

EXPLANATION OF HOLIDAYS

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.

SHEMINI ATZERET

Eighth and final day of Sukkot.

SIMCHAT TORAH

Celebrates the completion of the yearly cycle of reading the Hebrew Bible (Torah) and the beginning of the next cycle.

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 observed as holy days.

SHAVUOT

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

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 sunset on Saturday.

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. Through our actions we build a world that is safer and healthier for all of us, including the range of religious practice. Please use this calendar when planning meetings, events, and academic deadlines. Together we create a community of good neighbors.



5 Year Jewish Holiday Calendar

2024-2029

A planning schedule guide for:

- School Administrators
- Teachers and Coaches
- Government Agencies
- Private Employers



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5 Year Calendar of Major Jewish Holidays

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.

FALL	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
ROSH HASHANAH <i>Jewish New Year</i>	OCTOBER 3-4 Begins at sunset Oct. 2	SEPTEMBER 23-24 Begins at sunset Sept. 22	SEPTEMBER 12-13 Begins at sunset Sep. 11	OCTOBER 2-3 Begins at sunset Oct. 1	SEPTEMBER 21-22 Begins at sunset Sep. 20
YOM KIPPUR <i>Day of Atonement</i>	OCTOBER 12 Begins at sunset Oct. 11	OCTOBER 2 Begins at sunset Oct. 1	SEPTEMBER 21 Begins at sunset Sept. 20	OCTOBER 11 Begins at sunset Oct. 10	SEPTEMBER 30 Begins at sunset Sept. 29
SUKKOT <i>Feast of Tabernacles</i>	OCTOBER 17-18 Begins at sunset Oct. 16	OCTOBER 7-8 Begins at sunset Oct. 6	SEPTEMBER 26-27 Begins at sunset Sept. 25	OCTOBER 16-17 Begins at sunset Oct. 15	OCTOBER 5-6 Begins at sunset Oct. 4
SHEMINI ATZERET & SIMCHAT TORAH <i>Closing of High Holidays</i>	OCTOBER 24-25 Begins at sunset Oct. 23	OCTOBER 14-15 Begins at sunset Oct. 13	OCTOBER 3-4 Begins at sunset Oct. 2	OCTOBER 23-24 Begins at sunset Oct. 22	OCTOBER 12-13 Begins at sunset Oct. 11
CHANUKKAH* <i>Festival of Lights</i>	DEC 26- JAN 2 Begins at sunset Dec. 25	DECEMBER 15-22 Begins at sunset Dec. 14	DECEMBER 5-12 Begins at sunset Dec. 4	DEC 25- JAN 1 Begins at sunset Dec. 24	DECEMBER 13-20 Begins at sunset Dec. 12
SPRING	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
PURIM* <i>Festival of Esther</i>	MARCH 14 Begins at sunset March 13	MARCH 3 Begins at sunset March 2	MARCH 23 Begins at sunset Mar. 22	MARCH 12 Begins at sunset March 11	MARCH 1 Begins at sunset Feb. 28
PASSOVER <i>First and Last Two Days are High Holidays</i>	APRIL 13-20 Begins at sunset April 12	APRIL 2-9 Begins at sunset April 1	APRIL 22-29 Begins at sunset April 21	APRIL 11-18 Begins at sunset April 10	MARCH 31-APRIL 7 Begins at sunset Mar. 30
Shavuot <i>Feast of Weeks</i>	JUNE 2-3 Begins at sunset June 1	MAY 22-23 Begins at sunset May 21	JUNE 11-12 Begins at sunset June 10	MAY 31- JUNE 1 Begins at sunset May 30	MAY 20-21 Begins at sunset May 19