

Jewish Holy Day and Festival Calendar - 2007-2016 (5767-5776)

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.	2007 (5767-68)	2008 (5768-69)	2009 (5769-70)	2010 (5770-71)	2011 (5771-72)	2012 (5772-73)	2013 (5773-74)	2014 (5774-75)	2015 (5774-75)	2016 (5774-75)
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.	Sun, Mar. 4	Fri, Mar. 21	Tue, Mar. 10	Sun, Feb. 28	Sun, Mar. 20	Thu, Mar. 8	Sun, Feb. 24	Sun, Mar. 16	Thu, Mar. 5	Thu, Mar. 24
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.	Tue, Apr. 3 Wed, Apr. 4 Mon, Apr. 9 Tue, Apr. 10	Sun, Apr. 20 Mon, Apr. 21 Sat, Apr. 26 Sun, Apr. 27	Thu, Apr. 9 Fri, Apr. 10 Wed, Apr. 15 Thu, Apr. 16	Tue, Mar. 30 Wed Mar 31 Mon, Apr. 5 Tue, Apr. 6	Tue, Apr. 19 Wed, Apr. 20 Mon, Apr. 25 Tue, Apr. 26	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 Sat, Apr 10 Sun, Apr 11	Sat, Apr 23 Sun, Apr 24 Sat, Apr 29 Sun, Apr 30
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.	Wed, May 23 Thu, May. 24	Mon, June 9 Tue, Jun 10	Fri, May 29 Sat, May 30	Wed, May 19 Thu, May. 20	Wed, Jun. 8 Thu, Jun. 9	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
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.	Thu, Sep. 13 Fri, Sep. 14	Tue, Sep. 30 Wed, Oct. 1	Sat, Sep. 19 Sun, Sep. 20	Thu, Sep. 9 Fri, Sep. 10	Thu, Sep. 29 Fri, Sep. 30	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
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.	Sat, Sep. 22	Thu, Oct. 9	Mon, Sep. 28	Sat, Sep. 18	Sat, Oct. 8	Wed, Sep. 26	Sat, Sep. 14	Sat, Oct 4	Wed, Sep 23	Wed, Oct 12
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.	Thu, Sep. 27 Fri, Sep. 28	Tue, Oct. 14 Wed, Oct. 15	Sat, Oct. 3 Sun, Oct. 4	Thu, Sep. 23 Fri, Sep. 24	Thu, Oct 13 Fri, Oct. 14	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
SHIMINI ATZERET (8TH DAY OF ASSEMBLY) <i>Tishri 22</i> The Synagogue service includes the Tefillat Geshem, a prayer for rain.	Thu, Oct 4	Tue, Oct. 21	Sat, Oct. 10	Thu, Sep. 30	Thu, Oct. 20	Mon, Oct. 8	Thu, Sep. 26	Thu, Oct 16	Mon, Oct 5	Mon, Oct 24
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.	Fri, Oct 5	Wed, Oct. 22	Sun, Oct. 11	Fri, Oct. 1	Fri, Oct. 21	Tue, Oct. 9	Fri, Sep. 27	Fri, Oct 17	Tue, Oct 6	Tues, Oct 25
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.	Wed, Dec. 5 to Wed, Dec. 12	Mon, Dec. 22 to Mon, Dec. 29	Sat, Dec. 12 to Sat, Dec. 19	Thu, Dec. 2 to Thu, Dec. 9	Wed, Dec. 21 to Wed, Dec. 28	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

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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