

Jewish High Holidays

Academic Year 2017-18

Each holiday begins at sundown and ends one hour past sundown.

These are holidays in which work is not permitted (Yom Tovim, i.e. “Days of Happiness”). I have not included holidays when work is permitted.

The definition of “work” includes (but is not limited to): driving or travelling in a car or other vehicle, writing, using electronic devices, using phones, and engaging in commerce.

I have not included the Jewish Sabbath (Shabbat) in this list. However, Shabbat is observed each week every week beginning just before sundown and ending one hour after sundown. Holidays that end on Friday night go directly into Shabbat. There is no time between the end of the holiday and the beginning of Shabbat.

HOLIDAYS, FALL 2017

Rosh Hashanah*

No work is permitted: Just before sunset of Wednesday, September 20 through one hour after Sunset of Friday, September 22. *This holiday goes directly into Shabbat without a break.*

Yom Kippur

No work is permitted: Just before sunset of Friday, September 29 through just after sunset of Saturday, September 30. (Note: This is a 25 hour fast with no food and no water. Employees may need to leave early in order to prepare for this fast.)

Sukkot Holidays*

This is an eight-day holiday, but just the first two and the last two days of the holiday are days when no work is permitted. The

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eight-day holiday starts just before sunset on Wednesday, October 4 and goes through one hour after sunset on Friday, October 13.

No work permitted:

First Two Days*—beginning just before sunset, Wednesday, October 4 to one hour after sunset, Friday, October 6. *This holiday goes directly into Shabbat without a break.*

Shemini Atzeret*

No work is permitted: Just before sunset of Wednesday, October 11 until just after sunset, Thursday, October 12. *This holiday goes directly into Simchat Torah with no break.*

Simchat Torah

No work is permitted: Just before sunset of Thursday, October 12 until one hour after sunset on Friday, October 13. *This holiday goes directly into Shabbat without a break.*

HOLIDAYS, SPRING 2018

Purim (Holiday Celebrating Queen Esther)

This is not technically a Yom Tov, but I have included it because many keep it like a Yom Tov. **Work is permitted, but highly discouraged,** from just before sunset on Wednesday, February 28 until after sunset on Thursday, March 1.

Pesach (Passover)

Pesach is an eight-day holiday. No work is permitted the first two days and the last two days of the holiday. Remember that days begin and end at sundown.

Pesach 1 & 2: No work is permitted: Just before sunset Friday, March 30 until after sunset Sunday, April 1.

Pesach 7* & 8: No work is permitted: Just before sunset Thursday, April 5 to one hour after sunset, Saturday, April 7.

Shavuot (Celebration of the Giving of the Torah)

No work is permitted: Just before sunset on Saturday, May 19 until after sundown on, Monday, May 21.

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Jewish Holidays At a Glance

Here are the holidays at a glance. Remember, each holiday begins approximately one hour before sundown and ends approximately one hour after sundown.

September /October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed.	Thurs	Friday	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20*	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
1	2	3	4*	5	6	7
8	9	10	11*	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21

March/April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Friday	Sat
			28	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
1	2	3	4	5*	6	7

May 2018

Sun	Mon y	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Friday	Sat
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		



Holiday/Sabbath Begins at Sundown.



Holiday/Sabbath Day (Work not Permitted).

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