

At a Glance – Jewish Calendar Sensitivity Guide

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For questions about holidays or any challenges with school/work conflicts
please contact the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland for support 503-245-6219

Shabbat

Shabbat begins on Friday night at sundown and ends at nightfall on Saturday (about 25 hours later) every single week. Traditionally observant households refrain from “work” and don’t use cars, electricity, etc.

Major holidays (Biblical in Origin):

Holidays begin at sundown on the first date specified and end at nightfall on the last date specified.

Dates in bold are *Yom Tov*, so they have similar obligations and restrictions to Shabbat in the sense that normal “work” is forbidden.

| Holiday | Mood: | Considerations: | 5783 2022-2023 | 5784 2023-2024 | 5785 2024-2025 |
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| Rosh Hashana | Contemplative/Joyful | People likely to miss school/workAppropriate to send Greetings ahead of Holiday. – “Shanah Tovah” | Sep 25-27 Su-Tu | Sep 15-17 F-Su | Oct 2-4 W-F |
| Yom Kippur | Repentant/Awe Fast Day | People likely to miss school/workAppropriate to send greetings ahead of holiday “May you be inscribed and sealed for a good year.” | Oct 4-5 Tu-W | Sep 24-25 Su-M | Oct 11-12 F-Sa |
| Sukkot | Joyful/Celebratory | People may miss school/work on BOLD dates. | Oct 9-11 Su-Tu Oct 12-16 W-Su | Sep 29-Oct 1 F-Su Oct 2-6 M-F | Oct 16-18 W-F Oct 19-23 Sa-W |
| Shmini Atzeret | Joyful | People may miss school/work on BOLD dates. | Oct 16-17 Su-M | Oct 6-7 F-Sa | Oct 23-24 W-Th |
| Simchat Torah | Joyful | People may miss school/work on BOLD dates. | Oct 17-18 M-Tu | Oct 7-8 Sa-Su | Oct 24-25 Th-F |
| Pesach/Passover | Joyful (Stressful for many leading up to the holiday due to significant preparation needs.) | People may miss school/work on BOLD dates.Kosher rules on Passover are significantly more restrictive. Food should not be served unless it’s coming directly from the DK’s Passover offerings. | Apr 5-7 W-F Apr 8-10 Sa-M Apr 11-13 Tu-Th | Apr 22-24 M-W Apr 25-27 Th-Sa Apr 28-30 Su-Tu | Apr 12-14 Sa-M Apr 15-17 Tu-Th Apr 18-20 F-Su |
| Shavuot | Joyful | People may miss school/work on BOLD dates. | May 25-27 Th-Sa | Jun 11-13 Tu-Th | Jun 1-3 Su-Tu |

Minor holidays (“Rabbinic” in Origin):

| Holiday | Mood: | Considerations: | 5783 2022-2023 | 5784 2023-2024 | 5785 2024-2025 |
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| Tu BiShvat | Joyful | New Year of the Trees | Feb 5-6 Su-M | Jan 24-25 W-Th | Feb 12-13 W-Th |
| Purim | Joyful | | Mar 6-7 M-Tu | Mar 23-24 Sa-Su | Mar 13-14 Th-F |
| Chanukah | Joyful | Candles lit in evening for 8 nights | Dec 18-26 Su-M | Dec 7-15 Th-F | Dec 25-Jan 2 W-Th |

Modern Israeli holidays (observed by Jews in the US, too):

| Holiday | Mood: | Considerations: | 5783 2022-2023 | 5784 2023-2024 | 5785 2024-2025 |
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| Yom HaShoah | Sad/Mournful | Holocaust Remembrance Day | Apr 17-18 M-Tu | May 5-6 Su-M | Apr 23-24 W-Th |
| Yom HaZikaron | Sad/Mournful | Israeli Memorial Day | Apr 24-25 M-Tu | May 12-13 Su-M | Apr 29-30 Tu-W |
| Yom HaAtzma’ut | Joyful/Prideful | Israeli Independence Day | Apr 25-26 Tu-W | May 13-14 M-Tu | Apr 30-May 1 W-Th |



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