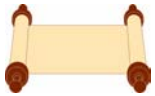
5 Year Calendar of Jewish Holy Days for School Years 2007-2012 / 5767 - 5772

	Shabbat (Sabbath) Observance begins every Friday at sunset concluding at sunset on Saturday.	Shabbat and all Jewish Holy Days begin at sunset extending to the next sunset We request that these Holy Days and Shabbat be respected when scheduling events For further information or assistance please call the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire at 627-7679				
		2007/5768	**2008/5769**	**2009/5770**	**2010/5771**	**2011/5772**
	Rosh Hashanah Jewish New Year. Begins Ten Days of Penitence	**Sep 12** Wed Eve **Sep 13-14** Thu, Fri	**Sep 29** Mon Eve **Sep 30-Oct 1** Tue, Wed	**Sep 18** Fri Eve **Sep 19-20** Sat, Sun	**Sep 8** Wed Eve **Sept 29-30** Thu, Fri	**Sep 28** Wed Eve **Sep 29-30** Thu, Fri
	Yom Kippur Day of Atonement. The most solemn Holy Day devoted to prayer and fasting.	**Sep 21** Fri Eve **Sep 22** Sat	**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
	Sukkot Festival of Booths. Harvest festival of thanksgiving.	**Sep 26** Wed Eve **Sep 27-28** Thu, Fri	**Oct 13** Mon Eve **Oct 14-15** Tue, Wed	**Oct 2** Fri Eve **Oct 3-4** Sat, Sun	**Sep 22** Wed Eve **Sep 23-25** Thu, Fri	**Oct 12** Wed Eve **Oct 13-14** Thu, Fri
	Shemini Atzeret Conclusion of Sukkot	**Oct 3** Wed Eve **Oct 4** Thu	**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
	**Simchat Torah** Celebrates the end of the year long cycle of reading of the Torah (5 Books of Moses) .	**Oct 4** Thu Eve **Oct 5** Fri	**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
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	Pesach (Passover) 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 19** Sat Eve **Apr 20-21** Sun, Mon **Apr 25** Fri Eve **Apr 26-27** Sat, Sun	**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
	Shavuot Festival of Weeks. Marks giving of the law (Torah) on Mount Sinai	**Jun 8** Sun Eve **Jun 9-10** Mon, Tue	**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

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, 2007 begins at sunset on Dec 4 and ends at sunset on Dec 12. 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.

2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Dec 4-12	Dec 21-29	Dec 11-19	Dec 1-9	Dec 20-28

Purim

Celebrates the rescue of Jews in ancient Persia from annihilation

2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Mar 4	Mar 21	Mar 10	Feb 28	Mar 20

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

2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Apr 15	May 2	Apr 21	Apr 11	May 1

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