

## 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

## 2024-2029

*Hebrew Calendar Years 5785-5789*

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
<b>Hebrew Calendar Year</b>	<b>5785</b>	<b>5786</b>	<b>5787</b>	<b>5788</b>	<b>5789</b>
<b>FALL</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>2028</b>
<b>ROSH HASHANAH</b> Jewish New Year	<b>OCTOBER 3-4</b> Thursday-Friday Begins at sunset Oct. 2	<b>SEPTEMBER 23-24</b> Tuesday-Wednesday Begins at sunset Sept. 22	<b>SEPTEMBER 12-13</b> Saturday-Sunday Begins at sunset Sept. 11	<b>OCTOBER 2-3</b> Saturday-Sunday Begins at sunset Oct. 1	<b>SEPTEMBER 21-22</b> Thursday-Friday Begins at sunset Sept. 20
<b>YOM KIPPUR</b> Day of Atonement	<b>OCTOBER 12</b> Saturday Begins at sunset Oct. 11	<b>OCTOBER 2</b> Thursday Begins at sunset Oct. 1	<b>SEPTEMBER 21</b> Monday Begins at sunset Sept. 20	<b>OCTOBER 11</b> Monday Begins at sunset Oct. 10	<b>SEPTEMBER 30</b> Saturday Begins at sunset Sept. 29
<b>SUKKOT</b> Feast of Tabernacles	<b>OCTOBER 17-18</b> Thursday-Friday Begins at sunset Oct. 16	<b>OCTOBER 7-8</b> Tuesday-Wednesday Begins at sunset Oct. 6	<b>SEPTEMBER 26-27</b> Saturday-Sunday Begins at sunset Sept. 25	<b>OCTOBER 16-17</b> Saturday-Sunday Begins at sunset Oct. 15	<b>OCTOBER 5-6</b> Thursday-Friday Begins at sunset Oct. 4
<b>SHEMENI ATZERET &amp; SIMCHAT TORAH</b> Closing of High Holidays	<b>OCTOBER 24-25</b> Thursday-Friday Begins at sunset Oct. 23	<b>OCTOBER 14-15</b> Tuesday-Wednesday Begins at sunset Oct. 13	<b>OCTOBER 3-4</b> Saturday-Sunday Begins at sunset Oct. 2	<b>OCTOBER 23-24</b> Saturday-Sunday Begins at sunset Oct. 22	<b>OCTOBER 12-13</b> Thursday-Friday Begins at sunset Oct. 11
<b>CHANUKAH*</b> Festival of Lights	<b>DECEMBER 26- JANUARY 2</b> Thursday-Thursday Begins at sunset Dec. 25	<b>DECEMBER 15-22</b> Monday-Monday Begins at sunset Dec. 14	<b>DECEMBER 5-12</b> Saturday-Saturday Begins at sunset Dec. 4	<b>DECEMBER 25- JANUARY 1</b> Saturday-Saturday Begins at sunset Dec. 24	<b>DECEMBER 13-20</b> Wednesday-Wednesday Begins at sunset Dec. 12
<b>SPRING</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>2028</b>	<b>2029</b>
<b>PURIM*</b> Festival of Esther	<b>MARCH 14</b> Friday Begins at sunset March 13	<b>MARCH 3</b> Tuesday Begins at sunset March 2	<b>MARCH 23</b> Tuesday Begins at sunset March 22	<b>MARCH 12</b> Sunday Begins at sunset March 11	<b>MARCH 1</b> Thursday Begins at sunset Feb. 28
<b>PASSOVER</b> First and Last 2 days are High Holidays	<b>APRIL 13-20</b> Sunday-Sunday Begins at sunset April 12	<b>APRIL 2-9</b> Thursday-Thursday Begins at sunset April 1	<b>APRIL 22-29</b> Thursday-Thursday Begins at sunset April 21	<b>APRIL 11-18</b> Tuesday-Tuesday Begins at sunset April 10	<b>MARCH 31-APRIL 7</b> Saturday-Saturday Begins at sunset March 30
<b>SHAVUOT</b> Feast of Weeks	<b>JUNE 2-3</b> Monday-Tuesday Begins at sunset June 1	<b>MAY 22-23</b> Friday-Saturday Begins at sunset May 21	<b>JUNE 11-12</b> Friday-Saturday Begins at sunset June 10	<b>MAY 31- JUNE 1</b> Wednesday-Thursday Begins at sunset May 30	<b>MAY 20-21</b> Sunday-Monday Begins at sunset May 19