

# Holiday Calendar 2022-2023

## AUGUST 2022

**9, MONDAY, – 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 2022

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

**25-27 ROSH HASHANAH (SUNDAY EVENING) MONDAY and TUESDAY - (Jewish New Year)** Begins the Jewish year 5777.

**28 WEDNESDAY – TZOM GEDALIAH:** Commemorates the start of Babylonian exile

## OCTOBER 2022

**4 - YOM KIPPUR (TUESDAY EVENING) WEDNESDAY** (Day of Atonement) Most holy of Jewish holidays, devoted to prayer, fasting and repentance.

**10, MONDAY - COLUMBUS DAY** - Federal and state agencies closed.

**9-16- SUKKOT (SUNDAY EVENING) ENDS SUNDAY 16 (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.

**16 – 18 SHEMINI ATZERET (SUNDAY EVENING) TUESDAY (Eighth Day of Assembly) -** Marks the climax of the Jewish holy season.

**17-18 SIMCHAT TORAH (MONDAY EVENING) TUESDAY (Rejoicing in the Law) -** Reading of the Torah is completed and begun anew in the synagogue.

**24, MONDAY - UNITED NATIONS DAY**

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

## NOVEMBER 2022

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

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

**11, FRIDAY - VETERANS DAY** - Federal and state agencies closed.

**14 - 18 - AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK**

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

**25, FRIDAY - American Indian Heritage Day**

## DECEMBER 2022

**18-26 CHANUKAH (SUNDAY EVENING) MONDAY (Festival of Lights) -** Eight-day festival marking the first recorded battle for religious liberty and rededication of the Temple by the Maccabees.

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

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

**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.does not occur in 2022

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

## JANUARY 2023

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

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

**5, SUNDAY – TU BISHVAT** – New Year for Trees

## FEBRUARY 2023

**ALL FEBRUARY – AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

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

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

**22, WEDNESDAY – ASH WEDNESDAY-** Opens Lenten Season

## MARCH 2023

**6, MONDAY– TA'ANIT ESTHER (Fast of Esther)** – Commemorates the fast of Queen Esther (Fast begins Thursday morning).

**6– PURIM (MONDAY EVENING) TUESDAY-** Jewish day of merry making, marking defeat of Persian tyrant, Haman

**17, FRIDAY - ST. PATRICK'S DAY**

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

## APRIL 2023

**2, SUNDAY – PALM SUNDAY**

**6, THURSDAY – HOLY THURSDAY** – Christian holy day marking The Last Supper.

**7, FRIDAY – GOOD FRIDAY**

**8, SATURDAY - HOLY SATURDAY**

**5 – 7 PESACH (WEDNESDAY EVENING) THURSDAY & FRIDAY-** First two days of PESACH (Passover) Jewish festival marking deliverance from slavery in Egypt.

**12, SUNDAY - EASTER/EASTERN ORTHODOX EASTER**

**17, MONDAY - YOM HASHOAH: Holocaust Remembrance Day** – Memorializing the six million martyrs who died in the Holocaust, 1939-1945.

**13 – PESACH (THURSDAY EVENING) -** Concluding days of PESACH (Passover).

**24, MONDAY - YOM HAZIKARON:** Israel's Memorial Day

**25, TUESDAY - YOM HA'ATZMAUT:** Israel Independence Day.

## MAY 2023

**8, MONDAY, LAG BAOMER** the 33rd day of the counting of the Omer.

**18, THURSDAY - YOM YERUSHALAYIM** – Anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem in 1967 Six-Day war.

**25 -27 - SHAVUOT (THURSDAY EVENING) FRIDAY & SATURDAY-** Marks giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai.

**29, MONDAY- MEMORIAL DAY (observed).** Schools closed. Federal and state agencies closed.

## JUNE 2023

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

**19, MONDAY - ISLAMIC HOLIDAY: EID-UL-ADHA** (Feast of Sacrifice).

## JULY 2023

**4, - TUESDAY, July Fourth**

**26, 27 TISHA BA'AV (WEDNESDAY EVENING) - Fast of the 9th of A**



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