

Holiday Calendar 2010-2011

August 2010

12, Thursday - Islamic Holiday: Ramadan - Begins a month of fasting (ends September 9th).

September 2010

6, Monday - Labor Day - Schools, Federal and state agencies closed.

First Day of School: Washington County opens August 18th; Anne Arundel, Frederick, Kent, Prince George's, Somerset Counties open August 23rd; Allegany, Calvert, Dorchester, Talbot Counties open August 24th; Caroline, Cecil, St. Mary's Counties open August 25th; Baltimore County/City, Charles, Howard, Montgomery, Queen Anne's, Wicomico, Worcester Counties open August 30th; Carroll County opens August 31st

8, 9, 10 - Rosh Hashanah (Wednesday Evening) Thursday and Friday
(Jewish New Year) Begins the Jewish Year 5771.

10, Friday - Islamic Holiday: Eid-UI-Fitr (The feast marking the end of fasting).

12, Sunday - Tzom Gedaliah - Commemorates the start of Babylonian exile of the Jewish people. (Fast begins at first morning light).

17, 18 - Yom Kippur (Friday Evening) Saturday
(Day Of Atonement) Most holy of Jewish holidays, devoted to prayer, fasting and repentance.

22, 23, 24 - Sukkot (Wednesday Evening) Thursday and Friday
(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.

29, 30 - Shemini Atzeret (Wednesday Evening) Thursday
(Eighth day of Assembly) - Marks the climax of the Jewish holy season.

October 2010

30, 1 - Simchat Torah (Thursday Evening) Friday
(Rejoicing in the Law) - Reading of the Torah is completed and begun anew in the synagogue.

11, Monday - Columbus Day - Federal and state agencies closed.

15, 16, Friday and Saturday - Maryland State Teachers Association Convention - Schools closed Friday.

25, Monday - United Nations Day

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

November 2010

1, Monday - All Saints' Day - Christian holy day of obligation commemorating all saints.

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

11, Thursday - Veterans Day - Federal and state agencies closed.

14 - 20, Sunday to Saturday - American Education Week (This year marks the 88th Annual American Education Week.

17, Wednesday - Islamic Holiday: Eid-UI-Adha (Feast of Sacrifice).

25, Thursday - Thanksgiving Day - Federal and state agencies closed.
Schools closed on the 24th through 26th: Allegany, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Howard, Montgomery, Somerset, Washington Counties. Schools closed on the 25th through 26th: Caroline, Carroll, Cecil, Charles, Dorchester, Frederick, Kent, Prince George's, Queen Anne's, St. Mary's, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester Counties.

December 2010

1, 2-9, Chanukah (Wednesday evening) Thursday - Thursday
(Festival of Lights) - Eight-day festival marking the first recorded battle for religious liberty and rededication of the Temple by the Maccabees.

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

8, Wednesday - Feast of the Immaculate Conception - Catholic holy day celebrating the privilege of freedom from sin.

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

15, Wednesday - 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 from 20th through January 2nd: Somerset County. Schools closed from 22nd through January 2nd: Calvert, Cecil, and Dorchester Counties. Schools closed from 23rd through January 2nd: Allegany, Anne Arundel, Baltimore County, Caroline, Carroll, Charles, Kent, Montgomery, Prince George's, Queen Anne's, St. Mary's, Talbot, Washington, Wicomico, and Worcester Counties. Schools closed from 24th through January 2nd: Baltimore City, Frederick, and Howard Counties.

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

January 2011

1, Saturday - New Year's Day - Schools closed. Federal and state agencies closed. Schools re-open after winter break - Monday, January 3, 2011.

17, Monday - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - In honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. (b. 1929). Schools closed. Federal and state agencies closed.

20, Thursday - Tu B'shevat - New Year For Trees

February 2011

All February - African-American Heritage Month

11, Friday - Lincoln's Birthday Observed (b. February 12, 1809).

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

March 2011

9, Wednesday - Ash Wednesday - Opens Lenten Season

17, Thursday - St. Patrick's Day

17, Ta'Anit Esther Thursday - (Fast of Esther) Commemorates the fast of Queen Esther (Fast begins Thursday morning).

20, Purim Sunday (Feast Of Esther) - Jewish day of merry-making, marking defeat of Persian tyrant, Haman.

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

April 2011

17, Sunday - Palm Sunday

18, 19, 20 Pesach (Monday evening) Tuesday and Wednesday

First two days of *Pesach* (Passover) Jewish festival marking deliverance from slavery in Egypt.

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

22, Friday - Good Friday

23, Saturday - Holy Saturday

24, Sunday - Easter/Eastern Orthodox Easter

Spring School Vacation: Schools closed from 21st through 25th: Allegany, Caroline, Cecil, Queen Anne's, Washington, Wicomico, and Worcester Counties. Schools closed from 18th through 25th: Anne Arundel, Baltimore City, Calvert, Charles, Frederick, Kent, Montgomery, Prince George's, St. Mary's Counties. Schools closed from 15th through 26th: Baltimore County. Schools closed from 22nd through 25th: Carroll, Dorchester, Howard, Somerset, and Talbot Counties.

24, 25, 26, Pesach (Sunday Evening) Monday and Tuesday - Concluding days of *Pesach* (Passover).

May 2011

1, Sunday - Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) - Memorializing the six million martyrs who died in the Holocaust, 1939-1945.

8, Sunday - Yom Hazikaron - Israel's Memorial Day

9, Monday - Yom Ha'atzmaut - Israel's Independence Day

22, Sunday - Lag B'Omer

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

June 2011

1, Wednesday - Yom Yerushalayim - Anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem in 1967 Six-Day War.

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

7, 8, 9 - Shavuot (Tuesday evening) Wednesday and Thursday
Marks giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai.

14, Monday - Flag Day

July 2011

19 - Shiva Asar B'Tammuz Tuesday - (Fast of the 17th of Tammuz) Commemorates the breach of the walls of Jerusalem by the besieging ancient Romans.

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Use of Holiday Calendar 2010-2011

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	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Pesach (<i>Passover</i>)	March 30, 31 Tues. & Wed.	April 19, 20 Tues. & Wed.	April 7, 8 Sat. & Sun.	March 26, 27 Tues. & Wed.	April 15, 16 Tues. & Wed.
Concluding days of Pesach	April 5, 6 Mon. & Tues.	April 25, 26 Mon. & Tues.	April 13, 14 Fri. & Sat.	April 1, 2 Mon. & Tues.	April 21, 22 Mon. & Tues.
Shavuot (<i>Receiving of the Torah</i>)	May 19, 20 Wed. & Thurs.	June 8, 9 Wed. & Thurs.	May 27, 28 Sun. & Mon.	May 15, 16 Thurs. & Fri.	June 4, 5 Wed. & Thurs.
Rosh Hashanah (<i>New Year</i>)	Sept. 9, 10 Thurs. & Fri.	Sept. 29, 30 Thurs. & Fri.	Sept. 17, 18 Mon. & Tues.	Sept 5, 6 Thurs. & Fri.	Sept 25, 26 Thurs. & Fri.
Yom Kippur (<i>Day of Atonement</i>)	Sept. 18 Saturday	Oct. 8 Saturday	Sept. 26 Wednesday	Sept. 14 Saturday	Oct. 4 Saturday
Sukkot (<i>Feast of Tabernacles</i>)	Sept. 23, 24 Thurs. & Fri.	Oct. 13, 14 Thurs. & Fri.	Oct. 1, 2 Mon. & Tues.	Sept. 19, 20 Thurs. & Fri.	Oct. 9, 10 Thurs. & Fri.
Shemini Atzeret (<i>Eighth Day of Assembly</i>)	Sept. 30 Thursday	Oct. 20 Thursday	Oct. 8 Monday	Sept. 26 Thursday	Oct. 16 Thursday
Simchat Torah (<i>Rejoicing of the Law</i>)	Oct. 1 Friday	Oct. 21 Friday	Oct. 9 Tuesday	Sept. 27 Friday	Oct. 17 Friday
Tisha B'Av (<i>Official Day of Mourning</i>)	July 20 Tuesday	August 9 Tuesday	July 29 Sunday	July 16 Tuesday	August 5 Tuesday

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