

Interfaith Observances Planning Calendar

	2025	2026	2027	2028	Description
Chinese New Year	Wed, Jan 29	Tue, Feb 17	Sat, Feb 6	Wed, Jan 26	Begins a fifteen Day Festival for Chinese people of all religions. Family reunions with thanksgiving and remembrance of departed relatives take place. Traditionally a religious ceremony honors Heaven and Earth.
Ash Wednesday	Wed, Mar 5	Wed, Feb 18	Wed, Feb 10	Wed, Mar 1	Christian observance to begin the 40 day season of Lent. Ashes are marked on worshippers as a sign of penitence.
Vernal Equinox	Thu, Mar 20	Fri, Mar 20	Sat, Mar 20	Sun, Mar 19	Pagan religions in the ancient Mediterranean region had a major seasonal day of religious celebration at, or following, the spring equinox.
Palm Sunday	Sun, Apr 13	Sun, Mar 29	Sun, Mar 21	Sun, Apr 9	Christian celebration of the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. The day begins Holy Week. It is observed by worship celebrations and parades using palm branches.
Passover *	Evening of Sat, Apr 12 – Sun, Apr 20	Evening of Wed, Apr 1 – Thu, Apr 9	Evening of Wed, Apr 21 – Thu, Apr 29	Evening of Mon, Apr 10 – Tue, Apr 18	Jewish 8-day celebration of the deliverance of the Jews from slavery in Egypt. The story of the Exodus is recounted, and the ongoing struggle of all peoples for freedom from internal and external tyranny is celebrated. A special meal is a central feature. Also called Pesach.
Good Friday	Fri, Apr 18	Fri, Apr 3	Fri, Mar 26	Fri, Apr 14	Christian remembrance of the crucifixion of Jesus and related events
Easter	Sun, Apr 20	Sun, Apr 5	Sun, Mar 28	Sun, Apr 16	The most holy of Christian sacred days. The day commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ from his death by crucifixion. Observances include worship services beginning at sunrise, special music, feasting, and parades.
Shavuot*	Evening of Sun, Jun 1 – Tue, Jun 3	Evening of Thu, May 21- Sat, May 23	Evening of Thu, Jun 10 – Sat, Jun 12	Evening of Tue, May 30 – Thu, Jun 1	Jewish celebration of Moses' descent from Mt Sinai with the ten commandments. Plants and flowers are used in decorations.
Eid al-Fitr**	Evening of Sat, Mar 29 – Sun, Mar 30	Evening of Thu, Mar 19 – Fri, Mar 20	Evening of Tue, Mar 9 – Wed, Mar 10	Evening of Sat, Feb 26 – Sun, Feb 27	Islamic Festival of Sacrifice. The day after Arafat, the most important day
Rosh Hashanah*	Evening of Mon, Sep 22 – Wed, Sep 24	Evening of Fri, Sep 11 – Sun, Sep 13	Evening of Fri, Oct 1 – Sun, Oct 3	Evening of Wed., Oct., 2 - Fri, Oct., 4	Jewish New Year. A time of introspection, abstinence, prayer and penitence. The story of Abraham is read, the ram's horn is sounded, and special foods are prepared and shared.
Yom Kippur*	Evening of Wed, Oct 1 – Thu, Oct 2	Evening of Sun, Sep 20 – Mon, Sep 21	Evening of Sun, Oct 10 – Mon, Oct 11	Evening of Fri, Sep 29 – Sat, Sep 30	Jewish Day of Atonement. This holiest day of the Jewish year is observed with strict fasting and ceremonial repentance.
Sukkot*	Evening of Mon, Oct 6 – Mon, Oct 13	Evening of Fri, Sep 25 – Fri, Oct 2	Evening of Fri, Oct 15 – Fri, Oct 22	Evening of Wed, Oct 4 – Wed, Oct 11	Jewish Feast of Tabernacles which celebrates the harvest and the protection of the people of Israel as they wandered in the wilderness dwelling in tents. Temporary dwelling places have leaves for a roof so the sky can be seen. In temperate climates, night is spent in the Succoth.
Ramadan**	Evening of Fri, Feb 28 – Sat, Mar 29	Evening of Tue, Feb 17 – Wed, Mar 18	Evening of Sun, Feb 7 – Mon, Mar 8	Evening of Thu, Jan 27 – Fri, Feb 25	9th month on Islamic calendar, devoted to the commemoration of Muhammad's reception of the divine revelation recorded in the Qur'an. The event begins when authorities in Saudi Arabia sight the new moon of the 9th month. It is the holiest period of the Islamic Year. There is strict fasting from sunrise to sunset.
Diwali	Mon, Oct 20, 2025	Sun, Nov 8, 2026	Fri, Oct 29, 2027	Tue, Oct 17, 2028	Hindu Festival of Lights symbolizing the human urge to move toward the light. Gift exchanges, fireworks and festive meals. Jain celebration of Lord Mahavira's day of final liberation.
Eid al-Adha**	Evening of Fri, Jun 6 – Sat, Jun 7	Evening of Tue, May 26– Wed, May 27	Evening of Sun, May 16 – Mon, May 17	Evening of Thu, May 4 – Fri, May 5	Islamic Festival of Sacrifice. The day after Arafat, the most important day in Hajj ritual. A three-day festival recalling Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his son in obedience to Allah.
Chanukah*	Evening of Sun, Dec 14 – Mon, Dec 22	Evening of Fri, Dec 4 – Sat, Dec 12	Evening of Fri, Dec 24– Sat, Jan 1	Evening of Tue, Dec 12 – Wed, Dec 20	Also known as the Festival of Lights, is an eight-day Jewish holiday commemorating the rededication of the Holy Temple (the Second Temple) in Jerusalem at the time of the Maccabean Revolt against the Seleucid Empire of the 2nd century BC.
Christmas Day	Thu, Dec 25	Fri, Dec 25	Sat, Dec 25	Mon, Dec 25	A season of the Christian year following Advent and preceding Epiphany.
Kwanzaa	Fri, Dec 26 – Thu, Jan 1	Sat, Dec 26– Fri, Jan 1	Sun, Dec 26 – Sat, Jan 1	Tue, Dec 26 – Mon, Jan 1	An African American and Pan-African holiday celebrating family, community and culture, Kwanzaa is a secular observance with some religious participation. Seven life virtues are presented. The dates are always December 26 - January 1.

* All Jewish holidays begin at sundown on the evening prior to the day of the holiday. In addition to dates noted, observant Jews celebrate the second, seventh and eighth days of Passover; the second, eighth and ninth days of Sukkot; and two days of Shavuot. Mass.

** Due to the lunar calendar, these are only approximate dates.

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