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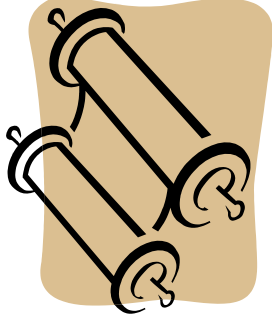
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# Five-Year Jewish Holiday Calendar 2007-2012



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		All holidays begin at sundown the day BEFORE the date shown and end at sundown of the last date shown.				
	<i>This star denotes Jewish Holy Days when religious observance might require absence from work.</i>	2007-2008 / 5768	2008-2009 / 5769	2009-2010 / 5770	2010-2011 / 5771	2011-2012 / 5772
✠	<b>Rosh Hashanah</b> is widely known and celebrated as the Jewish New Year. However, unlike the secular New Year, the Jewish celebration of this holiday is marked with solemnity, and is known as the Day of Judgment.	Thursday & Friday, September 13 & 14	Tuesday & Wednesday, September 30 & October 1	Saturday & Sunday, September 19 & 20	Thursday & Friday, September 9 & 10	Thursday & Friday, September 29 & 30
✠	<b>Yom Kippur</b> is the holiest day of the Jewish calendar. The entire day is spent fasting and praying for forgiveness and for a good year. Yom Kippur is known as the Day of Atonement.	Saturday, September 22	Thursday, October 9	Monday, September 28	Saturday, September 18	Saturday, October 8
✠	<b>Sukkot</b> is a seven-day holiday, the Feast of Tabernacles, which joyously celebrates the fall harvest. The unique observance of this holiday consists of dwelling in special booths or "Sukkot," commemorating the travels of the Jews in the desert. The first two days are considered holy.	Thursday & Friday, September 27 & 28	Tuesday & Wednesday, October 14 & 15	Saturday & Sunday, October 3 & 4	Thursday & Friday, September 23 & 24	Thursday & Friday, October 13 & 14
✠	<b>Shemini Atzeret / Simchat Torah</b> , the end of the Fall Holiday cycle, is a celebration by the Jewish people of the completion of the reading of the Torah. These two days are considered holy days.	Thursday & Friday, October 4 & 5	Tuesday & Wednesday, October 21 & 22	Saturday & Sunday, October 10 & 11	Thursday & Friday, Sept. 30 & Oct. 1	Thursday & Friday, Oct. 20 & Oct. 21
	<b>Chanukah</b> , an eight-day holiday, the Festival of Lights, marks the miraculous victory of the Jews, led by the Maccabees, against Greek persecution and religious oppression.	Wednesday, December 5 THROUGH Wednesday, December 12	Monday, December 22 THROUGH Monday, December 29	Saturday, Dec. 12 THROUGH Saturday, Dec. 19	Thursday, Dec. 2 THROUGH Thursday, Dec. 9	Wednesday, Dec. 21 THROUGH Wednesday, Dec. 28
	<b>Purim</b> is the most festive of the Jewish holidays--a time of noisemakers, costumes, and treats. It commemorates the deliverance of the Jews from annihilation, recounted in the Book of Esther.	Friday, March 21	Tuesday, March 10	Sunday, February 28	Sunday, March 20	Thursday, March 8
✠	<b>Pesach (Passover)</b> is an eight-day holiday that commemorates the Exodus and freedom of the Jews from slavery in Egypt. It is a time of family gatherings and festive meals called "Seders." The story of Passover is retold and remembered by eating unleavened bread, <i>Matzah</i> . The first two days and the last two days are considered holy days.	Sunday & Monday, April 20 & 21 THROUGH Saturday & Sunday, April 26 & 27	Thursday & Friday, April 9 & 10 THROUGH Wednesday & Thursday, April 15 & 16	Tuesday & Wednesday, March 30 & 31 THROUGH Monday & Tuesday, April 5 & 6	Tuesday & Wednesday, April 19 & 20 THROUGH Monday & Tuesday, April 25 & 26	Saturday & Sunday, April 7 & 8 THROUGH Friday & Saturday, April 13 & 14
✠	<b>Shavu'ot</b> is the holiday that commemorates the Jewish people receiving the Torah on Mount Sinai. These two days are considered holy days.	Monday & Tuesday, June 9 & 10	Friday & Saturday, May 29 & 30	Wednesday & Thursday, May 19 & 20	Wed & Thurs June 8 & 9	Sunday & Monday, May 27 & 28