

The **Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC)** of **The Jewish Federation of Raleigh-Cary** provides programs and services for the local Jewish community—from Wake Forest to Fuquay-Varina, Zebulon to Morrisville, and all cities and towns in between. In addition, the JCRC serves as the local Jewish voice and represents the Jewish community when issues arise—locally, nationally and internationally.

In an effort to increase sensitivity in our pluralistic society and to avoid scheduling conflicts that might impact local Jewish community members, the Jewish Federation has created this eight year calendar of Jewish Holy Days. We hope it will provide you with guidance when scheduling dates. Some Jewish Holy Days are marked by two-day observances.

The following holidays are not listed within the calendar because their observance does not require absence from school or work:

Chanukah

8 days—Typically Late November-December

The Festival of Lights commemorates the rededication of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem after the successful revolt against the Assyrian Greek conquerors.

Purim

Typically February or March

A joyous festival based on the story in the Book of Esther.

Yom Hashoah

Typically April or May

A day set aside by the Jewish people to commemorate the Holocaust of the six million Jews who died at the hands of the Nazis, before and during World War II.

Yom Ha'atzmaut

Typically April or May

The Declaration of the State of Israel is celebrated each year as Israel Independence Day.

Tisha B'Av

Typically July or August

This fast day commemorates the destruction of the Temple of Jerusalem.

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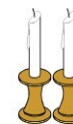
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EIGHT YEAR CALENDAR OF JEWISH HOLY DAYS

**A guide in planning
and scheduling for:**

- **Schools**
- **Government Agencies**
- **Private Employers**

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	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
<p>Shabbat</p> <p>One of the holiest days of the Jewish calendar, Shabbat commemorates G-d's day of rest on the 7th day of creation. Shabbat begins at sunset every Friday and extends until sunset on Saturday.</p>	<p><i>All Jewish holidays begin at sunset prior to the dates listed below.</i> This list of Jewish Holy Days has been prepared as an aid for the planning and scheduling of events (e.g. graduations, examinations, registration, assemblies, athletic events, open houses and conferences) in order to minimize conflicts, which involve the absence of Jewish students and personnel.</p> <p><i>*Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and the first two evenings of Passover (prior to the dates shown) are the most widely observed Holy Days.</i></p>							
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
<p>Rosh Hashanah*</p> <p>Jewish New Year begins a ten day period of repentance and prayer which extends to Yom Kippur.</p>	Sept. 14-15 Mon. - Tues.	Oct. 3-4 Mon. - Tues.	Sept. 21-22 Thurs. - Fri.	Sept. 9-10 Mon. - Tues.	Sept. 30-Oct. 1 Mon. - Tues.	Sept. 19-20 Sat. - Sun.	Sept. 7-8 Tues. - Wed.	Sept. 26-27 Mon. - Tues.
<p>Yom Kippur*</p> <p>Day of Atonement is the most solemn Holy Day on the Jewish calendar. It is spent in prayer, meditation and fasting.</p>	Sept. 23 Wed.	Oct. 12 Wed.	Sept. 30 Sat.	Sept. 19 Wed.	Oct. 9 Wed.	Sept. 28 Mon.	Sept. 16 Wed.	Oct. 5 Wed.
<p>Sukkot</p> <p>Feast of Tabernacles (Booths) is a harvest festival of thanksgiving.</p>	Sept. 28-29 Mon. - Tues.	Oct. 17-18 Mon. - Tues.	Oct. 5-6 Thurs. - Fri.	Sept. 24-25 Mon. - Tues.	Oct. 14-15 Mon. - Tues.	Oct. 3-4 Sat. - Sun.	Sept. 21-22 Tues. - Wed.	Oct. 10-11 Mon. - Tues.
<p>Shemini Atzeret</p> <p>Concludes Sukkot.</p>	Oct. 5 Mon.	Oct. 24 Mon.	Oct. 12 Thurs.	Oct. 1 Mon.	Oct. 21 Mon.	Oct. 10 Sat.	Sept. 28 Tues.	Oct. 17 Mon.
<p>Simchat Torah</p> <p>Rejoicing in the Law (Torah). It celebrates conclusion of renewing the cycle of the year-long reading of the Torah (5 Books of Moses).</p>	Oct. 6 Tues.	Oct. 25 Tues.	Oct. 13 Fri.	Oct. 2 Tues.	Oct. 22 Tues.	Oct. 11 Sun.	Sept. 29 Wed.	Oct. 18 Tues.
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<p>Passover*</p> <p>Festival of freedom. Commemorates the ancient Hebrews' exodus from Egyptian bondage. This eight day holiday includes special dietary rules. Seders (festive meals) are held in homes on the first two nights. The last two days are also observed as Holy Days.</p>	Apr. 23-24 Sat. - Sun.	Apr. 11-12 Tues. - Wed.	Mar. 31-Apr. 1 Sat. - Sun.	Apr. 20-21 Sat. - Sun.	Apr. 9-10 Thurs. - Fri.	Mar. 28-29 Sun. - Mon.	Apr. 16-17 Sat. - Sun.	Apr. 6-7 Thurs. - Fri.
	Apr. 29-30 Fri. - Sat.	Apr. 17-18 Mon. - Tues.	Apr. 6-7 Fri. - Sat.	Apr. 26-27 Fri. - Sat.	Apr. 15-16 Wed. - Thurs.	Apr. 3-4 Sat. - Sun.	Apr. 22-23 Fri. - Sat.	Apr. 12-13 Wed. - Thurs.
<p>Shavuot</p> <p>Commemorates Moses receiving the Torah, with its Ten Commandments from G-d on Mt. Sinai.</p>	June 12-13 Sun. - Mon.	May 31-June 1 Wed. - Thurs.	May 20-21 Sun. - Mon.	June 9-10 Sun. - Mon.	May 29-30 Fri. - Sat.	May 17-18 Mon. - Tues.	June 5-6 Sun. - Mon.	May 27-26 Fri. - Sat.