

2025-2027

Jewish Holiday and Observances Calendar

Rosh Hashanah

Monday Evening, September 22-
Wednesday, September 24 **2025**

Friday Evening, September 11-
Sunday, September 13 **2026**

Yom Kippur

Wednesday Evening, October 1
Thursday, October 2 **2025**

Sunday Evening, September 20-
Monday, September 21 **2026**

Sukkot

Monday Evening, October 6-
Monday, October 13 **2025**

Friday Evening, September 25-
Friday October 2 **2026**

Shmini Atzeret & Simchat Torah

Monday Evening, October 13-
Wednesday, October 15 **2025**

Friday Evening, October 2-
Sunday, October 4 **2026**

Hanukkah

Friday Evening, December 14-
Saturday, December 22 **2025**

Friday Evening December 4 -
Saturday December 12, **2026**

Purim

Monday Evening, March 2-
Tuesday, March 3 **2026**

Monday Evening March 22 -
Tuesday March 23 **2027**

Passover

Wednesday Evening, April 1-
Thursday, April 9 **2026**

Wednesday Evening, April
21 - Thursday April 29, **2027**

Shavuot

Thursday Evening, May 21-
Saturday, May 23 **2026**

Thursday Evening, June 10 -
Saturday June 12 **2027**

Jews vary in their religious practice; therefore, some students and staff may be absent for religious purposes more often than others.

Widely Observed Holidays

Major Holidays

Minor Holidays



Rosh Hashanah

- Jewish New Year; begins a 10-day period of repentance and prayer, called the High Holidays.
- Most students will be spending a significant portion of each day(s) in prayer at synagogue.
- **For schools that are in session, almost all Jewish students and teachers will be absent on the first day; some will also be absent on the second day.**
- Assignments, deadlines, and exams on the second day or the day after are problematic.

Yom Kippur

- The holiest day in the Jewish year begins at sundown the night before with a sacred Kol Nidre service; many, if not most Jews, will be unavailable starting late afternoon.
- Marked by fasting, praying, and seeking forgiveness.
- **Almost all Jewish students and teachers will be absent.**
- Assignments, deadlines, and exams on the day of or the day after are problematic.

Shabbat

- The weekly holy day of rest, whose strict observance is central to traditional Jews.
- Begins at sunset every Friday and lasts until sunset on Saturday.
- Marks G-d's day of rest on the seventh day of creation.

This holiday is a time of elevated holiness.

Sukkot & Simchat Torah

- An eight-day Jewish festival of harvest and thanksgiving; celebrations are held in a temporary structure known as a sukkah.
- Ends with Simchat Torah, a festival celebrating the conclusion of the annual cycle of weekly readings from the Torah.

The 1st, 2nd, 7th, and 8th days of the holidays are considered days of elevated holiness.

Hanukkah

- Eight-day holiday known as the Festival of Lights.
- Commemorates the rededication of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem.
- Family celebrations and festival-related meals take place in the evenings.

Does NOT involve a holy day requiring students to miss school for religious observance.

Purim

- One of the most joyous and entertaining holidays on the Jewish calendar.
- Commemorates the triumph of the Jewish people over Persian aggressors who sought to annihilate them.
- The central prayer service and celebration take place on the first evening of the holiday.

Passover

- Passover (or Pesach) commemorates the ancient Hebrews' exodus from Egyptian bondage.
- During the eight-day festival, there are dietary restrictions and matzah is eaten.
- The Seder is a ritual meal observed by most Jews on the first night and many Jews on the second night as well. Avoid scheduling proms or special events on those evenings.

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Shavuot

- Celebrates the covenant established at Mount Sinai between G-d and the Jewish people, and the giving of the Torah to Moses and the Jewish people.
- Many synagogues hold their high school confirmation graduation ceremonies during Shavuot services to honor the culmination of students' religious studies.
- Avoid holding graduation ceremonies during this holiday.

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During days of elevated holiness, some Jews refrain from attending work or school, using electronics, doing homework, or driving, and may therefore require accommodations.

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Noteworthy Dates of Jewish and Global Significance

Jewish American Heritage Month

Jewish American Heritage Month is celebrated in **May** each year to honor the contributions of Jewish Americans to the United States since their arrival in 1654.

Yom HaShoah

Tuesday April 14, **2026**

Tuesday May 4, **2027**

This date corresponds to the 27th day of Nisan on the Hebrew calendar which marks the anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising. It is observed by Jews worldwide in remembrance of the Holocaust.

Yom HaAtzma'ut

Wednesday April 22, **2026**

Wednesday May 12, **2027**

The national day of Israel commemorating the Israeli Declaration of Independence in 1948.

International Holocaust Remembrance Day

Tuesday, January 27 **2026**

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The United Nations General Assembly's designated day the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau—as International Holocaust Remembrance Day, a time to remember the six million Jewish victims of the Holocaust and the millions of other victims of Nazi persecution.