimate love for God	**Oct 2** Fri Eve **Oct 3** Sat	**Oct 22** Fri Eve **Oct 23** Sat	**Oct 11** Wed Eve **Oct 12** Thu	**Sep 30** Sun Eve **Oct 1** Mon	**Oct 18** Fri Eve **Oct 19** Sat
Simchat Torah Celebrates the end of the year-long cycle of reading of the Torah (5 Books of Moses) .	**Oct 3** Sat Eve **Oct 4** Sun	**Oct 23** Sat Eve **Oct 24** Sun	**Oct 12** Thu Eve **Oct 13** Fri	**Oct 1** Mon Eve **Oct 2** Tue	**Oct 19** Sat Eve **Oct 20** Sun
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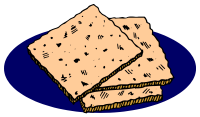 **Pesach (Passover)** Festival of Freedom, re-counting the deliverance from slavery. This is an 8 day observance and includes special dietary rules. The first two and last two days are observed as Holy Days.	**Apr 21** Wed Eve **Apr 22-23** Thu, Fri **Apr 27** Tue Eve **Apr 28-29** Wed, Thu	**Apr 10** 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 17** Wed Eve **Apr 18-19** Thu-Fri **Apr 23** Tue Eve **Apr 24-25** Wed, Thu	**Apr 7** Mon Eve **Apr 8-9** Tue, Wed **Apr 13** Tue Eve **Apr 14-15** Wed, Thu
Shavuot Marks giving of the law (Torah) on Mount Sinai and the summer harvest with joy and gratitude.	**Jun 10** Thu Eve **Jun 11-12** Fri, Sat	**May 30** Tue Eve **May 31-Jun 1** Wed, Thu	**May 19** Sat Eve **May 20-21** Sun, Mon	**Jun 6** Thu Eve **Jun 7-8** Fri, Sat	**May 27** Tue **May 28-29** Wed, Thu

FIVE YEAR CALENDAR OF JEWISH HOLY DAYS

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 and ends at sunset, 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 part of the observance of the Holy Days listed on the inside of this calendar.

The following Jewish Holidays are not listed within the calendar because their observance *does not* require abstaining from secular activities. These holidays, however, frequently involve family, community, or synagogue events. Sensitivity in avoiding conflicts is always appreciated. Like all Jewish holidays, the following begin and end at sunset; for example, Chanukah, 2027 begins at sunset on Dec 24 and ends at sunset on Jan 1st. While *calendar-coincident* in some years, Chanukah and Christmas are not comparable or related in any way.

Chanukah

The *Festival of Lights* is an 8-day holiday which commemorates the rededication of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem after regaining independence from the Syrians in 165 b.c.e.

2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Dec 4-12	Dec 24 – Jan 1	Dec 12-20	Dec 1-9	Dec 20-28

Purim

Celebrates the rescue of Jews in ancient Persia from annihilation.

2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
Mar 23	Mar 12	Mar 1	Mar 20	Mar 9

Yom Hashoah

This observance commemorates the Holocaust of the 6,000,000 Jews who died at the hands of the Nazis during WWII.

2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
May 4	Apr 24	Apr 12	May 2	Apr 21

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It is the only community body with representation from almost every formal Jewish organization: large and small, religious and secular, social, political, cultural and educational.

The Federation is the mechanism through which the Western Massachusetts Jewish community is connected to Israel, other Jewish communities, and the broader Jewish agenda throughout the world.

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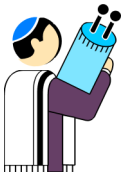

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