

# JEWISH HOLIDAYS

## Major & Minor - Feasts/Fasts/Special Shabbat/Modern Holidays

SUNDOWN DATES	HOLIDAY TYPE	HOLIDAY NAME	DESCRIPTION	Date in Yellow is the Evening (Erev) we hold the Service.
☆ <b>2015, Dec 6-14</b>	<b>MAJOR FEAST</b>	<b>CHANUKKAH</b>	Jewish festival of rededication, also known as Festival of Lights	
2015, Dec 22	Minor Fast	Asara B'Tevet	Fast commemorating the siege of Jerusalem	
2016, Jan 25	Minor Holiday	Tu BiShvat	New Year for Trees	
2016, Feb 23	Minor Holiday	Purim Katan	Minor Purim celebration during Adar I on leap years	
2016, Feb 25	Special Shabbat	Shabbat Shekalim	Shabbat before Rosh Chodesh Adar	
2016, Mar 23	Minor Fast	Ta'anit Esther	Fast of Esther	
2016, Mar 11	Special Shabbat	Shabbat Zachor	Shabbat before Purim	
☆ <b>2016, Mar 23</b>	<b>MAJOR FEAST</b>	<b>PURIM</b>	Most joyous and fun holidays on Jewish calendar	
2016, Mar 25	Minor Holiday	Shushan Purim	Celebrated in Jerusalem and walled cities	
2016, Apr 22	Minor Fast	Ta'anit Bechorot	Fast of the First Born	
☆ <b>2016, Apr 22-30</b>	<b>MAJOR FEAST</b>	<b>PESACH-SEDER</b>	Passover, the Feast of Unleavened Bread	
2016, May 5	Modern Holiday	Yom HaShoah	Holocaust Memorial Day	
2016, May 11	Modern Holiday	Yom HaZikaron	Israeli Memorial Day	
2016, May 12	Modern Holiday	Yom HaAtzma'ut	Israeli Independence Day	
2016, May 22	Minor Holiday	Pesach Sheni	Second Passover, one month after Passover	
2016, May 26	Minor Holiday	Lag B'Omer	33rd day of counting the Omer	
2016, Mar 18	Special Shabbat	Shabbat Parah	Shabbat of the Red Heifer	
2016, Mar 25	Special Shabbat	Shabbat HaChodesh	Shabbat before Rosh Chodesh Nissan	
2016, Apr 8	Special Shabbat	Shabbat HaGadol	Shabbat before Pesach	
2016, Jun 5	Modern Holiday	Yom Yerushalayim	Jerusalem Day	
☆ <b>2016, Jun 11-13</b>	<b>MAJOR FEAST</b>	<b>SHAVUOT</b>	Festival of Weeks, commemorates giving of Torah at Mt Sinai	
2016, Jul 24	Minor fast	Tzom Tammuz	Fast commemorating breaching Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar	
2016, Jul 29	Special Shabbat	Shabbat Chazon	Shabbat before Tish'a B'Av (Shabbat of Prophecy/Shabbat of Vision)	
2016, Aug 14	Major Holiday	Tish'a B'Av	Ninth of Av, fast commemorating destruction of 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Temples	
2016, Aug 20	Special Shabbat	Shabbat Nachamu	Shabbat after Tish'a B'Av (Shabbat of Consolation)	
2016, Sep 24	Minor Holiday	Leil Selichot	Prayers for forgiveness in preparation for the High Holidays	
☆ <b>2016, Oct 2</b>	<b>HIGH HOLY DAY</b>	<b>ROSH HASHANA</b>	Jewish New Year	
2016, Oct 8	Special Shabbat	Shabbat Shuva	Shabbat between Rosh Hashanah/Yom Kippur-Shabbat of Returning	
2016, Oct 5	Minor fast	Tzom Gedaliah	Fast of 7 <sup>th</sup> Month, commemorates assassination of Judah governor	
☆ <b>2016, Oct 11</b>	<b>HIGH HOLY DAY</b>	<b>YOM KIPPUR</b>	Day of Atonement	
☆ <b>2016, Oct 16</b>	<b>MAJOR FEAST</b>	<b>SUKKOT</b>	Feast of Tabernacles	
2016, Oct 24	Major Holiday	Shmini Atzeret	Eighth Day of Assembly	
☆ <b>2016, Oct 24</b>	<b>MAJOR FEAST</b>	<b>SIMCHAT TORAH</b>	Day of Celebrating the Torah Cycle Ending and Restarting	
☆ <b>2016, Dec 24</b>	<b>MAJOR FEAST</b>	<b>CHANUKKAH</b>	Jewish festival of rededication, also known as Festival of Lights	

### Notable Continuous Holiday

2016, April 24-June 11 Minor Holiday Counting Omer 7 weeks from the second night of Pesach to the day before Shavuot

### Starting Dates of the Hebrew Months

Cheshvan - Oct 14, 2015	Kislev - Nov 13, 2015	Tevet - Dec 13, 2015	Sh'vat - Jan 11, 2016
Adar I - Feb 10, 2016	Adar II - Mar 11, 2016	Nisan - Apr 9, 2016	Iyyar - May 9, 2016
Sivan - Jun 7, 2016	Tamuz - Jul 7, 2016	Av - Aug 5, 2016	Elul - Sep 4, 2016
Tishrei - Oct 3, 2016	Cheshvan - Nov 24, 2016	Kislev - Dec 1, 2016	Tevet - Dec 30, 2016

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