

Select Cultural & Religious Dates: September 2022 - May 2023

The following dates are presented in rough relation to one another and according to their spacing throughout the academic year.

| | Civil/Secular/Cultural | Jewish | ISLAMIC ¹ | Christian |
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| S E P | 9/5/22 – Labor Day | 9/25/22 – Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown: New Year 5783 [two-day holiday] | | |
| O C T | | 10/4/22 – Yom Kippur begins at sundown 10/9/22 – Sukkot begins at sundown [the first two days are a special holiday] ² 10/16/22 – Shemini Atzeret begins at sundown ³ 10/17/22 – Simhat Torah begins at sundown ³ | | |
| N O V | 11/11/22 – Veterans' Day 11/24/22 – Thanksgiving Day | | | 11/27/22 – 1 st Sunday in Advent (by the Gregorian calendar) |
| D E C | 12/26/22 – Kwanzaa begins (seven days) | 12/18/22 – Hanukkah begins at sundown 12/26/22 – Hanukkah ends | | 12/25/22 – Christmas (by the Gregorian and calendar) |
| J A N | 1/1/23 – New Year 2023 CE 1/16/23 – Martin Luther King Jr's birthday holiday [Note: the 15 th is the <i>actual</i> birthday] 1/22/23 -- Lunar New Year, 4721 | | | 1/7/23 – Feast of the Nativity (Orthodox Christmas, by the <i>Julian</i> calendar) |
| F E B | 2/20/23 – Presidents' Day | 2/5/23 – Tu B'Shvat begins at sundown | | 2/22/23 – Ash Wednesday / Lenten season begins |
| M A R | | 3/6/23 – Purim begins at sundown | 3/22/23 – Ramadan begins after sighting of the crescent moon [but see note ¹] (—lasts a lunar month and includes Lailat al-Qadr, final ten days of Ramadan as special High Holy Days, before Eid al Fitr) | |
| A P R | | 4/5/23 – Pesah (Passover) begins at sundown / 1 st Seder [the first two days are a special holiday] ² 4/12/23 - 4/13/23 – Last days of Pesah [the last two days are a special holiday] ² 4/17/23 – Yom ha-Shoah begins at sundown | 4/21/23 Eid al Fitr -- Breaking of the (Ramadan) Fast, [see note ¹] | 4/2/23 – Palm Sunday / Holy Week begins (by the Gregorian calendar) 4/9/23 – Easter Sunday (by the Gregorian calendar) 4/16/23 – Easter Sunday (by the <i>Julian</i> /Eastern calendar) |
| M A Y | 5/5/23 – Cinco de Mayo 5/14/23 – Mothers' Day 5/29/23 – Memorial Day | 5/25/23 – Shavuot begins at sundown [two-day holiday] ² | | 5/28/23 – Pentecost (by the Gregorian calendar) |

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¹ The tradition of Islamic festivals beginning only with the authoritative sighting of the crescent moon means that all dates given ahead of time should be considered approximate. The prognostication of festival dates is considered by some to be presumptuous.

² Most Reform and Reconstructionist Jews and Jews in Israel observe one day of these special holidays. Orthodox and Conservative Jews in the US observe two days. [Note by Rabbi Robert Tabak]

³ Simhat Torah begins on 9/27/21, at the same time as Shemini Atzeret, for most Reform and Reconstructionist Jews and for most Jews in Israel; however, for Orthodox and Conservative Jews, it begins at sundown on 9/28/21. [Note by Rabbi Susan Schein, with dates revised]