

5 YEAR JEWISH HOLIDAY CALENDAR 2016-2020



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Explanation of Holidays

ROSH HASHANAH

Marks the beginning of the Jewish year and the period considered the High Holy Days.

YOM KIPPUR

Day of Atonement and the holiest day of the Jewish year.

SUKKOT

Eight-day harvest and thanksgiving festival.

SHEMINI ATZERET

Eighth and final day of Sukkot.

SIMCHAT TORAH

Concludes the High Holy Days observance.

HANUKAH*

Eight-day festival of lights.

PURIM*

Festive holiday celebrates the rescue of the Jewish community recounted in the Book of Esther.

PESACH

Eight-day festival commemorates the Jewish exodus from Egypt.

SHAVUOT

A two-day festival which commemorates the receiving of the Torah by the Israelites on Mt. Sinai.

SHABBAT

The Jewish Sabbath is observed from sundown Friday to sundown Saturday. It reflects God's rest on the seventh day and is considered to be a day dedicated to prayer, reflection and rest. Observant Jews are unable to participate in certain events on Shabbat.

***It is permissible to work and attend school on these holidays.**

To learn more about Jewish holidays, culture or the Jewish community, contact the Westchester Jewish Council, 914-328-7001 • info@wjcouncil.org
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JEWISH HOLIDAYS

During observance of these major holidays, work is traditionally prohibited. As a result, Jewish individuals may be absent from work and school.
Jewish holidays begin at sunset on the evening preceding the holiday.

| | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
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| ROSH HASHANAH Jewish New Year | October 3, 4 Mon. & Tues. (begins at sunset Oct. 2) | September 21, 22 Thurs. & Fri. (begins at sunset Sept. 20) | September 10, 11 Mon. & Tues. (begins at sunset Sept. 9) | September 30, October 1 Mon. & Tues. (begins at sunset Sept. 29) | September 19, 20 Sat. & Sun. (begins at sunset Sept. 18) |
| YOM KIPPUR Day of Atonement | October 12 Wednesday (begins at sunset Oct. 11) | September 30 Saturday (begins at sunset Sept. 29) | September 19 Wednesday (begins at sunset Sept. 18) | October 9 Wednesday (begins at sunset Oct. 8) | September 28 Monday (begins at sunset Sept. 27) |
| SUKKOT Feast of Tabernacles | October 17, 18 Mon. & Tues. (begins at sunset Oct. 16) | October 5, 6 Thurs. & Fri. (begins at sunset Oct. 4) | September 24, 25 Mon. & Tues. (begins at sunset Sept. 23) | October 14, 15 Mon. & Tues. (begins at sunset Oct. 13) | October 3, 4 Sat. & Sun. (begins at sunset Oct. 2) |
| SHEMINI ATZERET & SIMCHAT TORAH Closing of High Holiday season | October 24, 25 Mon. & Tues. (begins at sunset Oct. 23) | October 12, 13 Thurs. & Fri. (begins at sunset Oct. 11) | October 1, 2 Mon. & Tues. (begins at sunset Sept. 30) | October 21, 22 Mon. & Tues. (begins at sunset Oct. 20) | October 10, 11 Sat. & Sun. (begins at sunset Oct. 9) |
| HANUKAH* Festival of Lights | December 25-January 1 Sun. - Sun. (begins at sunset Dec. 24) | December 13 - 20 Wed. - Wed. (begins at sunset Dec. 12) | December 3 - 10 Mon. - Mon. (begins at sunset Dec. 2) | December 23 - 30 Mon. - Mon. (begins at sunset Dec. 22) | December 11-18 Fri. - Fri. (begins at sunset Dec. 10) |
| | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
| PURIM* Festival of Esther | March 12 Sunday (begins at sunset March 11) | March 1 Thursday (begins at sunset Feb. 28) | March 21 Thursday (begins at sunset March 20) | March 10 Tuesday (begins at sunset March 9) | February 26 Friday (begins at sunset February 25) |
| PESACH Commemorates Exodus of Jewish people from Egypt | April 11 - 18 Tues. - Tues. (begins at sunset April 10) | March 31 - April 7 Sat. - Sat. (begins at sunset March 30) | April 20 - 27 Sat. - Sat. (begins at sunset April 19) | April 9 - 16 Thurs. - Thurs. (begins at sunset April 8) | March 28 - April 4 Sun. - Sun. (begins at sunset March 27) |
| SHAVUOT Festival of Weeks | May 31 - June 1 Wed. & Thurs. (begins at sunset May 30) | May 20, 21 Sun. & Mon. (begins at sunset May 19) | June 9, 10 Sun. - Mon. (begins at sunset June 8) | May 29, 30 Fri. - Sat. (begins at sunset May 28) | May 17, 18 Fri. - Sat. (begins at sunset May 16) |

*It is permissible to go to work and attend school on these holidays. This calendar is also available online at www.wjcouncil.org.

Vision and Mission

The Westchester Jewish Council connects Westchester's Jewish communities and strengthens relationships among Jewish organizations and other ethnic- and faith-based groups, elected officials, Israel, and the community at large.

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