

Jewish Holiday Calendar

	<u>2007-2008</u>	<u>2008-2009</u>	<u>2009-2010</u>
Rosh Hashanah	9/12 Sundown 9/13, 9/14	9/29 Sundown 9/30, 10/1	9/18 Sundown 9/19, 9/20
Yom Kippur	9/21 Sundown 9/22 ends at sundown	10/8 Sundown 10/9 ends at sundown	9/27 Sundown 9/28 ends at sundown
Passover	4/19 Sundown 4/20 evenings only	4/8 Sundown 4/9 evenings only	3/29 Sundown 3/30 evenings only

Rosh Hashanah is commonly known as the Jewish New Year. The Jewish New Year is a time of introspection and reflection of the past year.

Yom Kippur is the holiest day of the Jewish New Year. The name “Yom Kippur” means “Day of Atonement”. The ten days between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are known as the Ten Days of Repentance.

Passover commemorates the liberation of the Israelite slaves from Egypt. No leavened food is eaten during the week of Pesach in commemoration of the fact that the Jews left Egypt so quickly that their bread did not have enough time to rise.

**** All Jewish holidays begin the evening before the date specified on most calendars. This is because a Jewish “day” begins and ends at sunset rather than midnight.***