



### September

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4

### October

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1

### Sundown, Sep 22–Nightfall, Sep 24

## ROSH HASHANAH

Rosh Hashanah is a festival that celebrates the Jewish New Year. According to the Torah, the holiday is known as the day of blowing the shofar (ram’s horn). In rabbinic literature it came to also commemorate the birthday of the world and the beginning of a 10-day period of reflection where all humankind is judged for their deeds.

GREETING: Shanah Tovah (Happy New Year).

CLOSURES: The J closes at 5:45 PM on Mon, Sep 22nd, and reopens on Thu, Sep 25th.

### Sundown, Oct 1–Nightfall, Oct 2

## YOM KIPPUR

Yom Kippur is the Jewish Day of Atonement. It is marked by a sunset to nightfall fast, synagogue worship focused on repentance for past sins, forgiveness of others who have sinned against us, gratitude for God’s mercy, and a commitment to improved behavior in the future.

GREETING: G’mar Chatimah Tovah (May you be sealed for a good year).

CLOSURES: The J closes at 4 PM on Wed, Oct 1st, and reopens on Fri, Oct 3rd.

### Sundown, Oct 6–Nightfall, Oct 8

## SUKKOT

Sukkot is a joyous harvest holiday marked by the construction of temporary outdoor huts (sukkot) in which friends and families gather for meals. These open and flexible structures remind us of the Israelites’ wandering in the desert, as well as our own vulnerability and dependence on God and each other.

GREETING: Chag Sameach (May you have a joyful holiday).

CLOSURES: The J closes at 5:45 PM on Mon, Oct 6th, and reopens on Thu, Oct 9th.

### Sundown, Oct 13–Nightfall, Oct 15

## SHEMINI ATZERET/ SIMCHAT TORAH

Shemini Atzeret occurs on the eighth day after the start of Sukkot and is considered a holiday in itself. It is a day with special prayers for rain and is the beginning of the season which determines the fertility of land in the year to come. Simchat Torah celebrates the end of the annual Torah reading cycle and the immediate start of the new cycle. It is a festive day on which we march, dance, and sing with the Torah scrolls.

GREETING: Chag Sameach (May you have a joyful holiday).

CLOSURES: The J closes at 5:45 PM on Mon, Oct 13th, and reopens on Thu, Oct 16th.

### December

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3

### Sundown, Dec 14–Nightfall, Dec 22

## HANUKKAH

Hanukkah, or the Festival of Lights, is a joyous holiday commemorating the ancient unlikely victory of the Macabees over a much larger Syrian-Greek army. Jews regained their holiest site, the Temple in Jerusalem, and rededicated it to Jewish worship. This is a time for acknowledging miracles both ancient and contemporary.

GREETING: Happy Hanukkah, Chag Urim Sameach (Happy festival of lights).

CLOSURES: The J is open regular hours during Hanukkah.

## February

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

## March

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4

## April

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	1	2

## May

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

## July

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1

## Sundown, Feb 1–Nightfall Feb 2

### TU B'SHEVAT

Tu B'Shevat is considered the New Year of the Trees and marks the start of spring in Israel, when trees begin to bloom after a long, cold winter. Today, many people celebrate by planting saplings, participating in a meal that evokes the Passover seder, working in a garden, and eating special fruit and nuts.

GREETING: Chag Sameach (May you have a joyful holiday).

CLOSURES: The J is open regular hours during Tu B'Shevat.

## Sundown, Mar 2–Nightfall, Mar 3

### PURIM

Purim commemorates the thwarting of a plot to exterminate the Jews of ancient Persia. To celebrate, we gather to hear the reading of the Book of Esther, donate money to charity, give gifts to one another, and have a festive meal. Costumes are often worn.

GREETING: Chag Purim Sameach (Happy Purim).

CLOSURES: The J is open regular hours during Purim.

## Sundown, Apr 1–Nightfall, Apr 9

### PASSOVER

Passover celebrates the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt and the move from slavery into freedom. On the first two nights, Jews may gather to tell the story and eat a ceremonial meal called a seder. During Passover, it is traditional to refrain from eating leavened food made from wheat, barley, oats, spelt and rye.

GREETING: Chag Kasher v'Sameach (Have a kosher and happy holiday).

CLOSURES: The J closes at 5:45 PM on Wed, Apr 1st, and reopens Sat, Apr 4th. The J closes again at 5:45 PM on Tue, Apr 7th, and reopens on Fri, Apr 10th.

## Sundown, May 21–Nightfall, May 23

### SHAVUOT

Shavout, the Feast of Weeks, occurs seven weeks after the start of Passover. In the Torah, Shavuot is a harvest festival and is observed by offering one's first fruits in the Temple in Jerusalem. It later developed as the holiday that celebrates the receiving of the Torah on Mt. Sinai.

GREETING: Chag Sameach (May you have a joyful holiday).

CLOSURES: The J closes on Thu, May 21st, at 5:45 PM and reopens on Sun, May 24th.

## Sundown, Jul 22–Nightfall, Jul 23

### TISHA B'AV

Tisha B'Av recalls many tragedies of the Jewish people. It memorializes the destructions of the First and Second Temples in Jerusalem and is considered the most solemn day on the Jewish calendar.

GREETING: There is a custom not to greet each other on this holiday.

CLOSURES: The J is open regular hours during Tisha B'Av.