

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.

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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.

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

2023-2028

Hebrew Calendar Years 5784-5788

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

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.

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
<i>Hebrew Calendar Year</i>	5784	5785	5786	5787	5788
FALL	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
ROSH HASHANAH Jewish New Year	SEPTEMBER 16–17 Saturday–Sunday Begins at sunset Sept. 15	OCTOBER 3–4 Thursday–Friday Begins at sunset Oct. 2	SEPTEMBER 23–24 Tuesday–Wednesday Begins at sunset Sept. 22	SEPTEMBER 12–13 Saturday–Sunday Begins at sunset Sept. 11	OCTOBER 2–3 Saturday–Sunday Begins at sunset Oct. 1
YOM KIPPUR Day of Atonement	SEPTEMBER 25 Monday Begins at sunset Sept. 24	OCTOBER 12 Saturday Begins at sunset Oct. 11	OCTOBER 2 Thursday Begins at sunset Oct. 1	SEPTEMBER 21 Monday Begins at sunset Sept. 20	OCTOBER 11 Monday Begins at sunset Oct. 10
SUKKOT Feast of Tabernacles	SEPTEMBER 30–OCTOBER 1 Saturday–Sunday Begins at sunset Sept. 29	OCTOBER 17–18 Thursday–Friday Begins at sunset Oct. 16	OCTOBER 7–8 Tuesday–Wednesday Begins at sunset Oct. 6	SEPTEMBER 26–27 Saturday–Sunday Begins at sunset Sept. 25	OCTOBER 16–17 Saturday–Sunday Begins at sunset Oct. 16
SHEMENI ATZERET & SIMCHAT TORAH Closing of High Holidays	OCTOBER 7–8 Saturday–Sunday Begins at sunset Oct. 6	OCTOBER 24–25 Thursday–Friday Begins at sunset Oct. 23	OCTOBER 14–15 Tuesday–Wednesday Begins at sunset Oct. 13	OCTOBER 3–4 Saturday–Sunday Begins at sunset Oct. 2	OCTOBER 23–24 Saturday–Sunday Begins at sunset Oct. 22
CHANUKAH* Festival of Lights	DECEMBER 8–15 Friday–Friday Begins at sunset Dec. 7	DECEMBER 26–JANUARY 2 Thursday–Thursday Begins at sunset Dec. 25	DECEMBER 15–22 Monday–Monday Begins at sunset Dec. 14	DECEMBER 5–12 Saturday–Saturday Begins at sunset Dec. 4	DECEMBER 25–JANUARY 1 Saturday–Saturday Begins at sunset Dec. 24
SPRING	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
PURIM* Festival of Esther	MARCH 24 Sunday Begins at sunset March 23	MARCH 14 Friday Begins at sunset March 13	MARCH 3 Tuesday Begins at sunset March 2	MARCH 23 Tuesday Begins at sunset March 22	MARCH 12 Sunday Begins at sunset March 12
PASSOVER First and Last 2 days are High Holidays	APRIL 23–30 Tuesday–Tuesday Begins at sunset April 22	APRIL 13–20 Sunday–Sunday Begins at sunset April 12	APRIL 2–9 Thursday–Thursday Begins at sunset April 1	APRIL 22–29 Thursday–Thursday Begins at sunset April 21	APRIL 11–18 Tuesday–Tuesday Begins at sunset April 10
SHAVUOT Feast of Weeks	JUNE 12–13 Wednesday–Thursday Begins at sunset June 11	JUNE 2–3 Monday–Tuesday Begins at sunset June 1	MAY 22–23 Friday–Saturday Begins at sunset May 21	JUNE 11–12 Friday–Saturday Begins at sunset June 10	MAY 31– JUNE 1 Wednesday–Thursday Begins at sunset May 30