

# THREE YEAR CALENDAR OF MAJOR JEWISH HOLIDAYS

TRADITIONAL JEWISH HOLIDAYS NAME AND DESCRIPTION	2009-2010 5770	2010-2011 5771	2011-2012 5772
<b>ROSH HASHANAH</b> : The Jewish New Year; start of the Ten Days of Penitence.	Saturday, Sunday <b>September 19-20</b> Begins September 18 sundown	Thursday, Friday <b>September 9-10</b> Begins September 8 sundown	Thursday, Friday <b>September 29-30</b> Begins September 28 sundown
<b>YOM KIPPUR</b> : Day of Atonement; holiest day of the Jewish year, devoted to fasting, prayer, and repentance.	Monday <b>September 28</b> Begins September 27 sundown	Saturday <b>September 18</b> Begins September 17 sundown	Saturday <b>October 8</b> Begins October 7 sundown
<b>SUKKOT</b> : First two days of Feast of Booths; commemorates the dwelling of the Israelites in booths in the wilderness.	Saturday, Sunday <b>October 3-4</b> Begins October 2 sundown	Thursday, Friday <b>September 23-24</b> Begins September 22 sundown	Thursday, Friday <b>October 13-14</b> Begins October 12 sundown
<b>SHEMINI ATZERET</b> : Conclusion of Sukkot; Eighth Day of Assembly; <b>SIMCHAT TORAH</b> - Rejoicing of the Law.	Saturday, Sunday <b>October 10-11</b> Begins October 9 sundown	Thursday, Friday <b>September 30-October 1</b> Begins September 29 sundown	Thursday, Friday <b>October 20-21</b> Begins October 19 sundown
<b>CHANUKAH (HANUKKAH)</b> : – Festival of Lights; victory of the Maccabees over Antiochus and rededication of the 2nd Temple in 165 BCE.	Saturday-Saturday <b>December 12-19</b> Begins December 11 sundown	Thursday-Thursday <b>December 2-9</b> Begins December 1 sundown	Wednesday-Wednesday <b>December 21-28</b> Begins December 20 sundown
<b>PURIM</b> : Celebrates defeat of a plot to destroy the Jews of Persia. (No work restrictions)	Sunday <b>February 28</b> Begins February 27 sundown	Sunday <b>March 20</b> Begins March 19 sundown	Thursday <b>March 8</b> Begins March 7 sundown
<b>PESACH (PASSOVER) –</b> Deliverance of the Jewish people from Egypt. The Seder service on the first two evenings recounts the story of Exodus.	Tuesday, Wednesday <b>March 30-31</b> Begins March 29 sundown	Tuesday, Wednesday <b>April 19-20</b> Begins April 18 sundown	Saturday, Sunday <b>April 7-8</b> Begins April 6 sundown
<b>PESACH (PASSOVER) –</b> The last two days of Pesach are also observed as full holy days.	Monday, Tuesday <b>April 5-6</b> Begins April 4 sundown	Monday, Tuesday <b>April 25-26</b> Begins April 24 sundown	Friday, Saturday <b>April 13-14</b> Begins April 12 sundown
<b>SHAVUOT</b> : Feast of Weeks; marks the giving of the Law (Torah) at Mount Sinai.	Wednesday, Thursday <b>May 19-20</b> Begins May 18 sundown	Wednesday, Thursday <b>June 8-9</b> Begins June 7 sundown	Sunday, Monday <b>May 27-28</b> Begins May 26 sundown