

CALENDAR OF MAJOR JEWISH HOLIDAYS – 2003 to 2008

Year Traditional Jewish Year	2003-2004 5764	2004-2005 5765	2005-2006 5766	2006-2007 5768	2007-2008 5769	
HOLIDAY	SHABBAT - The Sabbath; every week from Friday Evening to Saturday evening; one of the holiest days in the calendar.					
	ROSH HASHANAH - The Jewish New Year; start of the Ten Days of Penitence.	Sat-Sun SEPT 27-28, 2003	Thu-Fri SEP 16-17, 2004	Tue-Wed OCT 4-5, 2005	Sat-Sun SEP 23-24, 2006	Thu-Fri SEP 13-14, 2007
	YOM KIPPUR - Day of Atonement; a very solemn day of the year, devoted to fasting, prayer, and repentance.	Mon OCT 6, 2003	Sat SEP 25, 2004	Thu OCT 13, 2005	Mon OCT 2, 2006	Sat SEP 22, 2007
	SUKKOT - First two days of Tabernacles; commemorating the dwelling of the Israelites in booths in the wilderness.	Sat-Sun OCT 11-12, 2003	Thu-Fri SEPT 30-OCT 1, 2004	Tue-Wed OCT 18-19, 2005	Sat-Sun OCT 7-8, 2006	Thu-Fri SEP 27-28, 2007
	SHEMINI ATZERET - Eighth Day of Assembly and SIMCHAT TORAH - Rejoicing of the Law.	Sat-Sun OCT 18-19, 2003	Thu-Fri OCT 7-8, 2004	Tue-Wed OCT 25-26, 2005	Sat-Sun OCT 14-15, 2006	Thu-Fri OCT 4-5, 2007
	HANUKKAH - Feast of Lights; victory of the Maccabees and rededication of the Temple.	Sat-Sun DEC 20-27, 2003	Wed-Wed DEC 9-15, 2004	Mon DEC 26, 2005 - Mon JAN 2, 2006	Sat DEC 16, 2006	Wed DEC 5, 2007
	PURIM - Celebrates defeat of plot to destroy the Jews of Persia.	Sun MAR 7, 2004	Fri MAR 25, 2005	Tue MAR 14, 2006	Sun MAR 4, 2007	Fri MAR 21, 2008
	PESACH - Passover; deliverance of the Jewish people from Egypt. The Seder service on the first two evenings recounts the story of the Exodus.	Tue-Wed APR 6-7, 2004	Sun-Mon APR 24-25, 2005	Thu-Fri APR 13-14, 2006	Tue-Wed APR 3-4, 2007	Sun-Mon APR 20-21, 2008
	The last two days of Pesach are also observed as full holy days.	Mon-Tue APR 12-13, 2004	Sat-Sun APR 30-MAY 1, 2005	Wed-Thu APR 19-20, 2006	Mon-Tue APR 9-10, 2007	Sat-Sun APR 26-27, 2008
	SHAVUOT - Feast of Weeks; marks the giving of the Law (Torah) at Mt. Sinai.	Wed-Thu MAY 26-27, 2004	Mon-Tue JUN 13-14, 2005	Fri-Sat JUN 2-3, 2006	Wed-Thu MAY 23-24, 2007	Mon-Tue JUN 9-10, 2008