

EXPLANATION OF HOLIDAYS

ROSH HASHANAH

Jewish New Year; marks the beginning of the period considered the High Holy Days.

YOM KIPPUR

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

SUKKOT

Eight-day harvest and thanksgiving festival.

SHEMINI ATZERET

The final day of Sukkot.

SIMCHAT TORAH

Joyous holiday that marks 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, commemorating the rededication of the ancient Temple in Jerusalem.

PURIM*

Festive holiday commemorates the rescue of the Jewish community in ancient Persia based on the Book of Esther.

PESACH (PASSOVER)

Eight-day festival that celebrates the exodus of Jews from slavery in Egypt. The first two and last two days are observed as holy days.

SHAVUOT

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

SHABBAT

The Jewish Sabbath is observed every Friday evening to Saturday evening. Observant Jews refrain from work to devote time to prayer, reflection, and rest.

Dates in **red** are **High Holy Days**.

Dates in **blue** are **Holy Days**.

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

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Judaism & Jewish History

- Institute for Curriculum Services
- My Jewish Learning
- Jewish Virtual Library

Holocaust Education

- U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum
- Facing History & Ourselves
- Yad Vashem

ABOUT THE INDIANAPOLIS JCRC

Since 1942, the JCRC has been the public affairs and community relations arm of the organized Jewish community. We work to build consensus on public affairs issues and translate these positions into community action and partnerships with civic leaders, public officials, and interfaith and intergroup communities.

Our mission has been to safeguard the rights of Jews in the U.S., Israel, and around the world, by combating antisemitism through relationship-building and education. JCRC works to protect and promote a just American society, one that is democratic and pluralistic.

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5 YEAR JEWISH HOLIDAY CALENDAR 2024-2029

Hebrew Calendar Years 5785-5789

A planning & scheduling guide for:

- School Administrators
- Teachers and Coaches
- Government Agencies
- Private Employers



5- YEAR CALENDAR OF MAJOR JEWISH HOLIDAYS & RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCES

This 5-year calendar of Jewish holidays has been prepared by the **Jewish Community Relations Council** as an aid for planning and scheduling events (tests, examinations, assemblies, conferences, athletic events, tournaments, open houses, registrations, etc.) in an attempt to minimize conflicts that involve the absence of Jewish students and personnel.

All dates in red are HIGH HOLY DAYS: Expect virtually all Jewish students/employees to be absent.

All dates in blue are HOLY DAYS: Expect some Jewish students/employees to be absent.

Some Jews will not participate in events during Shabbat. Hanukkah and Purim do not require an absence from school or work.

Hebrew Calendar Year	5785	5786	5787	5788	5789
SHABBAT Jewish Sabbath	Every Friday eve thru Saturday eve	Every Friday eve thru Saturday eve	Every Friday eve thru Saturday eve	Every Friday eve thru Saturday eve	Every Friday eve thru Saturday eve
FALL	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
ROSH HASHANAH Jewish New Year	October 2 - 4 Wed. eve - Fri. eve	September 22 - 24 Mon. eve - Wed. eve	September 11 - 13 Fri. eve - Sun. eve	October 1 - 3 Fri. eve - Sun. eve	September 20 - 22 Wed. eve - Fri. eve
YOM KIPPUR Day of Atonement	October 11 - 12 Fri. eve - Sat. eve	October 1 - 2 Wed. eve - Thurs. eve	September 20 - 21 Sun. eve - Mon. eve	October 10 - 11 Sun. eve - Mon. eve	September 29 - 30 Fri. eve - Sat. eve
SUKKOT Beginning of the Feast of Tabernacles	October 16 - 18 Wed. eve - Fri. eve	October 6 - 8 Mon. eve - Wed. eve	September 25 - 27 Fri. eve - Sun. eve	October 15 - 17 Fri. eve - Sun. eve	October 4 - 6 Wed. eve - Fri. eve
SHEMINI ATZERET & SIMCHAT TORAH Closing of High Holidays	October 23 - 25 Wed. eve - Fri. eve	October 13 - 15 Mon. eve - Wed. eve	October 2 - 4 Fri. eve - Sun. eve	October 22 - 24 Fri. eve - Sun. eve	October 11 - 13 Wed. eve - Fri. eve
HANUKKAH* Festival of Lights	December 25 - January 2 Wed. eve - Thurs. eve	December 14 - 22 Sun. eve - Mon. eve	December 4 - 12 Fri. eve - Sat. eve	December 24 - January 1 Fri. eve - Sat. eve	December 12 - 20 Tues. eve - Wed. eve
SPRING	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
PURIM* Festival of Esther	March 13 - 14 Thurs. eve - Fri. eve	March 2 - 3 Mon. eve - Tues. eve	March 22 - 23 Mon. eve - Tues. eve	March 11 - 12 Sat. eve - Sun. eve	February 28 - March 1 Wed. eve - Thurs. eve
PESACH (PASSOVER) Beginning of Passover	April 12 - 14 Sat. eve - Mon. eve	April 1 - 3 Wed. eve - Fri. eve	April 21 - 23 Wed. eve - Fri. eve	April 10 - 12 Mon. eve - Wed. eve	March 30 - April 1 Fri. eve - Sun. eve
PESACH (PASSOVER) End of Passover	April 18 - 20 Fri. eve - Sun. eve	April 7 - 9 Tue. eve - Thurs. eve	April 27 - 29 Tue. eve - Thurs. eve	April 16 - 18 Sun. eve - Tues. eve	April 5 - 7 Thurs. eve - Sat. eve
SHAVUOT Feast of Weeks	June 1 - 3 Sun. eve - Tues. eve	May 21 - 23 Thurs. eve - Sat. eve	June 10 - 12 Thurs. eve - Sat. eve	May 30 - June 1 Tues. eve - Thurs. eve	May 19 - May 21 Sat. eve - Mon. eve

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