

# 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](mailto: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
<b>ROSH HASHANAH</b> 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)
<b>YOM KIPPUR</b> 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)
<b>SUKKOT</b> 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)
<b>SHEMINI ATZERET &amp; SIMCHAT TORAH</b> 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)
<b>HANUKAH*</b> 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
<b>PURIM*</b> 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)
<b>PESACH</b> 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)
<b>SHAVUOT</b> 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](http://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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