

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.

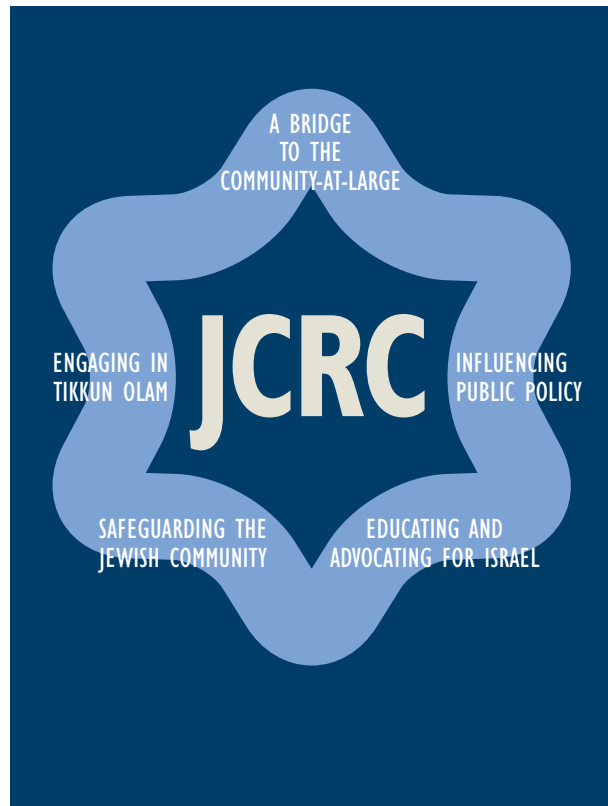
SHABBAT

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.

Dates in **red** are **High Holy Days**.

Dates in **blue** are **Holy Days**.

***It is permissible to work and attend school on these holidays.**



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The Jewish Community Relations Council of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation envisions a just community that reflects American and Jewish values.

Its mission is to speak as the representative of the Jewish community on issues of public affairs and public policy by convening and mobilizing the Jewish community through education, advocacy, social justice and support for Israel.

To learn more about Jewish holidays, culture or the Jewish community, contact the Jewish Community Relations Council.
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5 YEAR

JEWISH HOLIDAY CALENDAR

2020-2025

Hebrew Calendar Years 5781-5785

A Planning & Scheduling Guide for:

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



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5-YEAR CALENDAR OF MAJOR JEWISH HOLIDAYS & RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCES

During observance of these major holidays, work is traditionally prohibited. As a result, Jewish individuals may be absent from work and school.

Red dates are HIGH HOLY DAYS: Expect virtually *all* Jewish students and staff to be absent. **Blue dates are HOLY DAYS:** Expect *some* Jewish students to be absent.

Jewish holidays begin at sunset on the evening preceding the holiday.

Hebrew Calendar Year	5781	5782	5783	5784	5785
SHABBAT The Jewish Sabbath	Every Friday eve through Saturday eve	Every Friday eve through Saturday eve	Every Friday eve through Saturday eve	Every Friday eve through Saturday eve	Every Friday eve through Saturday eve
FALL	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
ROSH HASHANAH Jewish New Year	September 19, 20 Sat. & Sun. (begins at sunset Sept. 18)	September 7, 8 Tues. & Wed. (begins at sunset Sept. 6)	September 26, 27 Mon. & Tues. (begins at sunset Sept. 25)	September 16, 17 Sat. & Sun. (begins at sunset Sept. 15)	October 3, 4 Thurs. & Fri. (begins at sunset Oct. 2)
YOM KIPPUR Day of Atonement	September 28 Monday (begins at sunset Sept. 27)	September 16 Thursday (begins at sunset Sept. 15)	October 5 Wednesday (begins at sunset Oct. 4)	September 25 Monday (begins at sunset Sept. 24)	October 12 Saturday (begins at sunset Oct. 11)
SUKKOT Feast of Tabernacles	October 3, 4 Sat. & Sun. (begins at sunset Oct.2)	September 21, 22 Tues. & Wed. (begins at sunset Sept. 20)	October 10, 11 Mon. & Tues. (begins at sunset Oct. 9)	September 30, October 1 Sat. & Sun. (begins at sunset Sept. 29)	October 17, 18 Thurs. & Fri. (begins at sunset Oct. 16)
SHEMINI ATZERET & SIMCHAT TORAH Closing of High Holidays	October 10, 11 Sat. & Sun. (begins at sunset Oct. 9)	September 28, 29 Tues. & Wed. (begins at sunset Sept. 27)	October 17, 18 Mon & Tues. (begins at sunset Oct. 16)	October 7, 8 Sat. & Sun. (begins at sunset Oct. 6)	October 24, 25 Thurs. & Fri. (begins at sunset Oct. 23)
CHANUKAH* Festival of Lights	December 11–18 Fri.–Fri. (begins at sunset Dec. 10)	Nov. 29–Dec. 6 Mon.–Mon. (begins at sunset Nov. 28)	December 19–26 Mon.–Mon. (begins at sunset Dec. 18)	December 8–15 Fri.–Fri. (begins at sunset Dec. 7)	December 26–January 2 Thurs.–Thurs. (begins at sunset Dec. 25)
SPRING	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
PURIM* Festival of Esther	February 26 Friday (begins at sunset Feb. 25)	March 17 Thursday (begins at sunset March 16)	March 7 Tuesday (begins at sunset March 6)	March 24 Sunday (begins at sunset March 23)	March 14 Friday (begins at sunset March 13)
PASSOVER The first 2 and last 2 days are holy days.	March 28–April 4 Sun.–Sun. (begins at sunset March 27)	April 16–23 Sat–Sat. (begins at sunset April 15)	April 6–13 Thurs.–Thurs. (begins at sunset April 5)	April 23–30 Tues.–Tues. (begins at sunset April 22)	April 13–20 Sun.–Sun. (begins at sunset April 12)
SHAVUOT Feast of Weeks	May 17, 18 Mon. & Tues. (begins at sunset May 16)	June 5, 6 Sun. & Mon. (begins at sunset June 4)	May 26, 27 Fri. & Sat. (begins at sunset May 25)	June 12, 13 Wed. & Thurs. (begins at sunset June 11)	June 2, 3 Mon. & Tues. (begins at sunset June 1)

*It is permissible to go to work and attend school on these holidays. This calendar is also available online at MilwaukeeJewish.org/JCRC.