

A Brief Guide Through the Jewish Year

🌀 **TU B'SHVAT** (Jewish Arbor Day / Shevat 15) Celebrated by the eating of the season's new fruits and planting trees in Israel. No restrictions on work.

🌀 **TA'ANIT ESTHER** (Fast of Esther / Adar 13) Usually the day before Purim (see next entry). Commemorates the fast of Queen Esther as recorded in the biblical Book of Esther. Fast begins at first morning light. No restrictions on work.

🌀 **PURIM** (Adar 14) Commemorates the rescue of the Jewish people in ancient Persia, as recorded in the biblical Book of Esther which is read during synagogue services. Celebrated with feasts, the sending of gifts, and extra charity. Limited restrictions on work.

🌀 **PESACH** (Passover / Nisan 15-22) Commemorates the Exodus of the Jewish people from ancient Egypt. Special dietary restrictions beginning the morning of the previous day. No foods containing fermented grain products – chametz – may be consumed or found in any Jewish household. A special home ritual, the Seder, is conducted on the first two evenings. Yizkor (memorial) services on eighth day. Sabbath-like restrictions on the first two and last two days; non-essential work activities or crafts restricted on other days.

🌀 **YOM HASHOAH** (Holocaust Remembrance Day / Nisan 27) Designated by the Israeli government to memorialize the victims of the Holocaust. Many synagogues hold special services. No work restrictions.

🌀 **YOM HA'ATZMAUT** (Israel Independence Day / Iyar 5) Anniversary of the founding of Israel in 1948. Many synagogues hold special services. No work restrictions.

🌀 **LAG BA'OMER** (Iyar 18) Joyful break in the semi-mourning period marking tragedies that occurred at this time of year. No work restrictions.

🌀 **YOM YERUSHALAYIM** (Jerusalem Day / Iyar 28) Commemorates the reunification of Jerusalem as a result of the Six Day War in June 1967. Many synagogues say special prayers of thanksgiving. No work restrictions.

🌀 **SHAVUOT** (Feast of Weeks / Sivan 6-7) Celebrating the giving of the Ten Commandments and the entire Torah to the Jews on Mount Sinai. Yizkor (memorial) services on second day. Sabbath-like work restrictions both days.

🌀 **SHIV'AH ASAR B'TAMMUZ** (Fast of the 17th of Tammuz) Commemorates the breach of the walls of Jerusalem by the

besieging ancient Romans. Start of three week period of mourning during which weddings and celebrations are forbidden. Fast begins at first morning light. No restrictions on work.

🌀 **TISHA B'AV** (Fast of the 9th of Av) Major fast day beginning prior to sunset of the previous day. Anniversary of the destruction of both the First and Second Temples in Jerusalem and other Jewish tragedies. Limited restrictions on work through mid-day and special mourning customs including ban on wearing of leather shoes.

🌀 **ROSH HASHANAH** (Jewish New Year / Tishrei 1-2) Two day solemn festival on which the entire world is judged for the coming year. Start of the "High Holydays" and of ten days devoted to repentance. Extended synagogue services with blowing of the shofar (ram's horn). Sabbath-like restrictions on work both days.

🌀 **TZOM GEDALIAH** (Fast of Gedaliah / Tishrei 3) Commemorates the beginning of the Babylonian exile of the Jewish people (6th century BCE). Fast begins at first morning light. No restrictions on work.

🌀 **YOM KIPPUR** (Day of Atonement / Tishrei 10) Major fast day beginning prior to sunset on the previous day. Day-long synagogue services with many special prayers, including Kol Nidrei, Ne'ilah, and Yizkor (memorial) services. Sabbath-like restrictions, and special proscriptions against washing and wearing leather shoes.

🌀 **SUKKOT** (Tabernacles/Tishrei 15-21) Commemorates the Jewish people's wanderings in the desert. All meals must be eaten in a sukkah, a temporary structure with open roof of natural greenery. Sabbath-like restrictions first two days; non-essential work activities restricted on other days. Leads directly into:

🌀 **SHMINI ATZERET/SIMCHAT TORAH** (Tishrei 22-23) Two day celebration marking the end of the holiday season and completion of the annual cycle of Torah readings in the synagogue. Yizkor (memorial) services on first day. Sabbath-like restrictions both days.

🌀 **CHANUKAH** (Kislev 25-Tevet 2) Celebration of the rededication of the Second Temple in Jerusalem by the Maccabees after their successful struggle for independence and religious freedom against the Greek-Syrians (2nd century BCE). Commemorated by lighting candles each evening. No restrictions on work.

🌀 **ASARAH B'TEVET** (Fast of the 10th of Tevet). Commemorates the beginning of the Babylonian siege of Jerusalem (6th century BCE). Fast begins at first morning light. No restrictions on work.

* Yizkor recited on these days: 8th day of Passover, 2nd day of Shavuot, Yom Kippur and Shmini Atzeret

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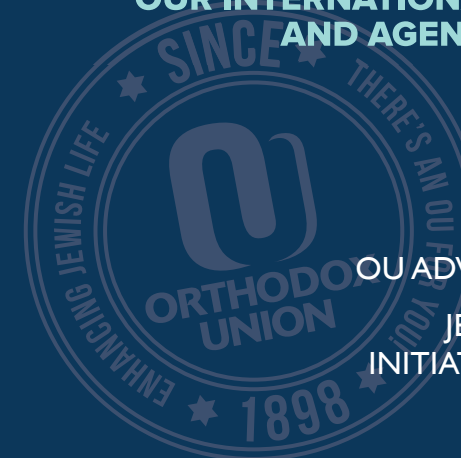
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18 Year Jewish Holiday Calendar

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YEAR:	2017 5777-78	2018 5778-79	2019 5779-80	2020 5780-81	2021 5781-82	2022 5782-83	2023 5783-84	2024 5784-85	2025 5785-86	2026 5786-87	2027 5787-88	2028 5788-89	2029 5789-90	2030 5790-91	2031 5791-92	2032 5792-93	2033 5793-94	2034 5794-95
Tu B'Shevat	Sat Feb 11	Wed Jan 31	Mon Jan 21	Mon Feb 10	Thu Jan 28	Mon Jan 17	Mon Feb 6	Thu Jan 25	Thu Feb 13	Mon Feb 2	Sat Jan 23	Sat Feb 12	Wed Jan 31	Sat Jan 19	Sat Feb 8	Wed Jan 28	Sat Jan 15	Sat Feb 4
Ta'anit Esther	Thu Mar 9	Wed Feb 28	Wed Mar 20	Mon Mar 9	Thu Feb 25	Wed Mar 16	Mon Mar 6	Thu Mar 21	Thu Mar 13	Mon Mar 2	Mon Mar 22	Thu Mar 9	Wed Feb 28	Mon Mar 18	Thu Mar 6	Wed Feb 25	Mon Mar 14	Thu Mar 2
Purim	Sun Mar 12	Thu Mar 1	Thu Mar 21	Tue Mar 10	Fri Feb 26	Thu Mar 17	Tue Mar 7	Sun Mar 24	Fri Mar 14	Tue Mar 3	Tue Mar 23	Sun Mar 12	Thu Mar 1	Tue Mar 19	Sun Mar 9	Thu Feb 26	Tue Mar 15	Sun Mar 5
Pesach	Tue-Tue Apr 11-18	Sat-Sat Mar 31-Apr 7	Sat-Sat Apr 20-27	Thu-Thu Apr 9-16	Sun-Sun Mar 28-Apr 4	Sat-Sat Apr 16-23	Thu-Thu Apr 6-13	Tue-Tue Apr 23-30	Sun-Sun Apr 13-20	Thu-Thu Apr 2-9	Thu-Thu Apr 22-29	Tue-Tue Apr 11-18	Sat-Sat Mar 31-Apr 7	Thu-Thu Apr 18-25	Tue-Tue Apr 8-15	Sat-Sat Mar 27-Apr 3	Thu-Thu Apr 14-21	Tue-Tue Apr 4-11
Yom HaShoah	Sun Apr 23	Thu Apr 12	Thu May 2	Tue Apr 21	Fri Apr 9	Thu Apr 28	Tue Apr 18	Sun May 5	Fri Apr 25	Tues Apr 14	Tue May 4	Sun Apr 23	Thu Apr 12	Tue Apr 30	Sun Apr 20	Thu Apr 8	Tue Apr 26	Sun Apr 16
Yom Ha'Atzmaut	Mon May 1	Fri Apr 20	Fri May 10	Wed Apr 29	Sat Apr 17	Fri May 6	Wed Apr 26	Mon May 13	Sat May 3	Wed Apr 22	Wed May 12	Mon May 1	Fri Apr 20	Wed May 8	Mon Apr 28	Fri Apr 16	Wed May 4	Mon Apr 24
Lag baOmer	Sun May 14	Thu May 3	Thu May 23	Tue May 12	Fri Apr 30	Thu May 19	Tue May 9	Sun May 26	Fri May 16	Tue May 5	Tue May 25	Sun May 14	Thu May 3	Tue May 21	Sun May 11	Thu Apr 29	Tue May 17	Sun May 7
Yom Yerushalayim	Wed May 24	Sun May 13	Sun Jun 2	Fri May 22	Mon May 10	Sun May 29	Fri May 19	Wed Jun 5	Mon May 26	Fri May 15	Fri Jun 4	Wed May 24	Sun May 13	Fri May 31	Wed May 21	Sun May 9	Fri May 27	Wed May 17
Shavuot	Wed-Thu May 31-Jun 1	Sun-Mon May 20-21	Sun-Mon Jun 9-10	Fri-Sat May 29-30	Mon-Tue May 17-18	Sun-Mon Jun 5-6	Fri-Sat May 26-27	Wed-Thu Jun 12-13	Mon-Tue Jun 2-3	Fri-Sat May 22-23	Fri-Sat June 11-12	Wed-Thu May 31-Jun 1	Sun-Mon May 20-21	Fri-Sat Jun 7-8	Wed-Thu May 28-29	Sun-Mon May 16-17	Fri-Sat Jun 3-4	Wed-Thu May 24-25
Shiva Asar B'Tammuz	Tue Jul 11	Sun Jul 1	Sun Jul 21	Thu Jul 9	Sun Jun 27	Sun July 17	Thu Jul 6	Tue Jul 23	Sun Jul 13	Thu Jul 2	Thu Jul 22	Tue Jul 11	Sun Jul 1	Thu Jul 18	Tue Jul 8	Sun Jun 27	Thu Jul 14	Tue Jul 4
Tisha B'Av	Tue Aug 1	Sun Jul 22	Sun Aug 11	Thu July 30	Sun Jul 18	Sun Aug 7	Thu Jul 27	Tue Aug 13	Sun Aug 3	Thu Jul 23	Thu Aug 12	Tue Aug 1	Sun Jul 22	Thu Aug 8	Tue Jul 29	Sun Jul 18	Thu Aug 4	Tue Jul 25
Rosh Hashanah	Thu-Fri Sep 21-22	Mon-Tue Sep 10-11	Mon-Tue Sep 30-Oct 1	Sat-Sun Sep 19-20	Tue-Wed Sep 7-8	Mon-Tue Sep 26-27	Sat-Sun Sept 16-17	Thu-Fri Oct 3-4	Tue-Wed Sep 23-24	Sat-Sun Sep 12-13	Sat-Sun Oct 2-3	Thu-Fri Sep 21-22	Mon-Tue Sep 10-11	Sat-Sun Sep 28-29	Thu-Fri Sep 18-19	Mon-Tue Sep 6-7	Sat-Sun Sep 24-25	Thu-Fri Sep 14-15
Tzom Gedaliah	Sun Sep 24	Wed Sep 12	Wed Oct 2	Mon Sep 21	Thu Sep 9	Wed Sep 28	Mon Sep 18	Sun Oct 6	Thu Sep 25	Mon Sep 14	Mon Oct 4	Sun Sep 24	Wed Sep 12	Mon Sep 30	Sun Sep 21	Wed Sep 8	Mon Sep 26	Sun Sep 17
Yom Kippur	Sat Sep 30	Wed Sep 19	Wed Oct 9	Mon Sep 28	Thu Sep 16	Wed Oct 5	Mon Sep 25	Sat Oct 12	Thu Oct 2	Mon Sep 21	Mon Oct 11	Sat Sep 30	Wed Sep 19	Mon Oct 7	Sat Sep 27	Wed Sep 15	Mon Oct 3	Sat Sep 23
Sukkot / Shmini Atzeret	Thu-Fri Oct 5-13	Mon-Tue Sep 24-Oct 2	Mon-Tue Oct 14-22	Sat-Sun Oct 3-11	Tue-Wed Sep 21-29	Mon-Tue Oct 10-18	Sat-Sun Sep 30-Oct 8	Thu-Fri Oct 17-25	Tue-Wed Oct 7-15	Sat-Sun Sep 26-Oct 4	Sat-Sun Oct 16-24	Thu-Fri Oct 5-13	Mon-Tue Sep 24-Oct 2	Sat-Sun Oct 12-20	Thu-Fri Oct 2-10	Mon-Tue Sep 20-28	Sat-Sun Oct 8-16	Thu-Fri Sep 28-Oct 6
Chanukah	Wed-Wed Dec 13-20	Mon-Mon Dec 3-10	Mon-Mon Dec 23-30	Fri-Fri Dec 11-18	Mon-Mon Nov 29-Dec 6	Mon-Mon Dec 19-26	Fri-Fri Dec 8-15	Thu-Thu Dec 26-Jan 2	Mon-Mon Dec 15-22	Sat-Sat Dec 5-12	Sat-Sat Dec 25-Jan 1	Wed-Wed Dec 13-20	Sun-Sun Dec 2-9	Sat-Sat Dec 21-28	Wed-Wed Dec 10-17	Sun-Sun Nov 28-Dec 5	Sat-Sat Dec 17-24	Thu-Thu Dec 7-14
Asarah B'Tevet	Thu Dec 28	Tue Dec 18	Tue Jan 7 ('20)	Fri Dec 25	Tue Dec 14	Tue Jan 3 ('23)	Fri Dec 22	Fri Jan 10 ('25)	Tue Dec 30	Sun Dec 20	Sun Jan 9 ('28)	Thu Dec 28	Sun Dec 16	Sun Jan 5 ('31)	Thu Dec 25	Sun Dec 12	Sun Jan 1 ('34)	Thu Dec 22

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When Ta'anit Esther, Shiva Asar B'Tammuz, Tisha B'Av or Tzom Gedaliah occur on Saturday, the actual observance date is changed to avoid the Sabbath.

In some years, the actual observance of Yom HaShoah, Yom Ha'Atzmaut and Yom Yerushalayim may be moved to avoid conflicting with the Sabbath.

THE JEWISH DAY begins in the evening, which is why the Sabbath starts before sunset on Fridays and concludes about one hour after sunset on Saturdays. Observant Jews spend the Sabbath attending synagogue services, enjoying meals with family or friends, studying Jewish texts and relaxing. Holidays follow the same pattern and begin on the evening previous to the first day. Some fast days, however, commence only at first light in the morning.

Observing the Sabbath & Jewish Holidays

AS IN THE CASE of the Sabbath, all holidays with Sabbath-like restrictions also require that normal business, school, or secular activities cease a few hours before sundown on the eve of the holiday to allow adequate time for travel and preparations. Activities prohibited on the Sabbath and holidays include all forms of vehicular travel, cooking, writing, direct use of electricity and electronic devices – including telephones, cell phones, computers and e-mail – and any preparations for regular weekday work or school. Sabbath and holiday restrictions may never be relaxed except in circumstances when there is mortal danger to a human life.

Federal and state laws encourage employers to accommodate employees' religious observances.

