

#### Tu Bishvat February 12-13

The Jewish people are inherently connected to the earth which sustains us. We plant trees and eat fruit as part of the mitzvah to care for the environment.

#### Purim March 13-14

We dress in costume, drink wine and eat hamentaschen cookies. It's a time to rejoice and remember how bravery and hope won out against all odds.

#### Passover April 12 - 20

The journey to freedom began with trust in God and our future. We left a bitter life of slavery for the promise of a better tomorrow. During the Seder night we reenact this journey and savor our freedom.

## Lag b'Omer May 15 - 16

We celebrate the passion and commitment our ancient rabbis had to preserving Torah study, even when it was most dangerous.

# Shavuot June 1-3

We honor the giving of the Torah on Mt. Sinai with this Spring harvest holiday. We decorate with fresh flowers and delight in sweet dairy treats.

## Tisha b'Av August 2-3

We commemorate the destruction of our Holy Temple in Jerusalem and pray that we see it rebuilt again.

## Rosh Hashanah September 22 - 24

Shana Tova! The Jewish New Year begins with sweetness. We dip apples in honey and pray for a happy and healthy year to come!

## Yom Kippur October 1 - 2

As the Jewish New Year begins we are given an opportunity to focus inward, to fast, and to reflect on where we can improve for the year ahead.

## Sukkot October 6-13

We eat and sleep outside in our Sukkah, reminding us of how our ancestors were sheltered by God during their time journeying to the Promised Land.

## Shemini Atzeret October 13-15 & Simchat Torah

We celebrate the conclusion of reading one cycle of Torah and begin the mitzvah all over again!

#### Hanukkah December 14 - December 22

At the darkest time of the year we remember that we are descendants of the Maccabees, and we know how to kindle the light.

Hebrew Year 5785 / 5786 Holidays begin and end at sundown.

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