

Major holidays 2018

Holidays begin at sundown on the evening before the date specified.

Dates in bold are *yom tov*, so they have similar obligations and restrictions to Shabbat in the sense that normal "work" is forbidden.

Holiday	Dates	Description
Purim	Mar 1 Th	Purim is one of the most joyous and fun holidays on the Jewish calendar
Pesach	Mar 31-Apr 1 Sa-Su Apr 2-5 M-Th Apr 6-7 F-Sa	Passover, the Feast of Unleavened Bread
Shavuot	May 20-21 Su-M	Festival of Weeks, commemorates the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai
Tish'a B'Av	Jul 22 Su	The Ninth of Av, fast commemorating the destruction of the two Temples
Rosh Hashana	Sep 10-11 M-Tu	The Jewish New Year
Yom Kippur	Sep 19 W	Day of Atonement
Sukkot	Sep 24-25 M-Tu Sep 26-30 W-Su	Feast of Tabernacles
Shmini Atzeret	Oct 1 M	Eighth Day of Assembly
Simchat Torah	Oct 2 Tu	Day of Celebrating the Torah
Chanukah	Dec 3-10 M-M	The Jewish festival of rededication, also known as the Festival of Lights

Minor holidays

Holiday	Dates	Description
Tu BiShvat	Jan 31 W	New Year for Trees
Shushan Purim	Mar 2 F	Purim celebrated in Jerusalem and walled cities
Pesach Sheni	Apr 29 Su	Second Passover, one month after Passover
Lag BaOmer	May 3 Th	33rd day of counting the Omer
Tu B'Av	Jul 27 F	Jewish holiday of love, similar to Valentine's Day
Leil Selichot	Sep 1 Sa	Prayers for forgiveness in preparation for the High Holidays

Minor fasts

Holiday	Dates	Description
Ta'anit Esther	Feb 28 W	Fast of Esther
Ta'anit Bechorot	Mar 30 F	Fast of the First Born
Tzom Tammuz	Jul 1 Su	Fast commemorating breaching of the walls of Jerusalem before the destruction of the Second Temple
Tzom Gedaliah	Sep 12 W	Fast of the Seventh Month, commemorates the assassination of the Jewish governor of Judah
Asara B'Tevet	Dec 18 Tu	Fast commemorating the siege of Jerusalem

Modern holidays

Holiday	Dates	Description
Yom HaShoah	Apr 12 Th	Holocaust Memorial Day
Yom HaZikaron	Apr 18 W	Israeli Memorial Day
Yom HaAtzma'ut	Apr 19 Th	Israeli Independence Day
Yom Yerushalayim	May 13 Su	Jerusalem Day
Yom HaAliyah	Oct 16 Tu	Recognizes Aliyah, immigration to the Jewish State of Israel
Sigd	Nov 7 W	Ethiopian Jewish holiday occurring 50 days after Yom Kippur

Special Shabbatot

Holiday	Dates	Description
Shabbat Shekalim	Feb 10 Sa	Shabbat before Rosh Chodesh Adar
Shabbat Zachor	Feb 24 Sa	Shabbat before Purim
Shabbat Parah	Mar 10 Sa	Shabbat of the Red Heifer
Shabbat HaChodesh	Mar 17 Sa	Shabbat before Rosh Chodesh Nissan
Shabbat HaGadol	Mar 24 Sa	Shabbat before Pesach
Shabbat Chazon	Jul 21 Sa	Shabbat before Tish'a B'Av (Shabbat of Prophecy/Shabbat of Vision)

Shabbat Nachamu Jul 28 Sa Shabbat after Tish'a B'Av (Shabbat of Consolation)

Shabbat Shuva Sep 15 Sa Shabbat that falls between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur (Shabbat of Returning)

Rosh Chodesh

Holiday	Dates	Description
Rosh Chodesh Sh'vat	Jan 17 W	Beginning of new Hebrew month of Sh'vat
Rosh Chodesh Adar	Feb 15 Th	Beginning of new Hebrew month of Adar
Rosh Chodesh Nisan	Mar 17 Sa	Beginning of new Hebrew month of Nisan
Rosh Chodesh Iyyar	Apr 15 Su	Beginning of new Hebrew month of Iyyar
Rosh Chodesh Sivan	May 15 Tu	Beginning of new Hebrew month of Sivan
Rosh Chodesh Tamuz	Jun 13 W	Beginning of new Hebrew month of Tamuz
Rosh Chodesh Av	Jul 13 F	Beginning of new Hebrew month of Av
Rosh Chodesh Elul	Aug 11 Sa	Beginning of new Hebrew month of Elul
Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan	Oct 9 Tu	Beginning of new Hebrew month of Cheshvan
Rosh Chodesh Kislev	Nov 8 Th	Beginning of new Hebrew month of Kislev
Rosh Chodesh Tevet	Dec 8 Sa	Beginning of new Hebrew month of Tevet