

# JEWISH HOLIDAY CALENDAR 2008 – 2012

The **Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC)** of the **Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford** has prepared this four-year calendar for Jewish community organizations, schools and synagogues. Holidays on which Jewish tradition calls for adults and children to refrain from day-to-day occupations and routines are shaded.

	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012
<b>ROSH HASHANAH</b> Beginning of the Jewish New Year	Sept. 30 & Oct 1 Tues. & Wed. (starts sunset Sept.29)	Sept. 19 & 20 Sat. & Sun. (starts sunset Sept.18)	Sept. 9 & 10 Thurs. & Fri. (starts sunset Sept.8)	Sept. 29 & 30 Thurs. & Fri. (starts sunset Sept. 28)
<b>YOM KIPPUR</b> Day of Atonement. Most solemn of Jewish holy days; devoted to fasting, prayer and repentance.	October 9 Thursday (starts sunset Oct. 8)	September 28 Monday (starts sunset Sept. 27)	September 18 Saturday (starts sunset Sept. 17)	October 8 Saturday (starts sunset Oct. 7)
<b>SUKKOT</b> Jewish festival of thanksgiving and harvest commemorating the dwelling of the ancient Israelites in booths in the wilderness	October 14 & 15 Tues. & Wed. (Starts sunset Oct. 13)	October 3 & 4 Sat. & Sun. (starts sunset Oct. 2)	Sept. 23 & 24 Thurs. & Fri. (starts sunset Sept. 22)	October 13 & 14 Thurs. & Fri. (starts sunset Oct. 12)
<b>SHEMINI ATZERET</b> Eighth day of Sukkot for all denominations; Simchat Torah for Reform Jews.	October 21 Tuesday (starts sunset Oct. 20)	October 10 Saturday (starts sunset Oct. 9)	September 30 Thursday (starts sunset Sept. 29)	October 20 Thursday (starts sunset Oct. 19)
<b>SIMCHAT TORAH</b> Rejoicing of the Law. Reading of the Torah is completed and begun anew.	October 22 Wednesday (starts sunset Oct. 21)	October 11 Sunday (starts sunset Oct. 10)	October 1 Friday (starts sunset Sept. 30)	October 21 Friday (starts sunset Oct.20)
<b>CHANUKAH</b> Eight-day festival marking the first recorded battle for religious liberty and the rededication of the Temple by the Maccabees.	December 22-29 Mon. – Mon. (first candle Dec. 21)	December 12-19 Sat. – Sat. (first candle Dec. 11)	December 2-9 Thurs. – Thurs. (first candle Dec. 1)	December 21-28 Wed. – Wed. (first candle Dec. 20)
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<b>TU B'SHVAT</b> New Year's day of trees. Planting season begins; symbol of hope, rebirth and joy in nature.	February 9 Monday (starts sunset Feb. 8)	January 30 Saturday (starts sunset Jan. 29)	January 20 Thursday (starts sunset Jan. 19)	February 8 Wednesday (starts sunset Feb. 7)
<b>PURIM</b> Feast of Esther. Jewish day of merry-making marking defeat of Persian tyrant Haman.	March 10 Tuesday (starts sunset March 9)	February 28 Sunday (starts sunset Feb. 27)	March 20 Sunday (starts sunset March 19)	March 8 Thursday (starts sunset March 7)
<b>PESACH (PASSOVER)</b> Jewish festival commemorating the deliverance of Jews from slavery in Egypt. Only unleavened foods are eaten. The first two days and last two days are observed as holy days.	April 9 & 10 Thurs. & Fri. (starts sunset April 8)  April 15 & 16 Wed. & Thurs. (starts sunset April 14)	March 30 & 31 Tues. & Wed. (starts sunset March 29)  April 5 & 6 Mon. & Tues. (starts sunset April 4)	April 19 & 20 Tues. & Wed. (starts sunset April 18)  April 25 & 26 Mon. & Tues. (starts sunset April 24)	April 7 & 8 Sat. & Sun. (starts sunset April 6)  April 13 & 14 Fri. & Sat. (starts sunset April 12)
<b>YOM HASHOAH</b> Honors the memory of the six million Jewish martyrs and heroes who perished in the Holocaust	April 21 Tuesday (starts sunset April 20)	April 11 Sunday (starts sunset April 10)	May 1 Sunday (starts sunset April 30)	April 19 Thursday (starts sunset April 18)
<b>YOM HAZIKARON</b> Israel Memorial Day remembering the soldiers who gave their lives for Israel's Independence	April 28 Tuesday (starts sunset April 27)	April 18 Sunday (starts sunset April 17)	May 9 Monday (starts sunset May 8)	April 25 Wednesday (starts sunset April 24)
<b>YOM HA'ATZMAUT</b> Israel Independence Day	April 29 Wednesday (starts sunset April 28)	April 19 Monday (starts sunset April 18)	May 10 Tuesday (starts sunset May 9)	April 26 Thursday (starts sunset April 25)
<b>LAG BA'OMER</b> 33 <sup>rd</sup> day of counting of the Omer. Traditional date for joyous celebration.	May 12 Tuesday (starts sunset May 11)	May 2 Sunday (starts sunset May 1)	May 22 Sunday (starts sunset May 21)	May 10 Thursday (starts sunset May 9)
<b>YOM YERUSHALAYIM</b> Jerusalem Day. Celebrates the 1967 reunification of Jerusalem.	May 22 Friday (starts sunset May 21)	May 12 Wednesday (starts sunset May 11)	June 1 Wednesday (starts sunset May 31)	May 20 Sunday (starts sunset May 19)
<b>SHAVUOT</b> Jewish festival commemorating the giving of the Law at Mt. Sinai.	May 29 & 30 Fri. & Sat. (starts sunset May 28)	May 19 & 20 Wed. & Thurs. (starts sunset May 18)	June 8 & 9 Wed. & Thurs. (starts sunset June 7)	May 27 & 28 Sun. & Mon. (starts sunset May 26)
<b>TISHA B'AV</b> 9 <sup>th</sup> day of the month of Av. Mourns the destruction of the first and second temples and other tragedies that have befallen the Jewish people.	July 30 Thursday (starts sunset July 29)	July 20 Tuesday (starts sunset July 19)	August 9 Tuesday (starts sunset August 8)	July 29 Sunday (starts sunset July 28)

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