



Perth Hebrew CONGREGATION

CALENDAR 5786 (2025-2026)

All festive occasions and Yomim Tovim begin at **sunset on the evening before the dates listed** eg. Rosh Hashanah (First Day) which is on 3 October, commences on the evening of 2 October.

Festival/Fast	Jewish Date	English Date	Significance
Rosh Hashanah First Day	1 Tishrei 5786	Tuesday 23 September 2025	The first day of the Jewish New Year
Rosh Hashanah Second Day	2 Tishrei 5786	Wednesday 24 September 2025	The second day of the Jewish New Year
Fast of Gedaliah (Fast Day)	3 Tishrei 5786	Thursday 25 September 2025	Fast commemorating the anniversary of the assassination of a Jewish Governor of Israel, Gedaliah ben Achikam
Shabbat Shuvah	5 Tishrei 5786	27 September 2025	Shabbat of Repentance
Kol Nidre (Fast commences at sunset)	9 Tishrei 5786	Wednesday 1 October 2025	Introductory prayer to the Day of Atonement
Yom Kippur (Fast Day) <i>Yizkor is recited</i>	10 Tishrei 5786	Thursday 2 October 2025	Day of Atonement observed by a 25 hour fast and intensive prayer
Succot First Day	15 Tishrei 5786	Tuesday 7 October 2025	Festival representing G-d's protection of the Jewish people during their forty-year sojourn in the wilderness, after leaving Egypt for Israel
Succot Second Day	16 Tishrei 5786	Wednesday 8 October 2025	The second day of the festival of Succot
Hoshanah Rabba/	21 Tishrei 5786	Monday 13 October 2025	Last day of Succot and G-d's final seal of judgment which began on Rosh Hashanah
Shemini Atzeret <i>Yizkor is recited</i>	22 Tishrei 5786	Tuesday 14 October 2025	A separate festival from Succot dedicated to rejoicing with the Torah
Simchat Torah	23 Tishrei 5786	Wednesday 15 October 2025	A festival marking the completion, as well as the new beginning, of the annual reading of the Torah
Chanukah First Day	25 Kislev 5786	Monday 15 December 2025	Chanukah celebrates the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem after ridding it of its Hellenistic defilement. There are eight (8) days of Chanukah. The first candle is lit on the evening of Sunday 14 December 2025
Chanukah Last Day	2 Tevet 5786	Monday 22 December 2025	Last candle lighting is Sunday evening, 21 December 2025
Asara B'Tevet (Fast Day)	10 Tevet 5786	Monday 30 December 2025	A fast commemorating the beginning of the siege of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar II
Tu B'Shvat	15 Shevat 5786	Thursday 2 February 2026	The New Year for Trees

Fast of Esther (Fast Day)	13 Adar 5786	Monday 2 March 2026	Commemorates the fast instituted by Queen Esther in her quest to save the Jewish people from a royal decree calling for their destruction in ancient Persia
Purim	14 Adar 5786	Tuesday 3 March 2026	Joyous festival celebrating the delivery of the Jewish People from the royal edict calling for their destruction. The Megillah is read on Monday night after Ma'ariv and Tuesday morning.
Pesach (Passover) First Day	15 Nissan 5786	Thursday 2 April 2026	Commemorates the exodus of the Jewish people from Egypt after years of slavery
Pesach (Passover) Second Day	16 Nissan 5786	Friday 3 April 2026	The second day of Pesach. On the evening of the second day of Pesach, the counting of the Omer begins and finishes with the festival of Shavuot
Pesach (Passover) Seventh Day	21 Nissan 5786	Wednesday 8 April 2026	Celebrates the splitting of the Red Sea, allowing the Children of Israel to pass through and be saved from their Egyptian pursuers
Pesach (Passover) Eighth Day (Yizkor recited)	22 Nissan 5786	Thursday 9 April 2026	Last day of the festival of Pesach in the Diaspora
As there are restrictions in festivities between Pesach and Shavuot, please contact the Rabbi before arranging any simchot during this time			
Yom Hashoah	27 Nissan 5786	Tuesday 14 April 2026	Holocaust Memorial Day in remembrance of the six million Jews killed by the Nazis and their collaborators
Yom Hazikaron	4 Iyar 5786	Tuesday 21 April 2026	Memorial Day in memory of the fallen soldiers of the Israel Defense forces and victims of terrorism
Yom Ha'Atzmaut	5 Iyar 5786	Wednesday 22 April 2026	76 th Israel Independence Day, marking the Declaration of Independence of the State of Israel in 1948
Lag B'Omer	18 Iyar 5786	Tuesday 5 May 2026	The 33rd day of the counting of the Omer when 24,000 students of Rabbi Akiva were given a short reprieve from the tragedy that cost many of them their lives
Yom Yerushalayim	28 Iyar 5786	Friday 15 May 2026	Jerusalem Day celebrates the liberation of Jerusalem during the Six-Day War
Shavuot First Day	6 Sivan 5786	Friday 22 May 2026	Celebrates the giving of the Torah at Mt Sinai
Shavuot Second Day (Yizkor is recited)	7 Sivan 5786	Saturday 23 May 2026	The second day of the festival of Shavuot
Fast of Tammuz (Fast Day)	17 Tammuz 5786	Thursday 2 July 2026	This is the anniversary of the walls of Jerusalem being breached in the Babylonian period
This marks the beginning of the three weeks of mourning when there should be no weddings, dancing, music or haircuts			
Fast of Tisha B'Av (Fast Day) (approx 25 hours)	9 Av 5786	Thursday 23 July 2026	The anniversary of the destruction of the First and Second Temples in Jerusalem. Eichah, Kinot (lamentations) are read after the service on Wednesday evening & Thursday morning
Rosh Hashanah First Day	1 Tishrei 5787	Saturday 12 September 2026	This is the first day of the Jewish New Year
Rosh Hashanah Second Day	2 Tishrei 5787	Sunday 13 September 2026	This is the second day of the Jewish New Year

It is advisable to consult the Rabbi in all cases before arranging a simcha to discuss the permissibility or otherwise, of such simchot during certain periods of the Jewish calendar