

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 Torah (Five Books of Moses) and the beginning of the next cycle.

HANUKKAH*

Eight-day Festival of Lights that commemorates the rededication of the Second Temple in Jerusalem.

PURIM*

Festive holiday that 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**.

***Generally do not require an absence from school or work**

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, democratic, and pluralistic American society.

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5 YEAR JEWISH HOLIDAY CALENDAR 2026-2031

Hebrew Calendar Years 5787-5791

Planning & Scheduling Guide:

- Schools & Universities
- Teachers & Coaches
- Government Agencies
- Employers



5- YEAR CALENDAR OF MAJOR JEWISH HOLIDAYS & RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCES

The calendar below is intended to help schools, employers, and organizations minimize scheduling conflicts that may require Jewish students and staff to choose between religious observance and participation in important events, including exams, athletic competitions, performances, after-school activities, meetings, trainings, and other school, workplace, or community events. Dates shown are for Jewish observance outside of Israel. All holidays begin at sundown on the first date listed and conclude at sundown on the last date listed.

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; however, scheduling major events and programs on these dates should still be avoided.

Shabbat (Jewish Sabbath) begins every Friday at sundown and concludes after nightfall on Saturday. Many observant Jews will not attend events, competitions, performances, or meetings during this time.

Hebrew Calendar Year	5787	5788	5789	5790	5791
FALL	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
ROSH HASHANAH Jewish New Year	September 11 - 13 Fri. eve - Sun. eve	October 1 - 3 Fri. eve - Sun. eve	September 20 - 22 Wed. eve - Fri. eve	September 9 - 11 Sun. eve - Tues. eve	September 27 - 29 Fri. eve - Sun. eve
YOM KIPPUR Day of Atonement	September 20 - 21 Sun. eve - Mon. eve	October 10 - 11 Sun. eve - Mon. eve	September 29 - 30 Fri. eve - Sat. eve	September 18 - 19 Tue. eve - Wed. eve	October 6 - 7 Sun. eve - Mon. eve
SUKKOT Beginning of the Feast of Tabernacles	September 25 - 27 Fri. eve - Sun. eve	October 15 - 17 Fri. eve - Sun. eve	October 4 - 6 Wed. eve - Fri. eve	October 23 - 25 Sun. eve - Tues. eve	October 11 - 13 Fri. eve - Sun. eve
SHEMINI ATZERET & SIMCHAT TORAH Closing of High Holidays	October 2 - 4 Fri. eve - Sun. eve	October 22 - 24 Fri. eve - Sun. eve	October 11 - 13 Wed. eve - Fri. eve	September 30 - October 2 Sun. eve - Tues. eve	October 18 - 20 Fri. eve - Sun. eve
HANUKKAH* Festival of Lights	December 4 - 12 Fri. eve - Sat. eve	December 24 - January 1 Fri. eve - Sat. eve	December 12 - 20 Tues. eve - Wed. eve	December 1 - 9 Sat. eve - Sun. eve	December 20 - 28 Fri. eve - Sat. eve
SPRING	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
PURIM* Festival of Esther	March 22 - 23 Mon. eve - Tues. eve	March 11 - 12 Sat. eve - Sun. eve	February 28 - March 1 Wed. eve - Thurs. eve	March 18 - 19 Mon. eve - Tues. eve	March 8 - 9 Sat. eve - Sun. eve
PESACH (PASSOVER) First days	April 21 - 23 Wed. eve - Fri. eve	April 10 - 12 Mon. eve. - Wed. eve	March 30 - April 1 Fri. eve. - Sun. eve	April 17 - 19 Wed. eve. - Fri. eve	April 7 - 9 Mon. eve - Wed. eve
PESACH (PASSOVER) Last days	April 27 - 29 Tues. eve - Thurs. eve	April 16 - 18 Sun. eve - Tues. eve	April 5 - 7 Thurs. eve - Sat eve	April 23 - 25 Tues. eve - Thurs. eve	April 13 - 15 Sun. eve - Tues. eve
SHAVUOT Feast of Weeks	June 10 - 12 Thurs. eve - Sat. eve	May 30 - June 1 Tue. eve - Thurs. eve	May 19 - May 21 Sat. eve - Mon. eve	June 6 - 8 Thurs. eve - Sat. eve	May 27 - 29 Tue. eve - Thurs. eve

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