

Jewish Holy Day and Festival Calendar - 2012-2021 (5772-5782)

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.	2012 (5772-73)	2013 (5773-74)	2014 (5774-75)	2015 (5775-76)	2016 (5776-77)	2017 (5777-78)	2018 (5778-79)	2019 (5779-780)	2020 (5780-81)	2021 (5781-82)
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.	Thu, Mar. 8	Sun, Feb 24	Sun, Mar. 16	Thu, Mar 5	Thu, Mar 24	Sun, Mar 12	Thur, Mar 1	Thu, Mar 21	Tue, Mar 10	Fri, Feb 26
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, Apr. 7 Sun, Apr. 8 Fri, Apr. 13 Sat, Apr. 14	Tue, Mar.26 Wed, Mar 27 Mon, Apr. 1 Tue, Apr. 2	Tue, Apr 15 Wed, Apr 16 Mon, Apr 21 Tue, Apr 22	Sat, Apr 4 Sun, Apr 5 Fri, Apr 10 Sat, Apr 11	Sat, Apr 23 Sun, Apr 24 Fri, Apr 29 Sat, Apr 30	Tues, Apr 11 Wed, Apr 12 Mon, Apr 17 Tues, Apr 18	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
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 27 Mon, May 28	Wed, May 15 Thu, May. 16	Wed, Jun 4 Thu, Jun 5	Sun, May 24 Mon, May 25	Sun, Jun 12 Mon, Jun 13	Wed, May 31 Thu, Jun 1	Sun, May 20 Mon, May 21	Sat, Jun 9 Sun, Jun 10	Fri, May 29 Sat, May 30	Mon, May 17 Tue, May 18
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.	Mon, Sep.17 Tue, Sep. 18	Thu, Sep. 5 Fri, Sep. 6	Thu, Sep 25 Fri, Sep 26	Mon, Sep 14 Tue, Sep 15	Mon, Oct 3 Tue, Oct 4	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
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.	Wed, Sep.26	Sat, Sep. 14	Sat, Oct 4	Wed, Sep 23	Wed, Oct 12	Sat, Sep 30	Wed, Sep 19	Wed, Oct 9	Mon, Sep 28	Thu, Sep 16
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.	Mon, Oct. 1 Tue, Oct. 2	Thu, Sep. 19 Fri, Sep. 20	Thu, Oct 9 Fri, Oct 10	Mon, Sep 28 Tue, Sep 29	Mon, Oct 17 Tue, Oct 18	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
SHIMINI ATZERET (8TH DAY OF ASSEMBLY) <i>Tishri 22</i> The Synagogue service includes the Tefillat Geshem, a prayer for rain.	Mon, Oct. 8	Thu, Sep. 26	Thu, Oct 16	Mon, Oct 5	Mon, Oct 24	Mon, Oct 12	Mon, Oct 1	Mon, Oct 21	Sat, Oct 10	Tue, Sep 28
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.	Tue, Oct. 9	Fri, Sep. 27	Fri, Oct 17	Tue, Oct 6	Tue, Oct 25	Tue, Oct 13	Tue, Oct 2	Tue, Oct 22	Sun, Oct 11	Wed, Sep 29
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.	Sun, Dec. 9 to Sun, Dec. 16	Thu, Nov. 28 to Thu, Dec. 5	Wed, Dec 17 to Wed, Dec 24	Mon, Dec 7 to Mon, Dec 14	Sun, Dec 25 to Sun, Jan 1	Wed, Dec 13 to Wed, Dec 20	Wed, Dec 3 to Wed, Dec 10	Mon, Dec 23 to Mon, Dec 30	Fri, Dec 11 to Fri, Dec 18	Mon, Nov 29 to Mon, Dec 6

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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