

2026–2028

Jewish Holiday and Observances Calendar

Rosh Hashanah

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

Friday Evening, October 1 –
Sunday, October 3, **2027**

Yom Kippur

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

Sunday Evening, October 10 –
Monday, October 11, **2027**

Sukkot

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

Friday Evening, October 15 –
Friday, October 22, **2027**

Shmini Atzeret & Simchat Torah

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

Friday Evening, October 22 –
Sunday, October 24, **2027**

Hanukkah

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

Friday Evening, December 24, 2027 –
Saturday, January 1, **2028**

Purim

Monday Evening, March 22 –
Tuesday, March 23, **2027**

Saturday Evening, March 11 –
Sunday, March 12, **2028**

Passover

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

Monday Evening, April 10 –
Tuesday, April 18, **2028**

Shavuot

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

Tuesday Evening, May 30 –
Thursday, June 1, **2028**

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, May 4, **2027**
Monday, April 24, **2028**

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, May 12, **2027**
Tuesday, May 2, **2028**

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

International Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, January 27, **2027**
Thursday, January 27, **2028**

The United Nations General Assembly designated 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.