

Holiday Calendar 2023-2024

JULY 2023

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 2023

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

15-17 ROSH HASHANAH (FRIDAY EVENING) SATURDAY and SUNDAY - (Jewish New Year) Begins the Jewish year 5784

18 MONDAY – TZOM GEDALIAH: Commemorates the start of Babylonian exile

25 - YOM KIPPUR (SUNDAY EVENING) MONDAY (Day of Atonement) Most holy of Jewish holidays, devoted to prayer, fasting and repentance.

29- OCT 6 SUKKOT (FRIDAY EVENING) ENDS FRIDAY OCT 6 (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.

OCTOBER 2023

6 – 8 SHEMINI ATZERET (FRIDAY EVENING) SUNDAY (Eighth Day of Assembly) - Marks the climax of the Jewish holy season.

7-8 SIMCHAT TORAH (SATURDAY EVENING) SUNDAY (Rejoicing in the Law) - Reading of the Torah is completed and begun anew in the synagogue.

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

24, TUESDAY - UNITED NATIONS DAY

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

NOVEMBER 2023

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

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

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

13 - 17 - AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

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

24, FRIDAY - American Indian Heritage Day

DECEMBER 2023

7-15 CHANUKAH (THURSDAY EVENING) FRIDAY (Festival of Lights) - Eight-day festival marking the first recorded battle for religious liberty and rededication of the Temple by the Maccabees.

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

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

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

22, FRIDAY -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, MONDAY, CHRISTMAS DAY – Federal and state agencies closed.

JANUARY 2024

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

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

25, THURSDAY – TU BISHVAT – New Year for Trees

FEBRUARY 2024

ALL FEBRUARY – AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

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

14, WEDNESDAY – ASH WEDNESDAY- Opens Lenten Season

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

MARCH 2024

17, SUNDAY - ST. PATRICK'S DAY

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

23– 24 PURIM (SATURDAY EVENING) SUNDAY- Jewish day of merry making, marking defeat of Persian tyrant, Haman

24, SUNDAY – PALM SUNDAY

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

29, FRIDAY – GOOD FRIDAY

30, SATURDAY - HOLY SATURDAY

31, SUNDAY – EASTER

APRIL 2024

22 – 24 PESACH (MONDAY EVENING) TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY- First two days of PESACH (Passover) Jewish festival marking deliverance from slavery in Egypt.

29 - 30 – PESACH (MONDAY EVENING) TUESDAY- Concluding days of PESACH (Passover).

MAY 2024

5, SUNDAY - EASTERN ORTHODOX EASTER

5-6, YOM HASHOAH (SUNDAY EVENING) MONDAY : Holocaust Remembrance Day – Memorializing the six million martyrs who died in the Holocaust, 1939-1945.

13 MONDAY - YOM HAZIKARON: Israel's Memorial Day

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

26, SUNDAY, LAG BAOMER the 33rd day of the counting of the Omer.

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

JUNE 2024

5 - WEDNESDAY - YOM YERUSHALAYIM – Anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem in 1967 Six-Day war.

11, TUESDAY- EREV OF SHAVUOT

12-13 -SHAVUOT WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY- Marks giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai.

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

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

19 – WEDNESDAY - JUNETEENTH INDEPENDENCE DAY

JULY 2024

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

AUGUST 2024

12, 13 TISHA B'AV (MONDAY EVENING) - Fast of the 9th of Av



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Use of Holiday Calendar 2023-2027

This calendar has been prepared and designed primarily to assist teachers and school administrators in planning and scheduling 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	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Pesach <i>(Passover)</i>	April 6 & 7 Thurs. & Fri.	April 23 & 24 Tues. & Wed.	April 13 & 14 Sun. & Mon.	April 2,3 Thurs & Friday	April 22 & 23 Thur. & Fri.
Concluding days of Pesach	April 12, 13 Wed. & Thurs.	April 29 & 30 Mon. & Tues.	April 19 & 20 Sat. & Sun.	April 8, 9 Friday & Sat	April 28 & 29 Wed. & Thur.
Shavuot <i>(Receiving of the Torah)</i>	May 26 & 27 Fri. & Sat.	June 12 & 13 Wed. & Thurs.	June 2 & 3 Mon. & Tues.	May 22 & 23 Fri. & Sat.	June 11 & 12 Fri. & Sat.
Rosh Hashanah <i>(New Year)</i>	Sept. 16 & 17 Sat. & Sun.	Oct 3 & 4 Thurs. & Fri.	Sept. 23 & 24 Tues. & Wed.	Sept. 12 & 13 Sat. & Sun.	Oct. 2 & 3 Sat. & Sun.
Yom Kippur <i>(Day of Atonement)</i>	Sept. 25 Monday	Oct. 12 Saturday	Oct. 2 Thursday	Sept. 21 Monday	Oct. 11 Monday
Sukkot <i>(Feast of Tabernacles)</i>	Sept. 30 & Oct 1 Sat. & Sun.	Oct. 17 & 18 Thurs. & Fri.	Oct. 7 & 8 Tues. & Wed.	Oct. 26 & 27 Sat. & Sun.	Oct. 16 & 17 Sat. & Sun.
Shemini Atzeret <i>(Eighth Day of Assembly)</i>	Oct. 7 Saturday	Oct. 24 Thursday	Oct. 14 Tuesday	Oct. 3 Saturday.	Oct. 23 Saturday
Simchat Torah <i>(Rejoicing of the Law)</i>	Oct. 8 Sunday	Oct. 25 Friday	Oct. 15 Wednesday	Oct. 4 Sunday	Oct. 24 Sunday
Tisha B'Av <i>(Official Day of Mourning)</i>	July 27 Thursday	August 13 Tuesday	August 3 Sunday	July 23 Thursday	August 12 Thurs.

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