

# Calendar of Major\* Jewish Holidays for Academic Year 2019-2020

Day		Evening
<b>Rosh HaShanah</b>		
9/29/19		Rosh HaShanah begins
9/30/19	Rosh HaShanah (1st Day)	2nd day festival begins
10/1/19	Rosh HaShanah (2nd Day)	
<b>Yom Kippur</b>		
10/8/19		Yom Kippur begins
10/9/19	Yom Kippur	
<b>Sukkot + Shemini Atzeret + Simchat Torah</b>		
10/13/19		Sukkot begins
10/14/19	Sukkot Festival (1st Day)	2nd day festival begins
10/15/19	Sukkot Festival (2nd Day)	
10/16/19	Sukkot - intermediate day	
10/17/19	Sukkot - intermediate day	
10/18/19	Sukkot - intermediate day	
10/19/19	Sukkot - intermediate day	
10/20/19	Sukkot - last day	Shemini Atzeret begins
10/21/19	Shemini Atzeret	Simchat Torah begins
10/22/19	Simchat Torah	
<b>Hanukkah</b>		
12/22/19		1st night of Hanukkah
12/23/19	Hanukkah - 1st Day	2nd night of Hanukkah
12/24/19	Hanukkah - 2nd Day	3rd night of Hanukkah
12/25/19	Hanukkah - 3rd Day	4th night of Hanukkah
12/26/19	Hanukkah - 4th Day	5th night of Hanukkah
12/27/19	Hanukkah - 5th Day	6th night of Hanukkah
12/28/19	Hanukkah - 6th Day	7th night of Hanukkah
12/29/19	Hanukkah - 7th Day	8th night of Hanukkah
12/30/19	Hanukkah - 8th Day	
<b>Purim</b>		
3/9/20		Purim begins
3/10/20	Purim	
<b>Passover</b>		
4/8/20		Passover begins
4/9/20	Passover (1st Day)	2nd day festival begins
4/10/20	Passover (2nd Day)	
4/11/20	Passover - intermediate day	
4/12/20	Passover - intermediate day	
4/13/20	Passover - intermediate day	
4/14/20	Passover - intermediate day	7th Day begins
4/15/20	Passover (7th day)	8th Day begins
4/16/20	Passover (8th day)	
<b>Shavuot</b>		
5/28/20		Shavuot begins
5/29/20	Shavuot (1st day)	2nd day festival begins
5/30/20	Shavuot (2nd day)	
<b>Tisha b'Av</b>		
7/29/20		Fast of the 9th of Av begins
7/30/20	Fast of the 9th of Av	

Jewish holidays begin at sundown on the evening before the first day.

Days highlighted in yellow are "festival" or "holy" days during which many Jews refrain from all types of work, (and many do not write, travel, or use electronics on such days).

Not all Jews observe these festival days in the same way, and some individuals may be more strict in their observance of one holiday, and less strict for another.

Attending class or taking exams on **any** of the festival/holy days may present a problem for Jewish students, but **the most widely observed days** include:

**Rosh HaShanah, Yom Kippur, and the first days of Passover.**

Efforts to avoid scheduling exams or

\* This calendar does NOT include all Jewish holidays and observances. The Jewish/Hebrew calendar includes numerous minor festivals, as well as several modern commemorative days. The holidays included on this list are those that are most likely to present scheduling conflicts, as well as holidays that it may be helpful to simply be aware of, even if they do not present such conflicts. For a full listing of Jewish holidays and observances, visit <http://www.hebcal.com/holidays/>

