

# Use of Holiday Calendar 2009-2010

This calendar has been prepared and designed primarily to assist teachers and school administrators in planning and scheduling special events and activities such as examinations, assemblies, field trips, graduations and other school-related programs. Federal, state, county, and city government agencies, legislative bodies, and courts, as well as private employers, may also find this calendar helpful.

ALL Jewish holidays are set according to the Hebrew lunar calendar, so that they begin at sundown on the preceding evening

and conclude at sundown on the dates noted. The Sabbath begins at sunset on Friday evening and concludes at sunset on Saturday. During these observances, work is traditionally prohibited. As a result, Jewish individuals may be absent from both school and places of employment.

No person should be penalized for his/her religious observances or beliefs.

## 5-Year Calendar of Major Jewish Holidays

Holiday	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
<b>PESACH</b> <i>(Passover)</i>	April 9, 10 Thurs. & Fri.	March 30, 31 Tues. & Wed.	April 19, 20 Tues. & Wed.	April 7, 8 Sat. & Sun.	March 26, 27 Tues. & Wed.
<b>Concluding days of PESACH</b>	April 15, 16 Wed. & Thurs.	April 5, 6 Mon. & Tues.	April 25, 26 Mon. & Tues.	April 13, 14 Fri. & Sat.	April 1, 2 Mon. & Tues.
<b>SHAVUOT</b> <i>(Receiving of the Torah)</i>	May 29, 30 Fri. & Sat.	May 19, 20 Wed. & Thurs.	June 8, 9 Wed. & Thurs.	May 27, 28 Sun. & Mon.	May 15, 16 Thurs. & Fri.
<b>TISHA B'AV</b> <i>(Official Day of Mourning)</i>	July 30 Thursday	July 20 Tuesday	August 9 Tuesday	July 29 Sunday	July 16 Tuesday
<b>ROSH HASHANAH</b> <i>(New Year)</i>	Sept. 19, 20 Sat. & Sun.	Sept. 9, 10 Thurs. & Fri.	Sept. 29, 30 Thurs. & Fri.	Sept. 17, 18 Mon. & Tues.	Sept 5, 6 Thurs. & Fri.
<b>YOM KIPPUR</b> <i>(Day of Atonement)</i>	Sept. 28 Monday	Sept. 18 Saturday	Oct. 8 Saturday	Sept. 26 Wednesday	Sept. 14 Saturday
<b>SUKKOT</b> <i>(Feast of Tabernacles)</i>	Oct. 3, 4 Sat. & Sun.	Sept. 23, 24 Thurs. & Fri.	Oct. 13, 14 Thurs. & Fri.	Oct. 1, 2 Mon. & Tues.	Sept. 19, 20 Thurs. & Fri.
<b>SHEMINI ATZERET</b> <i>(Eighth Day of Assembly)</i>	Oct. 10 Saturday	Sept. 30 Thursday	Oct. 20 Thursday	Oct. 8 Monday	Sept. 26 Thursday
<b>SIMCHAT TORAH</b> <i>(Rejoicing of the Law)</i>	Oct. 11 Sunday	Oct. 1 Friday	Oct. 21 Friday	Oct. 9 Tuesday	Sept. 27 Friday

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## August 2009

**22, Saturday - Islamic Holiday: Ramadan** – Begins a month of fasting (ends September 21<sup>st</sup>).

## September 2009

**7, Monday—Labor Day** - Schools Closed

1<sup>st</sup> Day Of School: Dorchester County opens on August 17<sup>th</sup>, Washington County opens on August 19<sup>th</sup>, Somerset County opens on August 21<sup>st</sup>. Anne Arundel, Charles, Prince George's, Prince Anne's Counties open on August 24<sup>th</sup>, Calvert, Carroll and Talbot Counties open on August 25<sup>th</sup>. Cecil, Frederick, St. Mary's Counties open on August 26<sup>th</sup>, Harford County opens on August 27<sup>th</sup>, Baltimore City/County, Garrett, Howard, Montgomery, Wicomico, Worcester Counties open on August 31<sup>st</sup>, Allegany County opens on September 1<sup>st</sup>. Caroline and Kent Counties open on September 8<sup>th</sup>.

**18, 19, 20 - Rosh Hashanah (Friday Evening)**

**Saturday and Sunday** (Jewish New Year) Begins the Jewish year 5770.

**21, Monday - Islamic Holiday: Eid-UI-Fitr** (The feast marking the end of fasting).

**27, 28 - Yom Kippur (Sunday Evening) Monday**

(Day Of Atonement) Most holy of Jewish holidays, devoted to prayer, fasting and repentance.

## October 2009

**2, 3, 4 - Sukkot (Friday evening) Saturday and Sunday**

(Feast of Tabernacles) - First day of festival of harvest, thanksgiving, and remembrance of the Jews wandering in the wilderness and living in booths or tabernacles after the exodus from Egypt.

**9, 10 - Shemini Atzeret (Friday evening) Saturday**

(Eighth day of Assembly) - Marks the climax of the Jewish holy season.

**10, 11 - Simchat Torah (Saturday evening) Sunday**

**(Rejoicing In The Law) - Reading of the Torah is completed and begun anew in the synagogue.**

**12, Monday - Columbus Day** - Federal and state agencies closed.

**16, 17, Friday and Saturday - Maryland State Teachers Association Convention** - Schools closed Friday.

**24, Saturday - United Nations Day**

**25, Sunday - Reformation Day** - Observed by Protestant groups to mark the beginning of Protestant Reformation in 1517.

## November 2009

**1, Sunday - All Saints Day** - Christian holy day of obligation commemorating all saints.

**2, Monday - All Souls' Day** - Roman Catholic day of remembrance for friends and loved ones who have passed away.

**11, Wednesday - Veterans Day** - Federal and state agencies closed.

**15 - 21, Sunday to Saturday** - American Education Week

**26, Thursday - Thanksgiving Day**

Schools closed on the 23<sup>rd</sup> through 27<sup>th</sup> (Anne Arundel & Carroll Counties). Schools closed on the 25<sup>th</sup> through 27<sup>th</sup> (Calvert, Caroline, Cecil, Charles, Dorchester, Frederick, Queen Anne's, Prince George's, St. Mary's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester Counties). Schools closed on the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> (Allegany, Baltimore City/County, Garrett, Harford, Howard, Kent, Montgomery, Washington). Federal and state agencies closed. Schools reopen November 30<sup>th</sup>.

**28, Saturday - Islamic Holiday: Eid-UI-Adha** (Feast of Sacrifice).

## December 2009

**8, Tuesday - Feast of the Immaculate Conception** -

Catholic holy day celebrating the privilege of freedom from sin.

**10, Wednesday - Human Rights Day** - Marks U.N. adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948.

**11, 12-19, Chanukah (Friday evening) Saturday-Saturday**

(Festival of Lights) - Eight-day festival marking the first recorded battle for religious liberty and rededication of the Temple by the Maccabees.

**18, Friday - Islamic Holiday: Al Hijira** (Islamic New Year) Marks the migration of the Prophet Mohammad and his followers from Mecca to Medina.

**15, Tuesday - Bill of Rights Day** - Marks ratification of the first 10 amendments to the U.S. Constitution in 1791.

**25, Saturday - Christmas Day** - Federal and state agencies closed. Winter school vacation: Schools closed December 21<sup>st</sup> through January 1<sup>st</sup> (Caroline, Charles, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's and Talbot Counties). December 23<sup>rd</sup> through January 1<sup>st</sup> (Baltimore County, Calvert, Cecil, Frederick, St. Mary's, Wicomico and Worcester Counties). December 24<sup>th</sup> through January 1<sup>st</sup> (Anne Arundel, Allegany, Baltimore City, Carroll, Garrett, Harford, Howard, Montgomery, Prince George's and Washington Counties) schools reopen on January 5<sup>th</sup>.

**26, Saturday - Kwanzaa** (First Fruits of the Harvest) - African-American holiday that celebrates family, community and culture. It is celebrated for seven days, December 26<sup>th</sup>-January 1<sup>st</sup>.

## January 2010

**1, Friday - New Year's Day** - Schools closed. Federal and state agencies closed.

**4, Monday - Feast of Epiphany** - Observed to commemorate the visit of the three wise men to Bethlehem; the baptism of Jesus at the age of thirty. Schools re-open after winter break.

**18, Monday - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day** -

In honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. (B. 1929). Schools closed. Federal and state agencies closed.

**30, Saturday - Tu B'shat** - New Year For Trees

## February 2010

**All February - African-American Heritage Month**

**12, Friday - Lincoln's Birthday (B. 1809).**

**15, Monday - Presidents' Day** - Celebrates the birthdays of George Washington (b. 1732) and Abraham Lincoln (b. 1809). Schools closed. Federal and state agencies closed.

**17, Wednesday - Ash Wednesday** - Opens Lenten Season

**27, 28 Purim (Friday Evening) Saturday (Feast Of Esther)** - Jewish day of merry-making, marking defeat of Persian tyrant, Haman.

## March 2010

**17, Wednesday** - St. Patrick's Day

**25, Thursday - Maryland Day** - Commemorating the arrival of Lord Baltimore's first settlers in Maryland in 1634.

**28, Sunday** - Palm Sunday

**29, 30, 31 Pesach (Monday evening) Tuesday and Wednesday** - First two days of Pesach (Passover) Jewish festival marking deliverance from slavery in Egypt.

## April 2010

**1, Thursday - Holy Thursday** - Christian holy day marking The Last Supper.

**2, Friday** - Good Friday

**3, Saturday** - Holy Saturday

**4, Sunday - Easter/Eastern Orthodox Easter**

Spring School Vacation: Schools closed March 26<sup>th</sup> through April 6<sup>th</sup> (Baltimore County). Schools closed March 29<sup>th</sup> through April 5<sup>th</sup> (Anne Arundel, Charles, Calvert, Montgomery and Prince George's Counties). Schools closed March 31<sup>st</sup> through April 5<sup>th</sup> (Frederick, Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester Counties). Schools closed March 31<sup>st</sup> through April 9<sup>th</sup> (Queen Anne's County). Schools closed April 2<sup>nd</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup> (Allegany, Carroll, Dorchester, Garrett, Harford and Howard Counties). Schools closed April 5<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup> (Caroline and Kent Counties).

**4, 5, 6, Pesach (Sunday Evening) Monday and Tuesday** -

Concluding days of Pesach (Passover).

**11, Sunday - Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day)** -

Memorializing the six million martyrs who died in the Holocaust, 1939-1945.

**18, Sunday - Yom Hazikaron** - Israel's Memorial Day

**19, Monday - Yom Ha'atzmaut** (Israel Independence Day).

## May 2010

**1, Thursday - Ascension Day** - Christian Holy Day marking Jesus' ascension 40 days after the Resurrection.

**11, Sunday - Pentecost (Whitsunday)** - Commemorating descent of Holy Spirit upon the Apostles 50 days after Resurrection.

**19, 20 - Shavuot (Tuesday evening) Wednesday and Thursday** - Marks giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai.

**25, Monday - Memorial Day (Observed).** Schools closed. Federal and state agencies closed.

## June 2010

**14, Monday - Flag Day**

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