**Holiday Calendar 2023-2024**

**JULY 2023**
19, WEDNESDAY – ISLAMIC HOLIDAY: Al Hijra- Islamic New Year. Marks the migration of the Prophet Muhammad 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 ROISH HASHANAH (FRIDAY EVENING) SATURDAY and SUNDAY - (Jewish New Year) Begins the Jewish year 5784
18 MONDAY – TZOM GEDELIAH: 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.

**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 re dedication of the Temple by the Maccabees.
8, FRIDAY - FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – Catholic holy day celebrating the privilege of freedom from sin.
15, FRIDAY - BILL OF RIGHTS DAY - Marks ratification of the first ten amendments to the U.S. Constitution in 1791.
25, MONDAY, CHRISTMAS DAY – Federal and state agencies closed.

**JANUARY 2024**
1, MONDAY - NEW YEAR’S DAY – 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
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

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