

# USE OF HOLIDAY CALENDAR

Dates of Jewish holidays are set according to the Jewish lunar calendar. **They begin at sundown on the preceding evening and conclude at sundown on the dates noted.** The Sabbath begins at sundown on Friday evening and concludes at sundown on Saturday. Work is prohibited during traditional observances of these holidays. Therefore, Jewish community members may be absent from school, work and be prohibited from taking part in special events and programs.

## 3-Year Calendar of Major Jewish Holidays



	2010	2011	2012
<b>Purim</b> (Feast of Lots)	Sun Feb 28	Sun Mar 20	Thur March 8

<b>Pesach</b> (Passover begins)	Tues-Wed Mar 30-31	Tues-Wed Apr 19-20	Sat-Sun Apr 7-8
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<b>Pesach</b> (Concluding days)	Mon-Tues Apr 5-6	Mon-Tues Apr 25-26	Fri-Sat Apr 13-14
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<b>Yom HaShoah</b> (Holocaust Remembrance)	Sun Apr 11	Sun May 1	Thur April 19
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<b>Yom HaAtzmaut</b> (Israel Independence Day)	Tues Apr 20	Mon May 9	Thu April 26
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<b>Shavuot</b> (Feast of Weeks)	Wed-Thur May 19-20	Wed-Thur June 8-9	Sun-Mon May 27-28
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<b>Tisha B'Av</b> (Fast of the 9th of Av)	Tues July 20	Tues Aug 9	Sun July 29
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<b>Rosh Hashanah</b> (New Year)	Thur-Fri Sep 9-10	Thur-Fri Sep 29-30	Mon-Tues Sept 17-18
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<b>Yom Kippur</b> (Day of Atonement)	Sat Sep 18	Sat Oct 8	Wed Sept 26
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<b>Sukkot</b> (Feast of Tabernacles)	Thur-Fri Sep 23-24	Thur-Fri Oct 13-14	Mon-Tues Oct 1-2
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<b>Shemini Atzeret</b> (Concluding day of Sukkot)	Thur Sep 30	Thur Oct 20	Mon Oct 8
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<b>Simchat Torah</b> (Rejoicing of the Law)	Fri Oct 1	Fri Oct 21	Tues Oct 9
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<b>Hanukkah</b> (Festival of Lights)	Thur-Thur Dec 2-9	Wed-Wed Dec 21-28	Sun-Sun Dec 9-16
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# 2009 - 2010 MAJOR JEWISH HOLIDAYS

In an effort to avoid conflicts with major Jewish holidays, this calendar has been prepared to assist you in scheduling events such as staff meetings, seminars, special events, major student assignments and examinations, assemblies, field trips, graduations, and school-related programs for parents. Jewish employees and students may be absent on these days and on the preceding evenings. For more information, contact the Jewish Community Federation of Richmond at 288-0045.

## 2009

<b>ROSH HASHANAH</b> (New Year)	September 18 <b>September 19 &amp; 20</b>	Friday evening <b>Saturday &amp; Sunday</b>
<b>YOM KIPPUR</b> (Day of Atonement)	September 27 <b>September 28</b>	Sunday evening <b>Monday</b>
<b>SUKKOT</b> (Feast of Tabernacles)	October 2 <b>October 3 &amp; 4</b>	Friday evening <b>Saturday &amp; Sunday</b>
<b>SHEMINI ATZERET</b> (Concluding day of Sukkot)	October 9 <b>October 10</b>	Friday evening <b>Saturday</b>
<b>SIMCHAT TORAH</b> (Rejoicing of the Law)	October 10 <b>October 11</b>	Saturday evening <b>Sunday</b>



## 2010

<b>PESACH</b> (Passover)	March 29 <b>March 30 &amp; 31</b>	Monday evening <b>Tuesday &amp; Wednesday</b>
<b>Concluding Days of Pesach</b>	April 4 <b>April 5 &amp; 6</b>	Sunday evening <b>Monday &amp; Tuesday</b>
<b>SHAVUOT</b> (Feast of Weeks)	May 18 <b>May 19 &amp; 20</b>	Tuesday evening <b>Wednesday &amp; Thursday</b>
<b>ROSH HASHANAH</b> (New Year)	September 8 <b>September 9 &amp; 10</b>	Wednesday evening <b>Thursday &amp; Friday</b>
<b>YOM KIPPUR</b> (Day of Atonement)	September 17 <b>September 18</b>	Friday evening <b>Saturday</b>
<b>SUKKOT</b> (Feast of Tabernacles)	September 22 <b>September 23 &amp; 24</b>	Wednesday evening <b>Thursday &amp; Friday</b>
<b>SHEMINI ATZERET</b> (Concluding day of Sukkot)	September 29 <b>September 30</b>	Wednesday evening <b>Thursday</b>
<b>SIMCHAT TORAH</b> (Rejoicing of the Law)	September 30 <b>October 1</b>	Thursday evening <b>Friday</b>



The following holidays do not require absence from work or school:



- Hanukkah, Festival of Lights, Tuesday evening, December 1 through Wednesday, December 9, 2009
- Tu B'Shevat, New Year of the Trees, Saturday evening, January 29 and Sunday, February 30, 2010
- Purim, Feast of Lots, Saturday evening, February 27 and Sunday February 28, 2010
- Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance, Saturday evening, April 10 and Sunday, April 11, 2010
- Yom HaAtzmaut, Israel Independence Day, Sunday evening, April 18 and Monday, April 19, 2010