

ROSH HASHANA

The Jewish **NEW YEAR** marks the beginning of the Ten Days of Penitance which conclude on Yom Kippur.

YOM KIPPUR

The **DAY OF ATONEMENT** is the most solemn of Holy Days in the Jewish calendar. It is devoted to fasting and prayer as Jews strive to reaffirm their faith so it may be a guiding force in daily life.

SUKKOT

The **FESTIVAL OF TABERNACLES** is the fall harvest festival of thanksgiving, deriving its name from the tabernacle or booth dwellings used by ancient Israelites during the harvest.

SHEMINI ATZERET

The eighth day of Sukkot marks the conclusion of the Holy Season.

SIMHAT TORAH

REJOICING FOR THE TORAH celebrates the conclusion of the year-long cycle of reading the Five Books of Moses and the beginning of a new year.

PURIM

Based on the biblical Book of Esther, **PURIM** celebrates the foiling of a plot to kill the Jews in ancient Persia.

PESACH (PASSOVER)

The **FESTIVAL OF FREEDOM** celebrates the deliverance of the ancient Israelites from Egyptian bondage.

SHAVU'OT

The **FESTIVAL OF WEEKS** observes the Giving of the Torah commemorating ancient Israel's acceptance of the Torah and its obligations.

HANUKAH

The **FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS** commemorates the rededication (*hanukah*) of the Temple in Jerusalem by Judah Maccabee in 165 B.C.E.

A Note on Jewish Observance

The Jewish Sabbath (Shabbat) is observed from Friday sundown until Saturday evening each week. All Jewish religious observances begin on the evening before the date indicated on conventional calendars and conclude on a subsequent evening.

There is a wide variation of religious practice among Jews; therefore, some students and staff members will be absent for religious purposes more than others. The dates of Jewish religious observances will be different each year. Because the Jewish calendar is a lunar/solar calendar, the dates of these holy days will vary from year to year on-the Gregorian calendar.

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SEVEN-YEAR CALENDAR OF MAJOR JEWISH RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCES 2005 - 2012



A Guide in Planning and Scheduling for

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- ▶ Government Agencies
- ▶ Private Employers

This calendar is presented by the Jewish Community Relations Council of San Francisco, the Peninsula, Marin, Sonoma, Alameda, and Contra Costa Counties. JCRC is the public affairs arm of the organized Jewish community. Included in its membership are more than 70 organizations – religious, philanthropic, health, welfare and human relations – in the Bay Area.

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This seven-year calendar of the Jewish Holy Days has been prepared as an aid for the planning and scheduling of school events (e.g., graduations, examinations, registrations, assemblies, athletic events, open houses and conferences) in order to minimize conflicts which involve the absence of Jewish students and personnel. Government agencies and private employers may also find this calendar helpful.

FALL/WINTER HOLY DAYS	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
ROSH HASHANA JEWISH NEW YEAR							
<u>Evenings of Observance</u>	Oct. 3, 4 (Mon., Tue.)	Sept. 22, 23 (Fri., Sat.)	Sept. 12, 13 (Wed., Thu.)	Sept. 29, 30 (Mon., Tue.)	Sept. 18, 19 (Fri., Sat.)	Sept. 8, 9 (Wed., Thu.)	Sept. 28, 29 (Wed., Thu.)
<u>Days of Observance</u>	Oct. 4, 5 (Tue., Wed.)	Sept. 23, 24 (Sat., Sun.)	Sept. 13, 14 (Thur., Fri.)	Sept. 30, Oct. 1 (Tue., Wed.)	Sept. 19, 20 (Sat., Sun.)	Sept. 9, 10 (Thu., Fri.)	Sept. 29, 30 (Thu., Fri.)
YOM KIPPUR DAY OF ATONEMENT							
<u>Evening of Observance</u>	Oct. 12 (Wed.)	Oct. 1 (Sun.)	Sept. 21 (Fri.)	Oct. 8 (Wed.)	Sept. 27 (Sun.)	Sept. 17 (Fri.)	Oct. 7 (Fri.)
<u>Day of Observance</u>	Oct. 13 (Thu.)	Oct. 2 (Mon.)	Sept. 22 (Sat.)	Oct. 9 (Thu.)	Sept. 28 (Mon.)	Sept. 18 (Sat.)	Oct. 8 (Sat.)
SUKKOT FESTIVAL OF TABERNACLES							
<u>Evenings of Observance</u>	Oct. 17, 18 (Mon., Tue.)	Oct. 6, 7 (Fri., Sat.)	Sept. 26, 27 (Wed., Thu.)	Oct. 13, 14 (Mon., Tue.)	Oct. 2, 3 (Fri., Sat.)	Sept. 22, 23 (Wed., Thu.)	Oct. 12, 13 (Wed., Thu.)
<u>Days of Observance</u>	Oct. 18, 19 (Tue., Wed.)	Oct. 7, 8 (Sat., Sun.)	Sept. 27, 28 (Thu., Fri.)	Oct. 14, 15 (Tue., Wed.)	Oct. 3, 4 (Sat., Sun.)	Sept. 23, 24 (Thu., Fri.)	Oct. 13, 14 (Thu., Fri.)
SHEMINI ATZERET 8TH DAY OF SUKKOT							
SIMHAT TORAH REJOICING FOR THE TORAH							
<u>Evenings of Observance</u>	Oct. 24, 25 (Mon., Tue.)	Oct. 13, 14 (Fri., Sat.)	Oct. 3, 4 (Wed., Thu.)	Oct. 20, 21 (Mon., Tue.)	Oct. 16, 17 (Fri., Sat.)	Sept. 29, 30 (Wed., Thu.)	Oct. 19, 20 (Wed., Thu.)
<u>Days of Observance</u>	Oct. 25, 26 (Tue., Wed.)	Oct. 14, 15 (Sat., Sun.)	Oct. 4, 5 (Thu., Fri.)	Oct. 21, 22 (Tue., Wed.)	Oct. 17, 18 (Sat., Sun.)	Sept. 30, Oct. 1 (Thu., Fri.)	Oct. 20, 21 (Thu., Fri.)
CHANUKAH FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS							
<u>Evenings of Observance</u>	Dec. 25-Jan. 1	Dec. 15-22	Dec. 4-11	Dec. 21-28	Dec. 11-18	Dec. 1-8	Dec. 20-27
<i>No absence from school required.</i>							
SPRING HOLY DAYS	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
PURIM							
<u>Day of Observance</u>	Mar. 14 (Tue.)	Mar. 4 (Sun.)	Mar. 21 (Fri.)	Mar. 10 (Tue.)	Feb. 28 (Sun.)	Mar. 20 (Sun.)	Mar. 8 (Thu.)
PESACH PASSOVER							
<u>Evenings of Observance</u>	Apr. 12, 13 (Wed., Thu.)	Apr. 2, 3 (Mon., Tue.)	Apr. 19, 20 (Sat., Sun.)	Apr. 8, 9 (Wed., Thu.)	Mar. 29, 30 (Mon., Tue.)	Apr. 18, 19 (Mon., Tue.)	Apr. 6, 7 (Fri., Sat.)
<u>Days of Observance</u>	Apr. 13, 14 (Thu., Fri.)	Apr. 3, 4 (Tue., Wed.)	Apr. 20, 21 (Sun., Mon.)	Apr. 9, 10 (Thu., Fri.)	Mar. 30, 31 (Tue., Wed.)	Apr. 19, 20 (Tue., Wed.)	Apr. 7, 8 (Sat., Sun.)
<u>Concluding Evenings of Observance</u>	Apr. 18, 19 (Tue., Wed.)	Apr. 8, 9 (Sun., Mon.)	Apr. 25, 26 (Fri., Sat.)	Apr. 14, 15 (Tue., Wed.)	Apr. 4, 5 (Sun., Mon.)	Apr. 24, 25 (Sun., Mon.)	Apr. 12, 13 (Thu., Fri.)
<u>Concluding Days of Observance</u>	Apr. 19, 20 (Wed., Thu.)	Apr. 9, 10 (Mon., Tue.)	Apr. 26, 27 (Sat., Sun.)	Apr. 15, 16 (Wed., Thu.)	Apr. 5, 6 (Mon., Tue.)	Apr. 25, 26 (Mon., Tue.)	Apr. 13, 14 (Fri., Sat.)
SHAVU'OT FESTIVAL OF WEEKS							
<u>Evenings of Observance</u>	Jun. 1, 2 (Thu., Fri.)	May 22, 23 (Tue., Wed.)	Jun. 8, 9 (Sun., Mon.)	May 28, 29 (Thu., Fri.)	May 18, 19 (Tue., Wed.)	Jun. 7, 8 (Tue., Wed.)	May 26, 27 (Sat., Sun.)
<u>Days of Observance</u>	Jun. 2, 3 (Fri., Sat.)	May 23, 24 (Wed., Thu.)	Jun. 9, 10 (Mon., Tue.)	May 29, 30 (Fri., Sat.)	May 19, 20 (Wed., Thu.)	Jun. 8, 9 (Wed., Thu.)	May 27, 28 (Sun., Mon.)