

EXPLANATION OF HOLIDAYS

SHABBAT

The Jewish Sabbath is observed every week from sunset on Friday through sunset on 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 on Shabbat.

ROSH HASHANAH

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

YOM KIPPUR

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

SUKKOT

Seven-day harvest and thanksgiving festival. The first two days are observed as holy days, with school and work prohibitions.

SHEMINI ATZERET

Eighth and final day of Sukkot.

SIMCHAT TORAH

Celebrates the completion of the yearly cycle of reading the Hebrew Bible (Torah) and the beginning of the next cycle.

HANUKKAH*

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 exodus of Jews from slavery in Egypt. The first two and last two days are observed as holy days, with school and work prohibitions.

SHAVUOT

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

Holidays in **RED** and **BLUE** have school and work prohibitions.

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

Our shared community is multicultural and diverse. One of the ways we demonstrate respect for each other is by scheduling around holidays to ensure equity, inclusion, and belonging. Please use this calendar when planning meetings, events, and academic deadlines to help ensure Jewish community members are able to be included.

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



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5-YEAR JEWISH HOLIDAY CALENDAR

2026-2031

Hebrew Calendar Years 5787-5791

A PLANNING & SCHEDULING GUIDE FOR:

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5-YEAR CALENDAR OF MAJOR JEWISH HOLIDAYS & RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCES

Red = HIGH HOLY DAYS

Expect virtually all Jewish students and staff to be absent.

Blue = HOLY DAYS

Expect some Jewish students and staff to be absent.

On major holidays, work is traditionally prohibited. Jewish individuals may be absent from work and school.

*It is permissible to go to work and attend school on Chanukah and Purim.

SHABBAT The Jewish Sabbath	Every Friday eve through Saturday eve	Every Friday eve through Saturday eve	Every Friday eve through Saturday eve	Every Friday eve through Saturday eve	Every Friday eve through Saturday eve
Hebrew Calendar Year	5787	5788	5789	5790	5791
FALL	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
ROSH HASHANAH Jewish New Year	SEPTEMBER 12–13 Saturday–Sunday Begins at sunset Sept. 11	OCTOBER 2–3 Saturday–Sunday Begins at sunset Oct. 1	SEPTEMBER 21–22 Thursday–Friday Begins at sunset Sept. 20	SEPTEMBER 10–11 Monday–Tuesday Begins at sunset Sept. 9	SEPTEMBER 28–29 Saturday–Sunday Begins at sunset Sept. 27
YOM KIPPUR Day of Atonement	SEPTEMBER 21 Monday Begins at sunset Sept. 20	OCTOBER 11 Monday Begins at sunset Oct. 10	SEPTEMBER 30 Saturday Begins at sunset Sept. 29	SEPTEMBER 19 Wednesday Begins at sunset Sept. 18	OCTOBER 7 Monday Begins at sunset Oct. 6
SUKKOT First 2 days are Holy Days with Prohibitions	SEPTEMBER 26–OCTOBER 2 Saturday–Friday Begins at sunset Sept. 25	OCTOBER 16–22 Saturday–Friday Begins at sunset Oct. 15	OCTOBER 5–11 Thursday–Wednesday Begins at sunset Oct. 4	SEPTEMBER 24–30 Monday–Sunday Begins at sunset Sept. 23	OCTOBER 12–18 Saturday–Friday Begins at sunset Oct. 11
SHEMENI ATZERET & SIMCHAT TORAH Closing of High Holidays	OCTOBER 3–4 Saturday–Sunday Begins at sunset Oct. 2	OCTOBER 23–24 Saturday–Sunday Begins at sunset Oct. 22	OCTOBER 12–13 Thursday–Friday Begins at sunset Oct. 11	OCTOBER 1–2 Monday–Tuesday Begins at sunset Sept. 30	OCTOBER 19–20 Saturday–Sunday Begins at sunset Oct. 18
HANUKKAH* Festival of Lights	DECEMBER 5–12 Saturday–Saturday Begins at sunset Dec. 4	DECEMBER 25–JANUARY 1 Saturday–Saturday Begins at sunset Dec. 24	DECEMBER 13–20 Wednesday–Wednesday Begins at sunset Dec. 12	DECEMBER 2–9 Sunday–Sunday Begins at sunset Dec. 1	DECEMBER 21–28 Saturday–Saturday Begins at sunset Dec. 20
SPRING	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
PURIM* Festival of Esther	MARCH 23 Tuesday Begins at sunset March 22	MARCH 12 Sunday Begins at sunset March 11	MARCH 1 Thursday Begins at sunset Feb. 28	MARCH 19 Tuesday Begins at sunset March 18	MARCH 9 Sunday Begins at sunset March 8
PASSOVER First 2 and Last 2 days are Holy Days with Prohibitions	APRIL 22–29 Thursday–Thursday Begins at sunset April 21	APRIL 11–18 Tuesday–Tuesday Begins at sunset April 10	MARCH 31–APRIL 7 Saturday–Saturday Begins at sunset March 30	APRIL 18–25 Thursday–Thursday Begins at sunset April 17	APRIL 8–15 Tuesday–Tuesday Begins at sunset April 7
SHAVUOT Feast of Weeks	JUNE 11–12 Friday–Saturday Begins at sunset June 10	MAY 31– JUNE 1 Wednesday–Thursday Begins at sunset May 30	MAY 20–21 Sunday–Monday Begins at sunset May 19	JUNE 7–8 Friday–Saturday Begins at sunset June 6	MAY 28–29 Wednesday–Thursday Begins at sunset May 27

This calendar is also available online at MilwaukeeJewish.org/jewish-holiday-calendar