



### 2021-2022 Religious Holidays

Holiday	Date	Description
<b>Rosh Hashanah</b>	Begins in the evening of Monday, September 6 <sup>th</sup>  Ends the evening of Wednesday, September 8 <sup>th</sup>	Rosh Hashanah is the Jewish New Year. It is the anniversary of the creation of Adam and Eve, and a day of judgment and coronation of G-d as king.
<b>Yom Kippur</b>	Begins in the evening of Wednesday, September 15 <sup>th</sup>  Ends in the evening of Thursday, September 16 <sup>th</sup>	Otherwise known as the Day of Atonement, Yom Kippur is considered the holiest day in Judaism. The holiday lasts approximately 25 hours and is typically observed with fasting and prayer in alignment with the themes of atonement and repentance. On Yom Kippur, people observing the holiday are asked to abstain from food and drink
<b>Hanukkah or Chanukah</b>	Begins in the evening of Sunday, November 28 <sup>th</sup>  Ends in the evening of December 6 <sup>th</sup>	The eight-day Jewish celebration known as Hanukkah or Chanukah commemorates the rededication during the second century B.C. of the Second Temple in Jerusalem, where according to legend Jews had risen up against their Greek-Syrian oppressors in the Maccabean Revolt. Hanukkah, which means “dedication” in Hebrew, begins on the 25 <sup>th</sup> of Kislev on the Hebrew calendar and usually falls in November or December. Often called the Festival of Lights, the holiday is celebrated with the lighting of the menorah, traditional foods, games and gifts.
<b>Christmas</b>	Saturday, December 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	Christmas is an annual festival commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ, observed primarily on December 25 as a religious and cultural celebration
<b>Good Friday</b>	Friday, April 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2022	Good Friday is a Christian holiday commemorating the crucifixion of Jesus and his death at Calvary. It is observed during Holy Week as part of the

		Paschal Triduum. It is also known as Holy Friday, Great Friday, Great and Holy Friday.
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	Sunday, April 17 <sup>th</sup>	The most important and oldest festival of the Christian Church, celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ and held (in the Western Church) between March 21 and April 25, on the first Sunday after the first full moon following the northern spring equinox.
<b>Passover</b>	Begins in the evening of Wednesday, April 13 <sup>th</sup> Ends in the evening of Saturday, April 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Passover, or Pesach (PEH-sach) in Hebrew, commemorates the slavery of the Israelites in Egypt and their ultimate exodus to freedom. ... During the night of the final plague, God “passed over” and protected the houses of the Israelites, giving the festival its name.
<b>Ramadan</b>	Begins in the evening of Friday, April 1 <sup>st</sup> Ends in the evening of Saturday, April 30 <sup>th</sup>	Ramadan is the ninth month in the Muslim lunar calendar. Muslims observe this sacred month of Ramadan to mark when Allah sent an angel to Prophet Muhammad to reveal the Quran, the Islamic holy book, in 610 AD. This revelation is known as the “night of power” or ‘Laylat Al Qadar’ in Arabic. The beginning and end of Ramadan change every year as it’s based on the <a href="#">Islamic lunar calendar</a> and the moon cycles. The start of Ramadan is determined by the sighting of the new crescent moon by religious leaders. Although Muslim’s wait for the new moon’s appearance before announcing the first day of Ramadan, they can estimate the arrival.