

# Jewish Holidays

## 2020-2021 Academic Year

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Holidays highlighted in red should be avoided

Holidays highlighted in yellow should be given consideration

Holidays highlighted in green involve no work prohibitions

Holiday	Description	Holiday Start	Holiday End	Notes
Rosh Hashanah	Jewish New Year	<b>Sundown Friday, September 18th</b>	<b>Sundown Sunday, September 20th</b>	Days between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are known as the Days of Awe - there is no work prohibition in between the holidays.
Yom Kippur	Day of Atonement	<b>Sundown Sunday, September 27th</b>	<b>Sunday Monday, September 28th</b>	Yom Kippur observance includes a 25-hour fast.
Sukkot	Harvest Festival/ Festival of Booths	<b>Sundown Friday, October 2nd</b>	<b>Sundown Friday, October 9th</b>	The first day (Oct 3rd) is observed as work prohibited for many, and the second day (Oct 4th) is for some - the remainder of the holiday has no work restrictions.
Shemini Atzeret & Simchat Torah	End of Sukkot & Celebration of Torah	<b>Sundown Friday, October 9th</b>	<b>Sundown Sunday, October 11th</b>	These are both work prohibited, although Simchat Torah is more frequently observed and often involves celebrations at synagogue or temple.
Chanukah	Festival of Lights	<b>Sundown Thursday, December 10th</b>	<b>Sundown Friday, December 18th</b>	While observed and celebrated by many Jews, there are no work restrictions involved in the observance.
Purim	Festival of Lots	<b>Sundown Thursday, February 25th</b>	<b>Sundown Friday, February 26th</b>	Celebration of deliverance from harm - celebrated by wearing costumes and eating traditional foods. Not work prohibited.
Passover - First 2 Days	Feast of the Unleavened Bread	<b>Sundown Saturday, March 27th</b>	<b>Sundown Monday, March 29th</b>	A major holiday, commemorating the deliverance from slavery in Egypt. The first two nights, the Seder meal is held. Work is prohibited for the first 2 days.
Passover - Middle Days	Feast of the Unleavened Bread	<b>Sundown Monday, March 29th</b>	<b>Sundown Friday, April 2nd</b>	There are dietary restrictions during all of Passover, however there are no work restrictions during the middle portion of the holiday.
Passover - Last 2 Days	Feast of the Unleavened Bread	<b>Sundown Friday, April 2nd</b>	<b>Sundown Sunday, April 4th</b>	The last two days of Passover are work prohibited, and are observed by some.
Shavuot	Commemoration of the Ten Commandments	<b>Sundown Sunday, May 16th</b>	<b>Sundown Tuesday, May 18th</b>	A work prohibited holiday, observed by some as one-day.
Tish'a B'av	Commemoration of the destruction of the Temple	<b>Sundown Saturday, July 17th</b>	<b>Sundown Sunday, July 18th</b>	Commemoration of the destruction of both Temples. A fast day, but work is not prohibited.

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