

# Jewish Holy Day Calendar

A calendar to help parents, teachers and school administrators plan their academic year around the Jewish Holy Days



The Jewish religion celebrates a number of holy days which are marked by religious observance. These days occur according to the Jewish calendar. The Jewish holy days fall on different dates from year to year within the Gregorian calendar.

Traditional celebration of Jewish holy days calls for abstaining from work, school, and other everyday activities, and for participating in religious observances. Jewish holidays begin at sunset on the evening preceding the holiday. See other side for a helpful calendar and explanation of each of these Jewish Holy Days.



## Scheduling School Activities

The law requires schools to provide make-up opportunities for students who are absent due to religious observance. However, there would be less disruption for students and teachers if the major Jewish holy days were taken into account in the scheduling of exams, field trips, and major assignments. Non-academic activities such as back-to-school nights, concerts, photo days, school dances, etc., are also important to students, parents and teachers.

The attached calendar reflects the most widely observed holidays by the majority of the Jewish community in Lane County, but it is not exhaustive. Individual students may be more traditionally observant and require more accommodation than what is listed here.

**Please check the Jewish Holy Day calendar (see other side) when scheduling school or other activities.**



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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON JEWISH HOLIDAYS

(Holidays begin at sundown on the first date specified and end at nightfall on the last date specified.)

**Major Holidays: Please avoid scheduling important events during the evening or day.**

Holiday	2023-2024	2024-2025
<b>Rosh Hashanah</b> is the beginning of the new year. It is the first day of the High Holy Days.	Fri Sept 15 – Sun Sept 17	Wed Oct 2 – Fri Oct 4
<b>Yom Kippur</b> is the holiest day of the Jewish year. It marked by fasting and prayer.	Sun Sept 24 – Mon Sept 25	Fri Oct 11 – Sat Oct 12

**Important Holidays: Please avoid scheduling events during the evening**

<b>Passover</b> celebrates the liberation of Jews from Egyptian bondage. The seder is the ritual meal that occurs on the eves of the first two days of Passover.	Mon April 22 – Tues April 23	Sat April 12 – Sun April 13
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### Other Important Holidays

<b>Purim</b> commemorates a time when the Jewish people living in Persia were saved from extermination.	Sat March 23 – Sun March 24	Thurs March 13 – Fri March 14
<b>Shavuot</b> celebrates the covenant established at Mount Sinai between God and the Jewish people, and the revelation of the Ten Commandments.	Tues June 11– Thurs June 13	Sun June 1 – Tues June 4
<b>Sukkot</b> (or the festival of Booths) is the eight-day Jewish festival of thanksgiving and harvest.	Fri Sept 29 – Sun Oct 1	Thurs Oct 16 – Sat Oct 18
<b>Shemini Atzeret</b> is the eighth and final day of Sukkot, on which special memorial prayers are said.	Fri Oct 6 – Sun Oct 8	Thurs Oct 23 – Fri Oct 24
<b>Simchat Torah</b> celebrates the conclusion of the public reading of the five books of Moses.	Sat Oct 7 – Sun Oct 8	Fri Oct 24 – Sat Oct 25
<b>Hanukkah</b> is a Jewish holiday commemorating the rededication of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem. It is observed for eight days.	Thurs Dec 7 – Fri Dec 15	Wed Dec 25 – Thurs Jan 2