

Five-Year Calendar of Jewish Holidays and Observances

All dates in red are HIGH HOLY DAYS: Expect virtually all Jewish students/employees to be absent.
All Jewish religious observances begin on the evening before the date indicated on conventional calendars and conclude the subsequent evening.

All dates in blue are Holy Days: Expect some Jewish students/employees to be absent.

Some Jews will not participate in events during Shabbat. Hanukkah and Purim do not require an absence from school or work.

NO PERSON SHOULD BE PENALIZED FOR HIS/HER RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCES OR BELIEFS.

WEEKLY	Description	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
SHABBAT The Jewish Sabbath	Shabbat, from the Hebrew verb ("to cease or rest") is the seventh day of the Jewish week and is a day of rest and abstention from work. Sabbath religious services are held on Friday evening and Saturday morning.	Every Friday eve thru Saturday eve	Every Friday eve thru Saturday eve	Every Friday eve thru Saturday eve	Every Friday eve thru Saturday eve	Every Friday eve thru Saturday eve
FALL		2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
ROSH HASHANAH Jewish New Year	This two-day observance is the first of the High Holy Days, marking the beginning of the New Year and a ten-day period of atonement and spiritual renewal. Extended synagogue services are held. Please avoid scheduling special events on the evening before, or on these days. Some denominations of Judaism observe only the first day of Rosh Hashanah. Almost all Jewish students and employees will be absent at least one day.	Sept. 6 - 8 Mon eve - Wed eve	Sept. 25 - 27 Sun eve - Tues eve	Sept. 15 - 17 Fri eve - Sun eve	Oct. 2 - 4 Wed eve - Fri eve	Sept. 22 - 24 Mon eve - Wed eve
YOM KIPPUR Day of Atonement	The Day of Atonement is the most solemn Holy Day on the Jewish calendar. It is spent in synagogue with prayer, meditation and fasting. Traditionally, work is restricted. Please avoid scheduling special events on the evening before, and on this day. Almost all Jewish students and employees will be absent.	Sept. 15 - 16 Wed eve - Thurs eve	Oct. 4 - 5 Tues eve - Wed eve	Sept. 24 - 25 Sun eve - Mon eve	Oct. 11 - 12 Fri eve - Sat eve	Oct. 1 - 2 Wed eve - Thurs eve
SUKKOT Festival of Booths	Sukkot commemorates the 40-year wandering of the Israelites in the desert on the way to the Promised Land. This is a seven-day festival with work restrictions on the first two days of the observance.	Sept. 20 - 22 Mon eve - Wed eve	Oct. 9 - 11 Sun eve - Tues eve	Sept. 29 - Oct. 1 Fri eve - Sun eve	Oct. 16 - 18 Wed eve - Fri eve	Oct. 6 - 8 Mon eve - Wed eve
SHEMINI ATZRET SIMCHAT TORAH Concluding Days of Sukkot	Shemini Atzeret is the eighth day of the Sukkot Festival. Simchat Torah celebrates the conclusion of the annual cycle of the reading of the Torah, (the first five books of the Hebrew Bible), and the beginning of the new cycle. Traditionally, work is restricted. Some Jewish employees and students may be absent on both days.	Sept. 27 - 29 Mon eve - Wed eve	Oct. 16 - 18 Sun eve - Tues eve	Oct. 6 - 8 Fri eve - Sun eve	Oct. 23 - 25 Wed eve - Fri eve	Oct. 13 - 15 Mon eve - Wed eve
HANUKKAH Festival of Lights	This is an 8-day festival of religious freedom commemorating the victory of the Maccabees and the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem. No restrictions on work or school.	Nov. 28 - Dec. 6 Sun eve - Mon eve	Dec. 18 - 26 Sun eve - Mon eve	Dec. 7 - 15 Tues eve - Fri eve	Dec. 25 - Jan. 2 Wed eve - Thurs eve	Dec. 14 - 22 Sat eve - Sun eve
SPRING		2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
PURIM Festival of Esther	Purim celebrates the salvation of the Jews of ancient Persia, through the help of Queen Esther, from a plot to destroy them. The celebration of Purim begins the evening before in synagogue with the reading of the Megillah, or Book of Esther. Please avoid scheduling special events on the eve of Purim.	March 16 - 17 Wed eve - Thurs eve	March 6 - 7 Mon eve - Tues eve	March 23 - 24 Sat eve - Sun eve	March 13 - 14 Thurs eve - Fri eve	March 2 - 3 Mon eve - Tues eve
PASSOVER Passover's Beginning	Passover celebrates the Israelite's deliverance from Egyptian bondage. On the evening before and on the first evening of Passover, Seders, or ritual family dinners, are held in the home. This is an eight-day observance with work restrictions on the first two and last two days. Some Jewish employees and students may be absent.	April 15 - 17 Fri eve - Sun eve	April 5 - 7 Wed eve - Fri eve	April 22 - 24 Mon eve - Wed eve	April 12 - 14 Sat eve - Mon eve	April 1 - 3 Wed eve - Fri eve
PASSOVER Passover's Conclusion	The last two days of Passover are also observed as holy days as stated above.	April 21 - 23 Thurs eve - Sat eve	April 11 - 13 Tues eve - Thurs eve	April 28 - 30 Sun eve - Tues eve	April 18 - 20 Fri eve - Sun eve	April 7 - 9 Tues eve - Thurs eve
SHAVUOT Festival of Weeks	Shavuot celebrates the receiving of the Ten Commandments at Mount Sinai. Traditionally, work is restricted on both days. Please avoid scheduling final exams or special events on these days. Some Jewish employees and students may be absent.	June 4 - 7 Sat eve - Tues eve	May 25 - 27 Thurs eve - Sat eve	June 11 - 13 Tues eve - Thurs eve	June 1 - 3 Sun eve - Tues eve	May 21 - 23 Thurs eve - Sat eve