



Jewish Community Relations Council
OF GREATER DALLAS

JEWISH HOLIDAY CALENDAR 2008-2013

The following is a five-year calendar of major Jewish holidays, including Jewish holidays on which school children or employees may be absent. Please note that Jewish holidays begin at sunset of the preceding evening. The Jewish Sabbath begins at sunset on Friday of each week and lasts until one hour after sundown on Saturday. *Italic* denotes Jewish High Holy Days and major Biblical festivals when Jews may be absent from school or work. Please see narrative on page two for a description of the holidays.

	<u>2008-2009/5769</u>	<u>2009-2010/5770</u>	<u>2010-2011/5771</u>	<u>2011-2012/5772</u>	<u>2012-2013/5773</u>
<i>Rosh Hashanah</i>	Sept. 30-Oct. 1, 2008	September 19-20, 2009	September 9-10, 2010	September 29-30, 2011	Sept. 17-18, 2012
<i>Yom Kippur</i>	October 9, 2008	September 28, 2009	September 18, 2010	October 8, 2011	September 26, 2012
<i>Sukkot</i>	October 14-15, 2008	October 3-4, 2009	September 23-24, 2010	October 13-14, 2011	October 1-2, 2012
<i>Shemini Atzeret</i>	October 21, 2008	October 10, 2009	September 30, 2010	October 20, 2011	October 8, 2012
<i>Simchat Torah</i>	October 22, 2008	October 11, 2009	October 1, 2010	October 21, 2011	October 9, 2012
<i>Hanukkah</i>	December 22-29, 2008	December 12-19, 2009	December 2-10, 2010	December 21-29, 2011	December 9-16, 2012
<i>Purim</i>	March 10, 2009	February 28, 2010	March 20, 2011	March 8, 2012	February 24, 2013
<i>Passover (first two days)</i>	April 9-10, 2009	March 30-31, 2010	April 19-20, 2011	April 7-8, 2012	March 26-27, 2013
<i>Passover (last two days)</i>	April 15-16, 2009	April 5-6, 2010	April 25-26, 2011	April 13-14, 2012	April 1-2, 2013
<i>Yom Hashoah</i>	April 21, 2009	April 11, 2010	May 1, 2011	April 19, 2012	April 14, 2013
<i>Yom Ha'atzmaut</i>	April 29, 2009	April 19, 2010	May 9, 2011	April 27, 2012	April 15, 2013
<i>Lag B'Omer</i>	May 12, 2009	May 2, 2010	May 22, 2011	May 10, 2012	April 23, 2013
<i>Shavuot</i>	May 29-30, 2009	May 19-20, 2010	June 8-9, 2011	May 27-28, 2012	May 15-16, 2013
<i>Tisha B'Av</i>	July 30, 2009	July 20, 2010	August 9, 2011	July 28, 2012	July 16, 2013

JEWISH HOLIDAY CALENDAR HOLIDAY NARRATIVE

Rosh Hashanah (New Year)

Beginning of Jewish year.

Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement)

Most solemn of Jewish holy days devoted to prayer, fasting, and repentance.

Sukkot (Tabernacles)

Jewish festival of thanksgiving, harvest, and remembrance of the Jews wandering in the desert after their exodus from Egypt.

Shemini Atzeret (Eighth Day of Sukkot)

Concludes the festival season.

Simchat Torah (Rejoicing in the Law)

Reading of the Law (Torah) is completed and begun anew in the synagogue.

Chanukah (Festival of Lights)

Eight-day Jewish holiday commemorating rededication of the second Temple by the Maccabees and their victory over the Syrians in 165 B.C.

Purim

Celebrates the deliverance of the Jews of ancient Persia from a plot to exterminate them.

Pesach (Passover)

Jewish festival marking the deliverance of Jews from slavery in Egypt. First two days and last two days of holiday are holy days.

Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day)

Honors the memory of six million Jewish martyrs and heroes who perished in the Nazi Holocaust.

Yom HaAtzmaut (Israel Independence Day)

Jewish holiday marking the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948.

Shavuot (Festival of Weeks)

Jewish festival commemorating giving of the Torah (Law) on Mount Sinai.