

Holiday Calendar 2024-2025

JULY 2024

19, WEDNESDAY, – ISLAMIC HOLIDAY: Al Hijra- Islamic New Year. Marks the migration of the Prophet Mohammad and his followers from Mecca to Medina of the Jewish people. (Fast begins 1st morning light)

SEPTEMBER 2024

2, MONDAY - LABOR DAY – Federal and state agencies closed.

OCTOBER 2024

2-4 ROSH HASHANAH (WEDNESDAY EVENING) THURSDAY and FRIDAY- (Jewish New Year) Begins the Jewish year 5784

6, SUNDAY – TZOM GEDALIAH: Commemorates the start of Babylonian exile.

11- 12, YOM KIPPUR (FRIDAY EVENING) SATURDAY (Day of Atonement) Most holy of Jewish holidays, devoted to prayer, fasting and repentance.

14, MONDAY - COLUMBUS DAY - Federal and state agencies closed.

16 OCT - SUKKOT (WEDNESDAY EVENING) ENDS WEDNESDAY OCT 23 (Feast of Tabernacles) - First day of festival of harvest, thanksgiving, and remembrance of the Jewish wandering in the wilderness and living in booths or tabernacles after the exodus from Egypt.

23-24 SHEMINI ATZERET (WEDNESDAY EVENING) THURSDAY (Eighth Day of Assembly) - Marks the climax of the Jewish holy season.

24-25 SIMCHAT TORAH (THURSDAY EVENING) FRIDAY (Rejoicing in the Law) - Reading of the Torah is completed and begun anew in the synagogue.

24, THURSDAY - UNITED NATIONS DAY

31, THURSDAY - REFORMATION DAY - Observed by Protestant groups to mark the beginning of Protestant Reformation in 1517.

NOVEMBER 2024

1, FRIDAY - ALL SAINTS DAY: Christian holy day of obligation commemorating all saints.

2, SATURDAY – ALL SOULS' DAY: Roman Catholic day of remembrance for friends and loved ones who have passed away.

11, MONDAY - VETERANS DAY - Federal and state agencies closed.

18 - 23 - AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

28, THURSDAY - THANKSGIVING DAY: Federal and state agencies closed.

29, FRIDAY - American Indian Heritage Day

DECEMBER 2024

8, SUNDAY - FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – Catholic holy day celebrating the privilege of freedom from sin.

10, TUESDAY - HUMAN RIGHTS DAY - Marks U.N. adoption of the Universal

15, SUNDAY - BILL OF RIGHTS DAY - Marks ratification of the first ten amendments to the U.S. Constitution in 1791.

DOES NOT OCCUR IN 2024 -ASARAH B'TEVET (Fast of Tevet-which begins morning light) Commemorates the beginning of the Babylonian siege of Jerusalem (6th Century BCE).

Declaration of Human Rights in 1948.

25 – Jan 2 CHANUKAH (WEDNESDAY EVENING) THURSDAY (Festival of Lights) - Eight-day festival marking the first recorded battle for religious liberty and rededication of the Temple by the Maccabees.

25, WEDNESDAY, CHRISTMAS DAY – Federal and state agencies closed.

JANUARY 2025

1, WEDNESDAY- NEW YEAR'S DAY – Schools closed. Federal and state agencies closed

20, MONDAY – MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY – In honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. (b. 1929). Schools closed. Federal and state agencies closed.

FEBRUARY 2025

ALL FEBRUARY – AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

12, WEDNESDAY – LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY (b. February 12, 1809).

13, THURSDAY – TU BISHVAT – New Year for Trees

17, MONDAY – PRESIDENTS' DAY – Celebrates the birthdays of George Washington (b. 1732) and Abraham Lincoln (b. 1809). Schools closed. Federal and state agencies closed.

MARCH 2025

5, WEDNESDAY – ASH WEDNESDAY- Opens Lenten Season

17, MONDAY - ST. PATRICK'S DAY

13, THURSDAY– TA'ANIT ESTHER (Fast of Esther) – Commemorates the fast of Queen Esther (Fast begins Thursday morning).

13-14 PURIM (THURSDAY EVENING) FRIDAY- Jewish day of merry making, marking defeat of Persian tyrant, Haman

25, TUESDAY- MARYLAND DAY – Commemorating the arrival of Lord Baltimore's first settlers in Maryland in 1634.

APRIL 2025

13, SUNDAY – PALM SUNDAY

18, FRIDAY – GOOD FRIDAY

19, SATURDAY - HOLY SATURDAY

20, SUNDAY – EASTER

12 – 14 PESACH (SATURDAY EVENING) SUNDAY & MONDAY- First two days of PESACH (Passover) Jewish festival marking deliverance from slavery in Egypt.

19 - 20 – PESACH (SATURDAY EVENING) SUNDAY- Concluding days of PESACH (Passover).

20, SUNDAY - EASTERN ORTHODOX EASTER

23-24, YOM HASHOAH (WEDNESDAY EVENING) THURSDAY: Holocaust Remembrance Day – Memorializing the six million martyrs who died in the Holocaust, 1939-1945.

30 WEDNESDAY - YOM HAZIKARON: Israel's Memorial Day

MAY 2025

1, THURSDAY - YOM HA'ATZMAUT: Israel Independence Day.

16, FRIDAY, LAG BAOMER the 33rd day of the counting of the Omer.

26, MONDAY- MEMORIAL DAY (observed). Schools closed.

Federal and state agencies closed.

26, MONDAY - YOM YERUSHALAYIM – Anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem in 1967 Six-Day war

JUNE 2025

1, SUNDAY- EREV OF SHAVUOT

2-3 -SHAVUOT MONDAY AND TUESDAY- Marks giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai.

7, SATURDAY - ISLAMIC HOLIDAY: EID-UL-ADHA (Feast of Sacrifice).

14, SATURDAY - FLAG DAY: to commemorate the United States flag's adoption.

19, THURSDAY - JUNETEENTH INDEPENDENCE DAY

JULY 2025

4, - FRIDAY, July Fourth - Federal and state agencies closed.

AUGUST 2025

2, 3 TISHA B'AV (SATURDAY EVENING) - Fast of the 9th of A



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Use of Holiday Calendar 2024-2028

This calendar was prepared and designed mainly to help teachers and school administrators plan and schedule special events and activities such as examinations, assemblies, field trips, graduations and other school-related programs. Federal, state, county, and city government agencies, legislative bodies, and courts, as well as private employers, may also find this calendar helpful. ALL Jewish holidays are set according to the Hebrew lunar calendar, so that they begin at sundown on the

preceding evening and conclude at sundown on the dates noted. The Sabbath begins at sunset on Friday evening and concludes at sunset on Saturday. During these observances, work is traditionally prohibited. As a result, Jewish individuals may be absent from both school and places of employment.

No person should be penalized for his/her religious observances or beliefs.

5-Year Calendar of Major Jewish Holidays

Holiday	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Pesach (<i>Passover</i>)	April 23 & 24 Tues. & Wed.	April 13 & 14 Sun. & Mon.	April 2,3 Thurs & Friday	April 22 & 23 Thur. & Fri.	April 11 & 12 Tues. & Wed.
Concluding days of Pesach	April 29 & 30 Mon. & Tues.	April 19 & 20 Sat. & Sun.	April 8, 9 Friday & Sat	April 28 & 29 Wed. & Thur.	April 17 & 18 Mon. & Tues.
Shavuot (<i>Receiving of the Torah</i>)	June 12 & 13 Wed. & Thurs.	June 2 & 3 Mon. & Tues.	May 22 & 23 Fri. & Sat.	June 11 & 12 Fri. & Sat.	May 31 & June 1 Wed. & Thurs.
Rosh Hashanah (<i>New Year</i>)	Oct 3 & 4 Thurs. & Fri.	Sept. 23 & 24 Tues. & Wed.	Sept. 12 & 13 Sat. & Sun.	Oct. 2 & 3 Sat. & Sun.	Sept. 21 & 22 Thurs. & Fri.
Yom Kippur (<i>Day of Atonement</i>)	Oct. 12 Saturday	Oct. 2 Thursday	Sept. 21 Monday	Oct. 11 Monday	Sept. 30 Saturday
Sukkot (<i>Feast of Tabernacles</i>)	Oct. 17 & 18 Thurs. & Fri.	Oct. 7 & 8 Tues. & Wed.	Oct. 26 & 27 Sat. & Sun.	Oct. 16 & 17 Sat. & Sun.	Oct. 5 & 6 Thurs. & Fri.
Shemini Atzeret (<i>Eighth Day of Assembly</i>)	Oct. 24 Thursday	Oct. 14 Tuesday	Oct. 3 Saturday.	Oct. 23 Saturday	Oct 12 Thursday
Simchat Torah (<i>Rejoicing of the Law</i>)	Oct. 25 Friday	Oct. 15 Wednesday	Oct. 4 Sunday	Oct. 24 Sunday	Oct. 13 Friday
Tisha B'Av (<i>Official Day of Mourning</i>)	August 13 Tuesday	August 3 Sunday	July 23 Thursday	August 12 Thurs.	August 1 Tuesday

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