

Jewish High Holidays

Academic Year 2015-16

Each holiday begins at sundown and ends one hour past sundown.

These are holidays in which work is not permitted (Yom Tovim, i.e. “Days of Happiness”). I have not included holidays when work is permitted.

The definition of “work” includes (but is not limited to): driving or travelling in a car or other vehicle, writing, using electronic devices, using phones, and engaging in commerce.

I have not included the Jewish Sabbath (Shabbat) in this list. However, Shabbat is observed each week every week beginning at sundown and ending one hour after sundown. Holidays that end on Friday night go directly into Shabbat. There is no time between the end of the holiday and the beginning of Shabbat.

HOLIDAYS, FALL 2015

Rosh Hashanah

No work is permitted: Just before sunset of Sunday, September 13 through 1 hour after Sunset of Tuesday, September 15

Yom Kippur

No work is permitted: Just before sunset of Tuesday, September 22 through just after sunset of Wednesday, September 23. (Note: This is a 25 hour fast with no food and no water. Employees may need to leave early in order to prepare for this fast.)

Sukkot Holidays

This is an eight-day holiday, but just the first two and the last two days of the holiday are days when no work is permitted. The eight-day holiday starts just before sunset on Sunday, September 27 and goes through 1 hour after sunset on Tuesday, October 6.

No work permitted:

First two days—beginning just before sunset, Sunday, September 27 to 1 hour after sunset, Tuesday, September 29.

Shemini Atzeret

No work is permitted: Just before sunset of Sunday, October 4 until just after sunset, Monday, October 5. (This holiday goes directly into Simchat Torah with no break.)

Simchat Torah

No work is permitted: Just before sunset of Monday, October 5 until 1 hour after sunset on Tuesday, October 6

HOLIDAYS, SPRING 2016

Purim (Holiday Celebrating Queen Esther)

This is not technically a Yom Tov, but I have included it because many keep it like a Yom Tov. Work is permitted, but highly discouraged, from just before sunset on Wednesday, March 23 until after sunset on Thursday, March 24th.

Pesach (Passover)

Pesach is an eight-day holiday. No work is permitted the first two days and the last two days of the holiday. Remember that days begin and end at sundown.

Pesach 1 & 2: No work is permitted: Just before sunset Friday, April 22 until after sunset Sunday April 24th.

Pesach 7 & 8: No work is permitted: Just before sunset Thursday, April 29 to 1 hour after sunset, Saturday, April 30.

Shavuot (Celebration of the Giving of the Torah)

No work is permitted: the end of Shabbat on Saturday, June 11 until after sundown on, Monday, June 13 (Note: Shavuot begins immediately after Shabbat ends, there is no break!).

Jewish Holidays At a Glance

Here are the holidays at a glance. Remember, each holiday begins approximately one hour before sundown and ends approximately one hour after sundown.

September/October 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednes.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10

April 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednes.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

June 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednes.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		



Holiday/Sabbath Begins at Sundown.



Holiday/Sabbath Day (Work not Permitted).

