





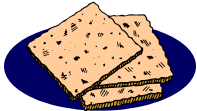



# 5 Year Calendar of Jewish Holy Days for School Years 2008-2013 / 5769 - 5774

		2008/5769	2009/5770	2010/5771	2011/5772	2012/5773
	<b>Shabbat (Sabbath)</b> Observance begins every Friday at sunset and concludes at sunset on Saturday.	Shabbat and all Jewish Holy Days begin at sunset on the "Eve" indicated and conclude at sunset on the last date indicated. We request that these Holy Days and Shabbat be respected when scheduling events.  For additional copies, further information, or assistance please call the Savannah Jewish Federation at 912-355-8111				
	<b>Rosh Hashanah</b> Jewish New Year. Begins Ten Days of Penitence	Sep 29 Mon Eve Sep 30-Oct 1 Tue, Wed	Sep 18 Fri Eve Sep 19-20 Sat, Sun	Sep 8 Wed Eve Sept 9-10 Thu, Fri	Sep 28 Wed Eve Sep 29-30 Thu, Fri	Sep 16 Sun Eve Sep 17-18 Mon, Tue
	<b>Yom Kippur</b> Day of Atonement. The most solemn Holy Day devoted to prayer and fasting.	Oct 8 Wed Eve Oct 9 Thu	Sep 27 Sun Eve Sep 28 Mon	Sep 17 Fri Eve Sep 18 Sat	Oct 7 Fri Eve Oct 8 Sat	Sep 25 Tue Eve Sep 26 Wed
	<b>Sukkot</b> Festival of Booths. Harvest festival of thanksgiving.	Oct 13 Mon Eve Oct 14-15 Tue, Wed	Oct 2 Fri Eve Oct 3-4 Sat, Sun	Sep 22 Wed Eve Sep 23-24 Thu, Fri	Oct 12 Wed Eve Oct 13-14 Thu, Fri	Sep 30 Sun Eve Oct 1-2 Mon, Tue
	<b>Shemini Atzeret</b> Conclusion of Sukkot	Oct 20 Mon Eve Oct 21 Tue	Oct 9 Fri Eve Oct 10 Sat	Sep 29 Wed Eve Sep 30 Thu	Oct 19 Wed Eve Oct 20 Thu	Oct 7 Sun Eve Oct 8 Mon
	<b>Simchat Torah</b> Celebrates the end of the year long cycle of reading of the Torah (5 Books of Moses) .	Oct 21 Tues Eve Oct 22 Wed	Oct 10 Sat Eve Oct 11 Sun	Sep 30 Thu Eve Oct 1 Fri	Oct 20 Thu Eve Oct 21 Fri	Oct 8 Mon Eve Oct 9 Tue
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	<b>Pesach (Passover)</b> Festival of Freedom, recounting the deliverance from slavery. This is an 8 day observance and includes special dietary rules. The first two and last two days are observed as Holy Days	Apr 8 Wed Eve Apr 9-10 Thu, Fri Apr 14 Tue Eve Apr 15-16 Wed, Thu	Mar 29 Mon Eve Mar 30-31 Tue, Wed Apr 4 Sun Eve Apr 5-6 Mon, Tue	Apr 18 Mon Eve Apr 19-20 Tue, Wed Apr 24 Sun Eve Apr 25-26 Mon, Tue	Apr 6 Fri Eve Apr 7-8 Sat, Sun Apr 12 Thu Eve Apr 13-14 Fri, Sat	Mar 25 Mon Eve Mar 26-27 Tue, Wed Mar 31 Sun Eve Apr 1-2 Mon, Tue
	<b>Shavuot</b> Festival of Weeks. Marks giving of the law (Torah) on Mount Sinai	May 28 Mon Eve May 29-30 Fri, Sat	May 18 Tue Eve May 19-20 Wed, Thu	Jun 7 Tue Eve Jun 8-9 Wed, Thu	May 26 Sat Eve May 27-28 Sun, Mon	May 14 Tue Eve May 15-16 Wed, Thu

## FIVE YEAR CALENDAR OF JEWISH HOLY DAYS

This calendar is designed primarily for school personnel as they schedule events and activities such as examinations, assemblies, field trips, special events, evening programs and other activities. The Jewish day begins and ends at sunset, not at midnight. The year is based on a lunar-solar cycle. This is why Jewish holidays always fall on a different calendar day each year. It also explains why consulting most "commercial" calendars for a specific Jewish holiday results in confusion-the holiday really began at sunset the evening before. Abstaining from school, work and other secular activities is part of the observance of the Holy Days listed on the inside of this calendar.

The following Jewish Holidays are not listed within the calendar because their observance *does not* require abstaining from secular activities. These holidays, however, frequently involve family, community, or synagogue events. Sensitivity in avoiding conflicts is always appreciated. Like all Jewish holidays, the following begin and end at sunset; for example, Chanukah, 2009 begins at sunset on Dec 11 and ends at sunset on Dec 19. While calendar-coincident in some years, Chanukah and Christmas are not comparable or related holidays in any way.

### Chanukah

The *Festival of Lights* commemorates the rededication of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem after regaining independence from the Syrians in 165 b.c.e.

2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Dec 21-29	Dec 11-19	Dec 1-9	Dec 20-28	Dec 8-16

### Purim

Celebrates the rescue of Jews in ancient Persia from annihilation

2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Mar 21	Mar 10	Feb 28	Mar 20	Feb 24

### Yom Hashoah

The newest Jewish holy day which commemorates the Holocaust of the 6,000,000 Jews who died at the hands of the Nazis

2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
May 2	Apr 21	Apr 11	May 1	Apr 7

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*If you have any questions or would like assistance finding a speaker for a program, please call us at 912-355-8111.*



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