

Jewish Holy Days

The five year calendar of Jewish Holy Days has been prepared as a resource aid for the planning and scheduling of school events (graduations, examinations, registrations, vacations, assemblies, athletic events, and conferences) in order to minimize conflicts which involve the absence of Jewish students and personnel.

Listed below are the dates when Jewish students and personnel can be expected to be absent from school in observance of Jewish Holy Days. The dates below are the maximum of observance. As in all religions, observance of these holy days may vary with individuals for different reasons. **Some students and personnel may observe these days completely, some only one or two days and others only part of a day.** These dates listed below are the official dates.

Please note that observance of Jewish Holy Days begin at sundown on the day immediately preceding the calendar date specified below for each Holy Day.

	2009 -2010 5770	2010-2011 5771	2011-2012 5772	2012-2013 5773	2013-2014 5774
Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year)	Saturday-Sunday September 19-20	Thursday-Friday September 9 -10	Thursday-Friday September 29-30	Monday-Tuesday September 17-18	Thursday -Friday September 5-6
Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement)	Monday September 28	Saturday September 18	Saturday October 8	Wednesday September 26	Saturday September 14
Sukkot (Tabernacles) Beginning two days	Saturday-Sunday October 3-4	Thursday-Friday September 23-24	Thursday-Friday October 13-14	Monday-Tuesday October 1-2	Thursday- Friday September 19-20
Shemini Atzeret & Simchat Torah	Saturday-Sunday October 10-11	Thursday-Friday September 30-Oct 1	Thursday-Friday October 20-21	Monday-Tuesday October 8-9	Thursday-Friday September 26-27
Pesach (Passover) Beginning two days	Tuesday-Wednesday March 30-31	Tuesday-Wednesday April 19-20	Saturday- Sunday April 7-8	Tuesday- Wednesday March 26-27	Tuesday-Wednesday April 15-16
Pesach (Passover) Last two days	Monday-Tuesday April 5-6	Monday-Tuesday April 25-26	Friday-Saturday April 13-14	Monday-Tuesday April 1-2	Monday-Tuesday April 21-22
Shavuot (Festival of Weeks)	Wednesday-Thursday May 19-20	Wednesday-Thursday June 8-9	Sunday-Monday May 27-28	Wednesday-Thursday May 15-16	Wednesday-Thursday June 4-5

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Rosh Hashanah The Jewish New Year marks the beginning of the Ten Days of Penitence which conclude on Yom Kippur.

Yom Kippur The Day of Atonement is the most solemn of Holy Days, devoted to fasting and prayer, as Jews strive to reaffirm their faith so it may be a guiding force in daily life.

Sukkot The Festival of Tabernacles is the fall Harvest festival of Thanksgiving deriving its name from the tabernacle or booth dwellings used by ancient Israelites.

Shemini Atzeret The Eighth Day of Assembly marks the conclusion of the Holy season.

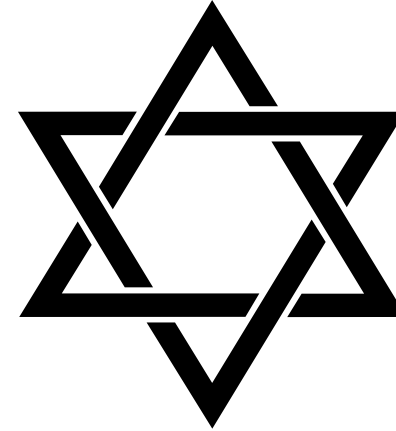
Simchat Torah Rejoicing of the Law celebrates the occasion of concluding the year long cycle of reading the Pentateuch or Five books of Moses and the beginning anew for the coming year.

Pesach The festival of Freedom celebrates ancient Israelite deliverance from Egyptian bondage. The festival lasts eight days during which matzoh or unleavened cakes are eaten in place of bread. the traditional Seder ceremony is held in homes during the first two evenings and commemorates the historical ideal of freedom.

Shavuot The Festival of Weeks commemorates ancient Israel's acceptance of the Law and its obligations. It derives its name from the fact that it occurs seven weeks after Pesach. Confirmation services are conducted for graduating religious school students on this holiday.

The dates of Purim (the commemoration of the events of the Book of Esther) and Chanukah (the Jewish festival of lights) are not included because these holidays do not preclude school attendance.

A Guide to the JEWISH HOLY DAYS 2009-2014(5770-5774)



Five Year Calendar: An Aid for School Personnel *for planning and scheduling school events*



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