

FIVE YEAR CALENDAR OF MAJOR JEWISH HOLIDAYS & RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCES

This five-year calendar of Jewish holidays has been prepared as an aid for planning and scheduling events (tests, examinations, conferences, assemblies, athletic events, tournaments, open houses, registrations, etc.) in an attempt to minimize conflicts that involve the absence of Jewish students and personnel.

DATES IN RED are High Holy Days: Expect most Jewish students/staff to be absent.

DATES IN BLUE are Holy Days: Expect some Jewish students/staff to be absent.

Hebrew Calendar Year	5785	5786	5787	5788	5789
SHABBAT Jewish Sabbath	Shabbat begins every Friday evening at sundown and concludes Saturday evening when there are three stars in the sky. Some Jews will not participate in events during Shabbat.				
FALL	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
ROSH HASHANAH Jewish New Year	October 2 - 4 Wed. eve - Fri. eve	September 22 - 24 Mon. eve - Wed. eve	September 11 - 13 Fri. eve - Sun. eve	October 1 - 3 Fri. eve - Sun. eve	September 20 - 22 Wed. eve - Fri. eve
YOM KIPPUR Day of Atonement	October 11 - 12 Fri. eve - Sat. eve	October 1 - 2 Wed. eve - Thurs. eve	September 20 - 21 Sun. eve - Mon. eve	October 10 - 11 Sun. eve - Mon. eve	September 29 - 30 Fri. eve - Sat. eve
SUKKOT Beginning of the Feast of Tabernacles	October 16 - 18 Wed. eve - Fri. eve	October 6 - 8 Mon. eve - Wed. eve	September 25 - 27 Fri. eve - Sun. eve	October 15 - 17 Fri. eve - Sun. eve	October 4 - 6 Wed. eve - Fri. eve
SHEMINI ATZERET & SIMCHAT TORAH Closing of High Holidays	October 23 - 25 Wed. eve - Fri. eve	October 13 - 15 Mon. eve - Wed. eve	October 2 - 4 Fri. eve - Sun. eve	October 22 - 24 Fri. eve - Sun. eve	October 11 - 13 Wed. eve - Fri. eve
HANUKKAH* Festival of Lights	December 25 - January 2 Wed. eve - Thurs. eve	December 14 - 22 Sun. eve - Mon. eve	December 4 - 12 Fri. eve - Sat. eve	December 24 - January 1 Fri. eve - Sat. eve	December 12 - 20 Tues. eve - Wed. eve
SPRING	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
PURIM* Festival of Esther	March 13 - 14 Thurs. eve - Fri. eve	March 2 - 3 Mon. eve - Tues. eve	March 22 - 23 Mon. eve - Tues. eve	March 11 - 12 Sat. eve - Sun. eve	February 28 - March 1 Wed. eve - Thurs. eve
PESACH (PASSOVER) Festival of Freedom	April 12 - 14 Sat. eve - Mon. eve April 18 - 20 Fri. eve - Sun. eve	April 1 - 3 Wed. eve - Fri. eve April 7 - 9 Tues. eve - Thurs. eve	April 21 - 23 Wed. eve - Fri. eve April 27 - 29 Tues. eve - Thurs. eve	April 10 - 12 Mon. eve - Wed. eve April 16 - 18 Sun. eve - Tues. eve	March 30 - April 1 Fri. eve - Sun. eve April 5 - 7 Thurs. eve - Sat. eve
SHAVUOT Festival of Weeks	June 1 - 3 Sun. eve - Tues. eve	May 21 - 23 Thurs. eve - Sat. eve	June 10 - 12 Thurs. eve - Sat. eve	May 30 - June 1 Tues. eve - Thurs. eve	May 19 - 21 Sat. eve - Mon. eve

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

EXPLANATION OF HOLIDAYS

FALL

ROSH HASHANAH

Jewish New Year; marks the beginning of a 10-day period considered the High Holy Days.

YOM KIPPUR

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

SUKKOT

Eight-day harvest and thanksgiving festival.

SHEMINI ATZERET

The final day of Sukkot

SIMCHAT TORAH

Joyous holiday that marks the completion of the yearly cycle of reading the Hebrew Bible (Torah) and the beginning of the next cycle.

HANUKKAH*

Eight-day festival of lights commemorating the rededication of the ancient Temple in Jerusalem.

SPRING

PURIM*

Festival holiday commemorates the rescue of the Jewish community in ancient Persia based on the Book of Esther.

PESACH (PASSOVER)

Eight-day festival that celebrates the exodus of Jewish from slavery in Egypt. The first two and the last two days are observed as holy days.

SHAVUOT

Celebrates the receiving of the Torah by the Israelites on Mount Sinai.

SHABBAT

The Jewish Sabbath is observed every Friday evening to Saturday evening. Observant Jews refrain from work to devote time to prayer, reflection, and rest.

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For 120 years, the Buffalo Jewish Federation has been the voice and the backbone of the Jewish community in Western New York. Our mission is to develop and grow sources of funding, convene, support communal infrastructure, and offer Jewish educational and engagement opportunities. In the last five years our mission has expanded to include communal security, addressing antisemitism and efforts to bolster our place in a civil shared society.

Buffalo is home to approximately 10,000 Jews and our constituency is as diverse as any in America. We are old and young, we are secular and religiously observant, we are white, black, queer, straight, and everything in between. We are not a monolith; however, we are part of a collective, with a shared history, (some) shared values and we see ourselves as inexorably linked to the history of our people and to both a North American (2.2% of US population) and global Jewish peoplehood (0.2% of global population).

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