

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