

# Use of Jewish Holy Day Planning Calendar

This calendar is for teachers and school administrators to use in scheduling examinations, tests, assemblies, field trips, graduations and other school related programs.

Jewish holy days are major religious observances. A three year calendar of Jewish Holy Days is listed below to assist you in planning your school's calendar. During these observances, work is traditionally prohibited. As a result, some Jewish individuals may be absent from both school and work.

Although this calendar differentiates between holy days and high holy days, all dates listed below are major religious observances.

NO PERSON SHOULD BE PENALIZED FOR HIS/HER RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCES OR BELIEFS.

## Three Year Calendar of Jewish Holy Days

**Holy days begin at sundown on the evening preceding the first day and conclude at sundown on the days noted.**

*Dates in blue are High Holy Days - You can expect virtually all Jewish students will be absent.*

*Dates in green are Holy Days - You can expect that some Jewish students will be absent.*

	2009 - 2010	2010 - 2011	2011 - 2012
ROSH HASHANAH (New Year)	September 19, 20 Saturday, Sunday	September 9, 10 Thursday, Friday	September 29, 30 Thursday, Friday
YOM KIPPUR (Day of Atonement)	September 28 Monday	September 18 Saturday	October 8 Saturday
SUKKOT (Feast of Tabernacles)	October 3, 4 Saturday, Sunday	September 23, 24 Thursday, Friday	October 13, 14 Thursday, Friday
SHEMINI ATZERET - SIMCHAT TORAH (Rejoicing in the Law)	October 10, 11 Saturday, Sunday	September 30, October 1 Thursday, Friday	October 20, 21 Thursday, Friday
PESACH (Passover)	March 30, 31, 2010 Tuesday, Wednesday	April 19, 20, 2011 Tuesday, Wednesday	April 7, 8, 2012 Saturday, Sunday
Concluding Days of PESACH	April 5, 6 Monday, Tuesday	April 25, 26 Monday, Tuesday	April 13, 14 Friday, Saturday
SHAVUOT (Feast of Weeks)	May 19, 20 Wednesday, Thursday	June 8, 9 Wednesday, Thursday	May 27, 28 Sunday, Monday

Prepared by the Jewish Community Relations Council

1100 West 42nd Street · Indianapolis, Indiana 46208 · (317) 926-2935 · Fax (317) 926-2952 · [www.indyjrc.org](http://www.indyjrc.org)

# 2009 – 2010 Holy Day Planning Calendar

All dates in blue are High Holy Days - You can expect virtually all Jewish students will be absent.

All dates in green are Holy Days - You can expect that some Jewish students will be absent.

Holy Days begin at sundown on the evening preceding the first day and conclude at sundown on the days noted.

NO PERSON SHOULD BE PENALIZED FOR HIS/HER RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCES OR BELIEFS.

## SEPTEMBER

19, 20 . . . . . SAT., SUN.

### **ROSH HASHANAH (JEWISH NEW YEAR)**

Beginning of Jewish New Year 5770.

28. . . . . MON.

### **YOM KIPPUR (DAY OF ATONEMENT)**

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

## OCTOBER

3, 4 . . . . . SAT., SUN.

### **SUKKOT**

First two days of festival of harvest.

Commemorates the Jews wandering in the wilderness and living in booths or tabernacles after the exodus from Egypt.

10, 11 . . . . . SAT., SUN

### **SHEMINI ATZERET**

Marks the closing of the Jewish High Holy Day season.

### **SIMCHAT TORAH (REJOICING IN THE LAW)**

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

## NOVEMBER

*No holy days observed*

## DECEMBER

12-19 . . . . SAT.-SAT.

### **CHANUKAH (FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS)**

Eight-day celebration marking the rededication of the Temple. Commemorates the Maccabean victory over Antiochus, who sought to suppress freedom of worship.

## JANUARY 2010

*No holy days observed.*

## FEBRUARY

28 . . . . . SUN

### **PURIM**

Marks the rescue of Jews in Ancient Persia from annihilation.

## MARCH

30, 31. . . . . TUES., WED.

### **FIRST TWO DAYS OF PESACH (PASSOVER)**

Jewish festival celebrating deliverance from slavery in Egypt.

## APRIL

5, 6 . . . . MON., TUES.

### **CONCLUDING DAYS OF PESACH (PASSOVER)**

11. . . . . SUN.

### **YOM HASHOAH**

Holocaust Remembrance Day.

19. . . . . MON.

### **YOM HA'ATZMA'UT**

Israeli Independence Day. Holiday marking the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948.

## MAY

19, 20 . . . . . WED., THURS.

### **SHAVUOT (FEAST OF WEEKS)**

Marks the giving of the law (Torah) on Mount Sinai.

## JUNE

*No holy days observed*

Prepared by the Jewish Community Relations Council

1100 West 42nd Street · Indianapolis, Indiana 46208 · (317) 926-2935 · Fax (317) 926-2952 · [www.indyjrc.org](http://www.indyjrc.org)