

Explanation of Holidays

ROSH HASHANAH

Marks the beginning of the Jewish year and the period considered the High Holy Days.

YOM KIPPUR

Day of Atonement and the holiest day of the Jewish year.

SUKKOT

Eight-day harvest and thanksgiving festival.

SHEMINI ATZERET

Eighth and final day of Sukkot.

SIMCHAT TORAH

Concludes the High Holy Days observance.

CHANUKAH*

Eight-day festival of lights.

PURIM*

Festive holiday celebrates the rescue of the Jewish community recounted in the Book of Esther.

PASSOVER

Eight-day festival commemorates the Jewish exodus from Egypt.

SHAVUOT

Commemorates the receiving of the Torah by the Israelites on Mt. Sinai.

SHABBAT

The Jewish Sabbath is observed every Saturday. It reflects God's rest on the seventh day and is considered to be a day dedicated to prayer, reflection and rest. Observant Jews are unable to participate in secular events occurring between sunset on Friday and sunset on Saturday.

***It is permissible to work and attend school on these holidays.**

**To learn more about Jewish holidays, culture or the Jewish community, contact the Jewish Community Relations Council.
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Vision and Mission

The Jewish Community Relations Council of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation envisions a just community that reflects American and Jewish values.

Its mission is to speak as the representative of the Jewish community on issues of public affairs and public policy by convening and mobilizing the Jewish community through education, advocacy, social justice and support for Israel.

5 YEAR JEWISH HOLIDAY CALENDAR 2014-2019



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JEWISH HOLIDAYS

During observance of these major holidays, work is traditionally prohibited. As a result, Jewish individuals may be absent from work and school.
Jewish holidays begin at sunset on the evening preceding the holiday.

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
ROSH HASHANAH Jewish New Year	September 25, 26 Thurs. & Fri. (begins at sunset Sept. 24)	September 14, 15 Mon. & Tues. (begins at sunset Sept. 13)	October 3, 4 Mon. & Tues. (begins at sunset Oct. 2)	September 21, 22 Thurs. & Fri. (begins at sunset Sept. 20)	September 10, 11 Mon. & Tues. (begins at sunset Sept. 9)
YOM KIPPUR Day of Atonement	October 4 Saturday (begins at sunset Oct. 3)	September 23 Wednesday (begins at sunset Sept. 22)	October 12 Wednesday (begins at sunset Oct. 11)	September 30 Saturday (begins at sunset Sept. 29)	September 19 Wednesday (begins at sunset Sept. 18)
SUKKOT Feast of Tabernacles	October 9, 10 Thurs. & Fri. (begins at sunset Oct. 8)	September 28, 29 Mon. & Tues. (begins at sunset Sept. 27)	October 17, 18 Mon. & Tues. (begins at sunset Oct. 16)	October 5, 6 Thurs. & Fri. (begins at sunset Oct. 4)	September 24, 25 Mon. & Tues. (begins at sunset Sept. 23)
SHEMINI ATZERET & SIMCHAT TORAH Closing of High Holiday season	October 16, 17 Thurs. & Fri. (begins at sunset Oct. 15)	October 5, 6 Mon. & Tues. (begins at sunset Oct. 4)	October 24, 25 Mon. & Tues. (begins at sunset Oct. 23)	October 12, 13 Thurs. & Fri. (begins at sunset Oct. 11)	October 1, 2 Mon. & Tues. (begins at sunset Sept. 30)
CHANUKAH* Festival of Lights	December 17-24 Wed.-Wed. (begins at sunset Dec. 16)	December 7-14 Mon.-Mon. (begins at sunset Dec. 6)	December 25-January 1 Sun.-Sun. (begins at sunset Dec. 24)	December 13-20 Wed.-Wed. (begins at sunset Dec. 12)	December 3-10 Mon.-Mon. (begins at sunset Dec. 2)
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PURIM* Festival of Esther	March 5 Thursday (begins at sunset March 4)	March 24 Friday (begins at sunset March 23)	March 12 Sunday (begins at sunset March 11)	March 1 Thursday (begins at sunset Feb. 28)	March 21 Thursday (begins at sunset March 20)
PASSOVER Commemorates Exodus of Jewish people from Egypt	April 4-11 Sat.-Sat. (begins at sunset April 3)	April 23-30 Sat.-Sat. (begins at sunset April 22)	April 11-18 Tues.-Tues. (begins at sunset April 10)	March 31-April 7 Sat.-Sat. (begins at sunset March 30)	April 20-27 Sat.-Sat. (begins at sunset April 19)
SHAVUOT Feast of Weeks	May 24, 25 Sun. & Mon. (begins at sunset May 23)	June 12, 13 Sun. & Mon. (begins at sunset June 11)	May 31-June 1 Wed. & Thurs. (begins at sunset May 30)	May 20, 21 Sun. & Mon. (begins at sunset May 19)	June 9, 10 Sun.-Mon. (begins at sunset June 8)

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