

Holiday Hours 2022-2023

LABOR DAY

Monday, September 5, 2022 8:00am-6:00pm

ROSH HASHANAH

Sunday, September 25, 2022 Closing at 3:30pm
Monday, September 26, 2022 Closed
Tuesday, September 27, 2022 Closed

YOM KIPPUR

Tuesday, October 4, 2022 Closing at 3:30pm
Wednesday, October 5, 2022 Closed

SUKKOT

Sunday, October 9, 2022 Closing at 5:00pm
Monday, October 10, 2022 Closed
Tuesday, October 11, 2022 Closed

SHEMINI ATZERET

Sunday, October 16, 2022 Closing at 5:00pm
Monday, October 17, 2022 Closed

SIMCHAT TORAH

Tuesday, October 18, 2022 Closed

THANKSGIVING

Thursday, Nov. 24, 2022 Closed

CHANUKAH

Dec. 19-26, 2022 Normal Hours

CHRISTMAS EVE & DAY

Saturday, Dec. 24, 2022 7:00am-5:00pm (OM)
7:30pm-10:30pm (PH)
Sunday, Dec. 25, 2022 8:00am-5:00pm (OM)
8:00am-5:00pm (PH)

NEW YEAR'S EVE & DAY

Saturday, Dec. 31, 2022 7:00am-5:00pm (OM)
Closed (PH)
Sunday, Jan. 1, 2023 8:00am-5:00pm

TU B'SHEVAT

Monday, Feb. 6, 2023 Normal Hours

PURIM

Tuesday, March 7, 2023 Normal Hours

PESACH

Wednesday, April 5 Closing at 3:30pm
Thursday April 6 &
Friday, April 7, 2023 Closed
Tuesday, April 11 Closing at 5:00pm
Wednesday, April 12 &
Thursday, April 13, 2023 Closed

SHAVUOT

Thursday, May 25, 2023 Closing at 5:00pm
Friday, May 26 &
Saturday, May 27, 2023 Closed

MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, May 29, 2023 8:00am-6:00pm

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Tuesday, July 4, 2023 8:00am-6:00pm

Building Hours - Effective August 1, 2022

OWINGS MILLS

MONDAYS-THURSDAYS

5:30am-9:00pm

FRIDAYS

5:30am-7:00pm (5/30/22 – 9/6/22)

5:30am-5:30pm (9/7/22 onward)

SATURDAYS-SUNDAYS

5:30am-7:00pm (5/30/22 – 9/6/22)

7:00am-5:00pm (9/7/22 onward)

PARK HEIGHTS

MONDAYS-THURSDAYS

5:30am-9:30pm

FRIDAYS

5:30am-5:30pm (9/9/22-11/4/22 and 3/17/23 onward)

5:30am-4:00pm (11/11/22 – 3/11/23)

SUNDAYS

7:00am-5:00pm

SHABBAT – SABBATH

For six days we work and create, and for one day, Shabbat, we rest.

TIMING: Sundown Friday through sundown Saturday

TRADITIONS: Lighting candles, drinking wine, eating challah (braided egg bread). Some people now “unplug” from digital devices. Havdallah is Shabbat’s farewell ceremony and includes lighting a braided candle, drinking wine and smelling sweet spices (to symbolize the sweet week that will hopefully follow.)



GREETING: *Shabbat Shalom!* (Sabbath Peace)

ROSH HASHANAH – JEWISH NEW YEAR

In the month preceding and during Rosh Hashanah, we contemplate our past, present and future actions and attempt to clean the slate. This begins the Ten Days of Awe, culminating on Yom Kippur.

TIMING: September 26 & 27, 2022 (sundown September 25)

TRADITIONS: Eating round challah, dipping apples in honey for a sweet new year, throwing crumbs (or more eco-friendly millet) into a living body of water to symbolize tossing away our sins

GREETING: *Shanah Tovah!* (A Good Year!)

**YOM KIPPUR – DAY OF ATONEMENT**

Holiest day of the year.

TIMING: October 5, 2022 (sundown, October 4)

TRADITIONS: Through fasting and prayer, Jews reflect upon their relationships and atone for missing the mark. At sunset, the day ends with a blast of the shofar (ram’s horn).

GREETING: *G’mar hatimah tovah!* (May you be sealed in the Book of Life!)

**SUKKOT – FESTIVAL OF BOOTHS**

After 40 years of wandering in the desert, we made it to the Promised Land.

TIMING: October 10 - 16, 2022 (sundown, October 9)

TRADITIONS: Building and living in a sukkah, a temporary structure reminiscent of the huts constructed in the desert; welcoming guests & strangers; daily ceremony with lulav (palm, willow & myrtle branches) and etrog (citrus fruit).

GREETING: *Hag Sameach!* (Happy Holiday!)

**SHEMINI ATZERET – EIGHTH DAY OF ASSEMBLY
SIMCHAT TORAH – REJOICING FOR THE TORAH**

The last day of Sukkot, we begin to pray for rain and, the following day (the same day for Reform Jews), we celebrate completing the Torah-reading cycle.

TIMING: October 17 & 18, 2022 (sundown, October 16)

TRADITIONS: After finishing the last chapter of Deuteronomy, we begin a new cycle by reading from the beginning of Genesis. There’s often music and dancing with the Torah!

GREETING: *Moadim L’simcha* (Festivals for Joy!)

**CHANUKAH – FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS**

Eight day holiday celebrating a military victory and the miracle of the rededication of the temple when a tiny bit of oil lasted for eight days.

TIMING: December 19 - 26, 2022 (sundown December 18)

TRADITIONS: Lighting the chanukiah (nine-branched candelabrum); eating latkes (potato pancakes) and sufganiyot (donuts); playing with dreidels (spinning tops) and giving gelt (money or chocolate coins) and gifts.

GREETING: *Happy Chanukah!*

**TU B’SHEVAT – NEW YEAR OF THE TREES**

Since biblical times, we celebrate springtime renewal and growth.

TIMING: February 7, 2023 (sundown, February 6)

TRADITIONS: Planting trees; eating fruit; conducting a special Tu B’Shevat seder.

GREETING: *Hag Sameach!* (Happy Holiday!)

**PURIM – FEAST OF LOTS**

Joyous holiday celebrating the rescue of the Jews by Queen Esther and her Uncle Mordechai from the evil Haman.

TIMING: March 7, 2023 (sundown March 6)

TRADITIONS: Reading the Megillah (scroll) of Esther aloud and making noise when Haman’s name is mentioned; dressing in costume; eating hamantaschen (three-cornered fruit filled pastries); giving mishloach manot (gift baskets); attending Purim carnivals.

GREETING: *Purim Sameach!* (Happy Purim!)

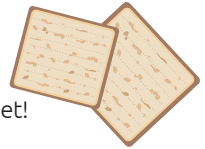
**PESACH – PASSOVER**

Once we were slaves and now we are free. Never forget!

TIMING: April 6-13, 2023 (first seder April 5)

TRADITIONS: At the seder (home-based service & festival meal) we read the Haggadah (collection of texts & commentaries on the Exodus) and eat symbolic foods. For eight days we eat matzah (unleavened bread) to remind us of leaving Egypt in a hurry (no time for bread to rise).

GREETING: *Happy Passover! Hag Sameach v’kasher!* (Happy and Kosher holiday!)

**YOM HASHOAH – HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY****YOM HAZIKARON – MEMORIAL DAY****YOM HA’ATZMAUT – ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY**

We mourn those who perished in the Shoah (Holocaust); remember those who gave their lives for Israel; and celebrate Israel’s statehood in 1948.

TIMING: April 18, April 25, April 26, 2023

TRADITIONS: Reading names of those who perished; hearing speeches by survivors; in Israel, a siren calls for the nation to stop and share a moment of silence. On Yom HaZikaron, psalms are recited; graves are visited; and yahrzeit (memorial) candles are lit. On Yom Ha’Atzmaut there are parades and celebrations.

**SHAVUOT – FESTIVAL OF WEEKS**

We celebrate receiving the Torah and the spring harvest.

TIMING: May 26-27, 2023 (sundown May 25)

TRADITIONS: Reading the ten commandments and the Book of Ruth; eating dairy products and staying up all night studying Torah

GREETING: *Hag Sameach! or Moadim L’simcha!* (Happy Holidays or Festivals for Joy!)



TURN OVER FOR JCC HOLIDAY & DAILY SCHEDULE