

Holiday Hours 2025-2026

LABOR DAY

Monday, Sept. 1, 2025 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

ROSH HASHANAH

Monday, Sept. 22, 2025 Closing at 3:30 pm
 Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2025 Closed
 Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2025 Closed

YOM KIPPUR

Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2025 Closing at 3:30 pm
 Thursday, Oct. 2, 2025 Closed

SUKKOT

Monday, Oct. 6, 2025 Closing at 5:00 pm
 Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2025 Closed
 Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2025 Closed

SHEMINI ATZERET

Monday, Oct. 13, 2025 Closing at 5:00 pm
 Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2025 Closed

SIMCHAT TORAH

Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2025 Closed

THANKSGIVING

Thursday, Nov. 27, 2025 Closed

CHANUKAH

December 14 - 22, 2025 Normal Hours

CHRISTMAS EVE & DAY

Wednesday, Dec. 24, 2024 Normal Hours
 Thursday, Dec. 25, 2024 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

NEW YEAR'S EVE & DAY

Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2025 5:30 am - 5:00 pm
 Thursday, Jan. 1, 2026 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

TU B'SHEVAT

Sunday, February 2, 2026 Normal Hours

PURIM

Tuesday, March 3, 2026 Normal Hours

PESACH

Wednesday, April 1, 2026 Closing at 3:30 pm
 Thursday, April 2, 2026 Closed
 Friday, April 3, 2026 Closed
 Tuesday, April 7, 2026 Closing at 5:00 pm
 Wednesday, April 8, 2026 Closed
 Thursday, April 9, 2026 Closed

MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, May 25, 2026 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

SHAVUOT

Thursday, May 21, 2026 Closing at 5:00 pm
 Friday, May 22, 2026 Closed
 Saturday, May 23, 2026 Closed

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Saturday, July 4, 2026 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

TISHA B'AV

Thursday, July 23, 2026 Normal Hours

TU B'AV

Wednesday, July 29, 2026 Normal Hours

Building Hours - Effective August 1, 2025

OWINGS MILLS

MONDAYS-THURSDAYS

5:30 am - 9:00 pm

FRIDAYS

5:30 am - 7:00 pm

SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS

7:00 am - 7:00 pm

PARK HEIGHTS

MONDAYS-THURSDAYS

5:30 am - 9:30 pm

FRIDAYS

5:30 am - 5:30 pm (9/6/25-10/31/25 and 3/13/26 onward)
 5:30 am - 4:00 pm (11/7/25 - 3/6/26)

SATURDAYS

7:30 pm - 10:30 pm (11/8/25 - 3/7/26)

SUNDAYS

7:00 am - 7:00 pm



BRIEF GUIDE TO MAJOR JEWISH HOLIDAYS

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 23 & 24, 2025 (sundown September 22)

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 2, 2025 (sundown, October 1)

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 BOOTHES

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

TIMING: October 7-13, 2025 (sundown, October 6)

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!)



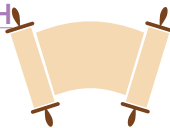
SHEMINI ATZERET – EIGHTH DAY OF ASSEMBLY SIMCHAT TORAH – REJOICING FOR THE TORAH

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 14 & 15, 2025 (sundown, October 13)

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 15 - 22, 2025 (sundown December 14)

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 2, 2026 (sundown, February 1)

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 3, 2026 (sundown March 2)

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!)



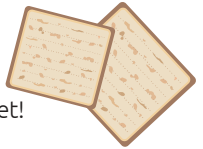
PESACH – PASSOVER

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

TIMING: April 1-9, 2026 (first seder April 1)

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 14, April 21, and April 22, 2026

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 22 & 23, 2026 (sundown May 21)

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!)



TISHA B'AV – SADDEST DAY OF THE YEAR

Commemorates the destruction of the First and Second Temples in Jerusalem (586 BCE & 70 CE), which was the central place of worship, as well as other tragedies that have befallen the Jewish People. It is considered a communal day of mourning.

TIMING: July 23, 2026 (sundown August 22)

TRADITIONS: Fasting, chanting from Eichah (the Book of Lamentations) with a special beautiful and haunting trope (melody), not bathing, not wearing leather, and abstaining from favorite activities.

