

At a Glance – Jewish Calendar Sensitivity Guide

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For questions about holidays or any challenges with school/work conflicts please contact the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland for support 503-245-6219

Shabbat

Shabbat begins on Friday night at sundown and ends at nightfall on Saturday (about 25 hours later) every single week. Traditionally observant households refrain from “work” and don’t use cars, electricity, etc.

Major holidays (Biblical in Origin):

Holidays begin at sundown on the first date specified and end at nightfall on the last date specified. Dates in bold are *Yom Tov*, so they have similar obligations and restrictions to Shabbat in the sense that normal “work” is forbidden.

Holiday	Mood:	Considerations:	5787 2026-2027	5788 2027-2028	5789 2028-2029
Rosh Hashana	Contemplative/Joyful	People likely to miss school/work Appropriate to send Greetings ahead of Holiday. – “Shanah Tovah”	Sep 11-13 F-Su	Oct 1-3 F-Su	Sep 20-22 W-F
Yom Kippur	Repentant/Awe Fast Day	People likely to miss school/work Appropriate to send greetings ahead of holiday “May you be inscribed and sealed for a good year.”	Sep 20-21 Su-M	Oct 10-11 Su-M	Sep 29-30 F-Sa
Sukkot	Joyful/Celebratory	People may miss school/work on BOLD dates.	Sep 25-27 F-Su Sep 28- Oct 2 M-F	Oct 15-17 F-Su Oct 17-22 M-F	Oct 4-6 W-F Oct 7-11 Sa-W
Shmini Atzeret	Joyful	People may miss school/work on BOLD dates.	Oct 2-3 F-Sa	Oct 22-23 F-Sa	Oct 11-12 W-Th
Simchat Torah	Joyful	People may miss school/work on BOLD dates.	Oct 3-4 Sa-Su	Oct 23-24 Sa-Su	Oct 12-13 Th-F
Pesach/Passover	Joyful (Stressful for many leading up to the holiday due to significant preparation needs.)	People may miss school/work on BOLD dates. Kosher rules on Passover are significantly more restrictive. Food should not be served unless it’s coming directly from the DK’s Passover offerings.	Apr 21-23 W-F Apr 24-27 Sa-Tu April 27-29 Tu-Th	Apr 10-12 M-W Apr 13-15 Th-Sa Apr 15-18 Sa-Tu	Mar 30-Apr 1 F-Su Apr 2-5 M-Th Apr 5-7 Th-Sa
Shavuot	Joyful	People may miss school/work on BOLD dates.	June 10-12 Th-Sa	May 30-Jun 1 Tu-Th	May 19-21 Sa-M

Minor holidays (“Rabbinic” in Origin):

Holiday	Mood:	Considerations:	5787 2026-2027	5788 2027-2028	5789 2028-2029
Tu BiShvat	Joyful	New Year of the Trees	Jan 22-23 F-Sa	Feb 11-12 F-Sa	Jan 30-31 Tu-W
Purim	Joyful		Mar 22-23 M-T	Mar 11-12 Sa-Su	Feb 28-Mar 1 W-Th
Chanukah	Joyful	Candles lit in evening for 8 nights	Dec 4-12 F-Sa	Dec 24-Jan 1 F-Sa	Dec 1-9 Sa-Su

Modern Israeli holidays (observed by Jews in the US, too):

Holiday	Mood:	Considerations:	5787 2026-2027	5788 2027-2028	5789 2028-2029
Yom HaShoah	Sad/Mournful	Holocaust Remembrance Day	May 3-4 M-Tu	Apr 23-24 Su-M	Apr 11-12 W-Th
Yom HaZikaron	Sad/Mournful	Israeli Memorial Day	May 10-11 M-Tu	Apr 30-May 1 M-Tu	Apr 17-18 Tu-W
Yom HaAtzma’ut	Joyful/Prideful	Israeli Independence Day	May 11-12 Tu-W	May 1-2 M-Tu	Apr 18-19 W-Th