

Jewish Holy Day and Festival Calendar - 5778-5787 (2017-2027)

SHABBAT (THE SABBATH) Begins every Friday at sunset and ends Saturday at nightfall. One of the most sacred days of the Jewish calendar. Observed by prayer and study.	5778 (2017-18)	5779 (2018-19)	5780 (2019-20)	5781 (2020-21)	5782 (2021-22)	5783 (2022-23)	5784 (2023-24)	5785 (2024-25)	5786 (2025-26)	5787 (2026-27)
ROSH HASHANAH (NEW YEAR) <i>Tishri 1</i> Begins the ten days of repentance. The shofar (ram's horn) is blown as part of the Synagogue service. Some Reform synagogues celebrate the first day only.	Thu, Sep 21 Fri, Sep 22	Mon, Sep 10 Tue, Sept 11	Mon, Sep 30 Tue, Oct 1	Sat, Sep 19 Sun, Sep 20	Tue, Sep 7 Wed, Sep 8	Mon, Sep 26 Tue, Sep 27	Sat, Sep 16 Sun, Sep 17	Thur, Oct 3 Fri, Oct 4	Tues, Sep 23 Wed, Sep 24	Sat, Sep 12 Sun Sep 13
YOM KIPPUR (DAY OF ATONEMENT) <i>Tishri 10</i> The holiest day of the Jewish calendar. Observed by fasting and continuous prayer throughout the day, asking for atonement for sins committed throughout the previous year.	Sat, Sep 30	Wed, Sep 19	Wed, Oct 9	Mon, Sep 28	Thu, Sep 16	Wed, Oct 5	Mon, Sep 25	Sat, Oct 12	Thu, Oct 2	Mon, Sep 21
SUKKOT (FESTIVAL OF BOOTHS) <i>Tishri 15</i> A harvest festival. Recalls the dwelling of the Israelites in booths as they wandered in the desert after escaping from Egypt. Celebrated by building and dwelling in Succahs (booths) at home.	Thu, Oct 5 Fri, Oct 6	Mon, Sep 24 Tue, Sep 25	Mon, Oct 14 Tue, Oct 15	Sat, Oct 3 Sun, Oct 4	Tue, Sep 21 Wed, Sep 22	Mon, Oct 10 Tues, Oct 11	Sat, Sep 30 Sun, Oct 1	Thu, Oct 17 Fri Oct 18	Tue, Oct 7 Wed Oct 8	Sat, Sep 26 Sun, Sep 27
SHIMINI ATZERET (8TH DAY OF ASSEMBLY) <i>Tishri 22</i> The Synagogue service includes the Tefilat Geshem, a prayer for rain.	Thu, Oct 12	Mon, Oct 1	Mon, Oct 21	Sat, Oct 10	Tue, Sep 28	Mon, Oct 17	Sat, Oct 7	Thu, Oct 24	Tue, Oct 14	Sat, Oct 3
SIMCHAT TORAH (REJOICING OF THE LAW) <i>Tishri 23</i> The final verses of the Torah in Deuteronomy are read and then immediately the opening verses of Genesis are also read signifying the continuity of the Torah in Jewish life.	Fri, Oct 13	Tue, Oct 2	Tue, Oct 22	Sun, Oct 11	Wed, Sep 29	Tues, Oct 18	Sun, Oct 8	Fri, Oct 25	Wed, Oct 15	Sun, Oct 4
HANUKKAH (FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS) <i>Kislev 25</i> Celebrates freedom of religion. Recapturing the Temple from the Greek Syrians, the Macabees lit a cruse of oil which remained lit for eight days. Candle-lighting on each of eight nights recalls the event.	Wed, Dec 13 to Wed, Dec 20	Mon, Dec 3 to Mon, Dec 10	Mon, Dec 23 to Mon, Dec 30	Fri, Dec 11 to Fri, Dec 18	Mon, Nov 29 to Mon, Dec 6	Mon, Dec 19 to Mon, Dec 26	Fri, Dec 8 to Fri, Dec 15	Thu, Dec 26 to Thu, Jan 2	Mon, Dec 15 to Mon, Dec 22	Sat, Dec 5 to Sat, Dec 12
PURIM (FESTIVAL OF LOTS) <i>Adar 14</i> The Megillah (scroll) of Esther is read amidst joyous celebration and the wearing of costumes in this festival celebrating the defeat of Haman, the enemy of the Jews, in ancient Persia.	Thur, Mar 1	Thu, Mar 21	Tue, Mar 10	Fri, Feb 26	Thur, Mar 17	Tues, Mar 7	Sun, Mar 24	Fri, Mar 14	Tue, Mar 3	Tue, Mar 23
PESACH (PASSOVER) <i>Nisan 15</i> Celebrates the story of the Exodus of the Israelites from Egyptian bondage. The Seder Service at home on the first two nights recounts this story. Celebration lasts eight days with first two and last two observed as holy days. Reform synagogues celebrate the first and seventh day as holy days. Reconstructionists observe seven days.	Sat, Mar 31 Sun, Apr 1 Fri, Apr 6 Sat, Apr 7	Sat, Apr 20 Sun Apr 21 Fri, Apr 26 Sat, Apr 27	Thu, Apr 9 Fri, Apr 10 Wed, Apr 15 Thu, Apr 16	Sun, Mar 28 Mon, Mar 29 Sat, Apr 3 Sun, Apr 4	Sat, Apr 16 Sun, Apr 17 Fri, Apr 22 Sat, Apr 23	Thu, Apr 6 Fri, Apr 7 Wed, Apr 12 Thu, Apr 13	Tue, Apr 23 Wed, Apr 24 Mon, Apr 29 Tue, Apr 30	Sun, Apr 13 Mon, Apr 14 Sat, Apr 19 Sun, Apr 20	Thu, Apr 2 Fri, Apr 3 Wed, Apr 8 Thu, Apr 9	Thu, Apr 22 Fri, Apr 23 Wed, Apr 28 Thu, Apr 29
SHAVUOT (FEAST OF WEEKS) <i>Sivan 6</i> Commemorates the giving of the Torah (the law) at Mount Sinai. Reform synagogues have a service of Confirmation for teen-age children. Reform synagogues celebrate the first day only.	Sun, May 20 Mon, May 21	Sun, Jun 9 Mon, Jun 10	Fri, May 29 Sat, May 30	Mon, May 17 Tue, May 18	Sun, Jun 5 Mon, Jun 6	Fri, May 26 Sat, May 27	Wed, Jun 12 Thu, Jun 13	Mon, Jun 2 Tue, Jun 3	Fri, May 22 Sat May 23	Fri, Jun 11 Sat, Jun 12

All Jewish Holy Days and Festivals begin at sundown the evening before the date shown and conclude at nightfall of the last day.
Dates in italics are those on the Jewish lunar calendar for the holidays

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