

JEWISH HOLIDAY CALENDAR 2006-2010

The Jewish Community Relations Council and Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven have prepared this calendar to help you plan events, exams, and other school programs by providing you with an explanation of Jewish holidays and observance dates.

Jewish holidays begin at sundown on the evening before the date noted and conclude at nightfall on the date noted. The Jewish Sabbath begins before sunset on Friday evening and concludes after nightfall on Saturday. Dates of Jewish holidays vary from year to year.

The shaded holidays indicate the dates on which major school-related programs for students, parents and teachers should **not** be scheduled. Jewish students might be absent and Jewish adults might refrain from work.

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ROSH HASHANAH Jewish New Year	Sept. 23 & 24 Sat. & Sun. (starts sunset Sept. 22)	Sept. 13 & 14 Thu. & Fri. (starts sunset Sept. 12)	Sept. 30 & Oct. 1 Tues. & Wed. (starts sunset Sept. 29)	Sept. 19 & 20 Sat. & Sun. (starts sunset Sept. 18)
YOM KIPPUR Day of Atonement. Most solemn of Jewish holy days, devoted to fasting and prayer.	October 2 Monday (starts sunset Oct. 1)	September 22 Saturday (starts sunset Sept. 21)	October 9 Thursday (starts sunset Oct. 8)	September 28 Monday (starts sunset Sept. 27)
SUKKOT Festival of Booths. Commemorates the wanderings of the ancient Israelites in the wilderness and giving thanks for a good harvest.	October 7 & 8 Sat. & Sun. (starts sunset Oct. 6)	Sept. 27 & 28 Thu. & Fri. (starts sunset Sept. 26)	October 14 & 15 Tues. & Wed. (starts sunset Oct. 13)	October 3 & 4 Sat. & Sun. (starts sunset Oct. 2)
SHEMINI ATZERET Eighth and final day of Sukkot.	October 14 Saturday (starts sunset Oct. 13)	October 4 Thursday (starts sunset Oct. 3)	October 21 Tuesday (starts sunset Oct. 20)	October 10 Saturday (starts sunset Oct. 9)
SIMCHAT TORAH Rejoicing in the Torah. Reading of the Torah is completed and begun anew.	October 15 Sunday (starts sunset Oct. 14)	October 5 Friday (starts sunset Oct. 4)	October 22 Wednesday (starts sunset Oct. 21)	October 11 Sunday (starts sunset Oct. 10)
* CHANUKAH Festival of Lights. Recalls the story of the Maccabees overcoming their foes, the many being delivered into the hands of the few, and the miracle of one day's oil burning for eight days in the Temple's Lamp of Eternal Light.	Dec. 16 – Dec. 23 Sat. – Sat. (starts sunset Dec. 15)	Dec. 5 – Dec. 12 Wed. – Wed. (starts sunset Dec. 4)	Dec. 22 – Dec. 29 Mon-Mon (starts sunset Dec. 21)	Dec. 12 – Dec. 19 Sat. – Sat. (starts sunset Dec. 11)
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* PURIM Feast of Lots. Marks the defeat of the wicked Haman by Mordecai and Esther.	March 4 Sunday (starts sunset Mar. 3)	March 21 Friday (starts sunset Mar. 20)	March 10 Tuesday (starts sunset Mar. 9)	February 28 Sunday (starts sunset Feb. 27)
PESACH (PASSOVER) Commemorates the Israelites' Exodus from Egyptian slavery to freedom. Only unleavened foods are eaten. The first two days and the last two days are observed as holy days.	April 3 & 4 Tues. & Wed. (starts sunset Apr. 2) April 9 & 10 Mon. & Tues. (starts sunset Apr. 8)	April 20 & 21 Sun. & Mon. (starts sunset Apr. 19) April 26 & 27 Sat. & Sun. (starts sunset Apr. 25)	April 9 & 10 Thu & Friday (starts sunset Apr. 8) April 15 & 16 Wed. & Thurs. (starts sunset Apr. 14)	March 30 & 31 Tues. & Wed. (starts sunset Mar. 29) Apr. 5 & 6 Mon. & Tues. (starts sunset Apr. 4)
SHAVUOT Feast of Weeks. Commemorates the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai.	May 23 & 24 Wed. & Thurs. (starts sunset May 22)	June 9 & 10 Mon. & Tue. (starts sunset June 8)	May 29 & 30 Fri. & Sat. (starts sunset May 28)	May 19 & 20 Wed. & Thurs. (starts sunset May 18)

	SPRING (March – May)	SUMMER (June – August)	FALL (Sept. – Nov.)	WINTER (Dec. – Feb.)
SHABBAT The Jewish Sabbath. Begins each Friday at sunset and ends each Saturday at sunset. A holy day of rest.	Each Friday, begins as early as 5:25 p.m.	Each Friday, begins as early as 7:15 p.m.	Each Friday, begins as early as 4:05 p.m.	Each Friday, begins as early as 4:00 p.m.

* Note: Purim and Chanukah do not require cessation from daily routines, but major school-related programs should not be scheduled on the first nights.

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