# Fall 2022–Spring 2025 RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY CALENDAR\*



HOLIDAY	COMMUNITY	2022–2023	2023–2024	2024-2025
Arafah	Islamic	July 8 (B-Sundown: 7) (E-Sundown: 8)	July 27 (B-Sundown: 26) (E-Sundown: 27)	July 16 (B-Sundown: 15) (E-Sundown: 16)
**Eid al Adha	Islamic	July 9–12 (B–Sundown: 8) (E–Sundown: 12)	June 28–July 1 (B–Sundown: 28) (E–Sundown: 1)	June 17–20 (B–Sundown: 16) (E–Sundown: 20)
Martyrdom of the Bab	Baha'i	July 10 (B-Sundown: 9) (E-Sundown: 10)	July 10 (B-Sundown: 9) (E-Sundown: 10)	July 10 (B-Sundown: 9) (E-Sundown: 10)
Asalha Puja / Dharma Day	Buddhist	July 13	July 3	July 21
Muharram (First day of Islamic Calendar)	Islamic	July 30	July 19	July 7
Luchnassad	Pagan	(B-Sundown: 29) (E-Sundown: 30)  Aug. 1	(B-Sundown: 18) (E-Sundown: 19)  Aug. 1	(B-Sundown: 6) (E-Sundown: 7)  Aug. 1
Tisha B'Av	Jewish	Aug. 7	July 27	Aug. 13
**Ashura	Islamic	(B-Sundown: 6) (E-Sundown: 7)  Aug. 8	(B-Sundown: 26) (E-Sundown: 27)  July 28	(B-Sundown: 12) (E-Sundown: 13)  July 16
Muktad	Zoroastrian	(B-Sundown: 7) (E-Sundown: 8)  Aug. 8–17	(B-Sundown: 27) (E-Sundown: 28)  Aug. 8–17	(B-Sundown: 15) (E-Sundown: 16)  Aug. 8–17
Oban / Ulambana	Buddhist / Shinto	Aug. 13–15	Aug. 13–15	Aug. 13–15
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Catholic / Orthodox	Aug. 15	Aug. 15	Aug. 15
Krishna Janmashtami	Hindu	Aug. 19	Sept. 7	Aug. 26
Ganesh Chaturthi	Hindu	Aug. 31	Sept. 19	Sept. 7
Samvatsari	Jain	Aug. 31	Sept. 19	Sept. 7
*Paryushana Parva	Jain	Sept. 3	Sept. 11	Aug. 30
Ananta-Chaturdasi	Jain	Sept. 9	Sept. 28	Sept. 16
Paitishahem Gahambar	Zoroastrian	Sept. 12–16	Sept. 12-16	Sept. 12–16
Mabon	Pagan	Sept. 21	Sept. 21	Sept. 21
Shuki-Sorei-Sai	Shinto	Sept. 21	Sept. 21	Sept. 21
**Rosh Hashanah	Jewish	Sept. 26-27 (B-Sundown: 25) (E-Sundown: 27)	Sept. 16–17 (B-Sundown: 15) (E-Sundown: 17)	Oct. 3-4 (B-Sundown: 2) (E-Sundown:4)
Navaratri	Hindu	Sept. 26-Oct. 5	Oct. 15-23	Oct. 3-12
Day for Truth and Reconciliation	Indigenous Spirituality	Sept. 30	Sept. 30	Sept. 30
Mehregan	Zoroastrian	Oct. 2	Oct. 2	Oct. 2
Dussehra	Hindu	Oct. 4	Oct. 23	Oct. 12
**Yom Kippur	Jewish	Oct. 5 (B-Sundown: 4) (E-Sundown: 5)	Sept. 25 (B-Sundown: 24) (E-Sundown: 25)	Oct. 12 (B-Sundown: 11) (E-Sundown: 12)
Mawlid (Prophet Muhammad's Birthday)	Islamic	Oct. 8 (B-Sundown: 7) (E-Sundown: 8)	Sept. 27 (B-Sundown: 26) (E-Sundown: 27)	Sept. 15 (B-Sundown: 14) (E-Sundown: 15)
Sharad Purnima	Hindu	Oct. 9	Oct. 28	Oct. 16
Indigenous Peoples' Day	Indigenous Spirituality	Oct. 10	Oct. 9	Oct. 14
Sukkot	Jewish	Oct. 10–16 (B-Sundown: 9) (E-Sundown: 16)	Sept. 30–Oct. 6 (B–Sundown: 29) (E–Sundown: 6)	Oct. 17–23 (B-Sundown: 16) (E-Sundown: 23)
Ayatherm Gahambar	Zoroastrian	Oct. 12-16	Oct. 12-16	Oct. 12-16
Karwa Chauth	Hindu	Oct. 12–13	Oct. 31-Nov. 1	Oct. 19–20
Shemini Atzeret / Simchat Torah	Jewish	Oct. 17–18 (B–Sundown: 16) (E–Sundown: 18)	Oct. 7–8 (B–Sundown: 6) (E–Sundown: 8)	Oct. 24–25 (B-Sundown: 23) (E-Sundown: 25)
Gurpurab Shri Guru Granth Sahib Ji (Birthday)	Sikh	Oct. 20	Oct. 20	Nov. 15
*Diwali	Buddhist/Hindu/Jain	Oct. 24	Nov. 12	Nov. 1
Birth of the Bab	Baha'i	Oct. 26 (B-Sundown: 25) (E-Sundown: 26)	Oct. 26 (B-Sundown: 25) (E-Sundown: 26)	Nov. 2 (B–Sundown: 1) (E–Sundown: 2)
Birth of the Baha'u'llah	Baha'i	Oct. 27 (B-Sundown: 26) (E-Sundown: 27)	Oct. 27 (B-Sundown: 26) (E-Sundown: 27)	Nov. 3 (B-Sundown: 2) (E-Sundown: 3)
All Saints Day	Christian	Nov. 1	Nov. 1	Nov. 1
Samhain	Pagan	Nov. 1	Nov. 1	Nov. 1
Guru Nanak Dev Ji Gurpurab (Birthday Founder/1st Guru of Sikhism)	Sikh	Nov. 8	Nov. 27	Nov. 15
Schichi-Go-San (7-5-3 Festival)	Shinto	Nov. 15	Nov. 15	Nov. 15
Martyrdom Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib	Sikh	Nov. 24	Nov. 24	Nov. 24
Day of the Covenant	Baha'i	(B-Sundown: 25) (E-Sundown: 26)	(B-Sundown: 25) (E-Sundown: 26)	(B-Sundown: 25) (E-Sundown: 26)
Ascension of Abdul-Baha	Baha'i	Nov. 28 (B-Sundown: 27) (E-Sundown: 28)	Nov. 28 (B-Sundown: 27) (E-Sundown: 28)	Nov. 27 (B-Sundown: 26) (E-Sundown: 27)
Gita Jayanti	Hindu	Dec. 3	Dec. 22	Dec. 11
Bodhi Day (Rohatsu)	Buddhist	Dec. 8	Dec. 8	Jan. 18
Immaculate Conception	Catholic	Dec. 8	Dec. 8	Dec. 8  Dec. 26–Jan. 2
Hanukkah	Jewish	(B-Sundown: 18) (E-Sundown: 26)	(B-Sundown: 7) (E-Sundown: 15)	(B-Sundown: 25) (E-Sundown: 2)
Tohji-Tasai	Shinto	Dec. 21	Dec. 21	Dec. 21
*Yule	Pagan	Dec. 21	Dec. 21	Dec. 21
**Christmas	Christian  African Spiritual	Dec. 25	Dec. 25	Dec. 25
*Kwanzaa  Zarthosht No Diso	African Spiritual  Zoroastrian	Dec. 26-Jan. 1  Dec. 26	Dec. 26-Jan. 1  Dec. 26	Dec. 26-Jan. 1  Dec. 26
Maidyarem Gahambar	Zoroastrian	Dec. 26 Dec. 26–Jan. 4	Dec. 26  Dec. 26–Jan. 4	Dec. 26  Dec. 26-Jan. 4
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HOLIDAY	COMMUNITY	2022–2023	2023–2024	2024–2025
Gantan-Sai	Shinto	Jan. 1	Jan. 1	Jan. 1
Mary, Mother of God /				
Circumcision of Christ	Christian	Jan. 1	Jan. 1	Jan. 1
*Guru Gobind Singh Ji Gurpurab (Birthday)	Sikh	Jan. 5	Jan. 17	Dec. 27
Epiphany / Theophany / Dia de los Reyes	Christian	Jan. 6	Jan. 6	Jan. 6
**Orthodox Christmas	Orthodox Christian	Jan. 7	Jan. 7	Jan. 7
Seijin Shiki (Adult's Day)	Shinto	Jan. 9	Jan. 8	Jan. 13
Maghi–Lohri	Sikh	Jan. 13	Jan. 14	Jan. 13
Makar Sankranti	Hindu	Jan. 14	Jan. 14	Jan. 14
World Religion Day	Baha'i	Jan. 15 (B-Sundown: 14) (E-Sundown: 15)	Jan. 21 (B-Sundown: 20) (E-Sundown: 21)	Jan. 19 (B-Sundown: 18) (E-Sundown: 19)
*Lunar New Year	East Asian/Buddhist	Jan. 22	Feb. 10	Jan. 29
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Sadeh	Zoroastrian	Jan. 24	Jan. 24	Jan. 24
Vasant Panchami (Saraswati Puja)	Hindu	Jan. 26	Feb. 14	Feb. 2
Imbolic	Pagan	Feb. 1	Feb. 1	Feb. 1
Setsuban-Sai	Shinto	Feb. 3	Feb. 3	Feb. 3
Nirvana Day	Buddhist	Feb. 15	Feb. 15	Feb. 15
Maha Shivratri	Hindu	Feb. 18	Mar. 8	Feb. 26
Losar	Buddhist/Sikh	Feb. 21	Feb. 10	Feb. 28
Ash Wednesday	Christian	Feb. 22	Feb. 14	Mar. 5
Ayyam-i-Ha	Baha'i	Feb. 26-Mar. 1	Feb. 26–Mar. 1	Feb. 26–Mar. 1
	5/48/2015/01/01	(B-Sundown: 25) (E-Sundown: 1)  Mar. 2–20	(B-Sundown: 25) (E-Sundown: 1)  Mar. 2–20	(B-Sundown: 25) (E-Sundown: 1)  Mar. 2–20
Month of Fasting / Nineteen-Day Fast	Baha'i	(B-Sundown: 1) (E-Sundown: 20)	(B-Sundown: 1) (E-Sundown: 20)	(B-Sundown: 1) (E-Sundown: 20)
Hinamatsuri (Japanese Doll Festival / Girls' Day)	Shinto	Mar. 3	Mar. 3	Mar. 3
Purim	Jewish	Mar. 7	Mar. 24	Mar. 14
		(B-Sundown: 6) (E-Sundown: 7)	(B-Sundown: 23) (E-Sundown: 24)	(B-Sundown: 13) (E-Sundown: 14)
*Holi – Gaura Purnima	Hindu	Mar. 8	Mar. 25	Mar. 14
Holla Mohalla	Sikh	Mar. 8–10	Mar. 25–27	Mar. 14–16
Hamaspathmaidyem	Zoroastrian	Mar. 16–20	Mar. 16–20	Mar. 16–20
*Naw-Ruz (Nowruz)	Baha'i/Zoroastrian	Mar. 21 (B-Sundown: 20) (E-Sundown: 21)	Mar. 20 (B-Sundown: 19) (E-Sundown: 20)	Mar. 20 (B-Sundown: 19) (E-Sundown: 20)
Ostara	Pagan	Mar. 21	Mar. 21	Mar. 21
Shunki-Sorei-Sai	Shinto	Mar. 21	Mar. 21	Mar. 21
Chaitra Navratri	Hindu	Mar. 22–31	Apr. 9–17	Mar. 29–Apr. 6
	-	Mar. 23–Apr. 20	Mar. 12–Apr. 9	Mar. 1–Mar. 30
*Ramadan	Islamic	(B-Sundown: 22) (E-Sundown: 20)	(B-Sundown: 11) (E-Sundown: 9)	(B-Sundown: 28) (E-Sundown: 30)
Khordad Sal	Zoroastrian	Mar. 26	Mar. 26	Mar. 26
Rama Navami	Hindu	Mar. 30	Apr. 17	Apr. 6
Palm Sunday	Christian	Apr. 2	Mar. 24	Apr. 13
Mahavira Jayanti	Jain	Apr. 4	Apr. 21	Apr. 10
Holy / Maundy Thursday	Christian	Apr. 6	Mar. 28	Apr. 17
	Jewish	Apr. 6–13	Apr. 23–30	Apr. 13–20
Passover (**First Night of Passover)	684757,334703943831	(B-Sundown: 5) (E-Sundown: 13)	(B-Sundown: 22) (E-Sundown: 30)	(B-Sundown: 12) (E-Sundown: 20)
*Good Friday	Christian	Apr. 7	Mar. 29	Apr. 18
Holy Saturday	Christian	Apr. 8	Mar. 30	Apr. 19
**Easter	Christian	Apr. 9	Mar. 31	Apr. 20
Holy Thursday	Orthodox Christian	Apr. 13	May 2	Apr. 17
**Holy Friday	Orthodox Christian	Apr. 14	May 3	Apr. 18
*Vaisakhi (Birth of the Khalsa Panth)	Sikh	Apr. 14	Apr. 13	Apr. 14
**Holy Saturday	Orthodox Christian	Apr. 15	May 4	Apr. 19
**Orthodox Easter / Pascha	Orthodox Christian	Apr. 16	May 5	Apr. 20
Guru Angad Dev Ji Gurpurab (Birthday)	Sikh	Apr. 18	Apr. 18	Apr. 28
		Apr. 18	May 6	Apr. 24
Yom ha-Shoah	Jewish	(B-Sundown: 17) (E-Sundown: 18)	(B-Sundown: 5) (E-Sundown: 6)	(B-Sundown: 23) (E-Sundown: 24)
**Eid al Fitr	Islamic	Apr. 21 (B-Sundown: 20) (E-Sundown: 21)	Apr. 10 (B-Sundown: 9) (E-Sundown: 10)	Mar. 31 (B-Sundown: 30) (E-Sundown: 31)
*First Day of Ridvan	Baha'i	Apr. 21 (B-Sundown: 20) (E-Sundown: 21)	Apr. 21 (B-Sundown: 20) (E-Sundown: 21)	Apr. 21 (B-Sundown: 20) (E-Sundown: 21)
Akshaya Tritiya	Hindu	(B-Sundown: 20) (E-Sundown: 21)  Apr. 23	(B-Sundown: 20) (E-Sundown: 21)  May 10	(B-Sundown: 20) (E-Sundown: 21)  Apr. 30
		Apr. 23	May 10	Apr. 30
Ninth Day of Ridvan	Baha'i	(B-Sundown: 28) (E-Sundown: 29)	(B-Sundown: 28) (E-Sundown: 29)	(B-Sundown: 28) (E-Sundown: 29)
Maidozarem Gahambar	Zoroastrian	Apr. 30–May 4	Apr. 30–May 4	Apr. 30–May 4
Beltane	Pagan	May 1	May 1	May 1
Twelfth Day of Ridvan	Baha'i	May 2 (B-Sundown: 1) (E-Sundown: 2)	May 2 (B-Sundown: 1) (E-Sundown: 2)	May 2 (B-Sundown: 1) (E-Sundown: 2)
Narasimha Jayanti	Hindu	May 4	May 22	May 22
Tango-no-Sekku (Children's Day)	Shinto	-		
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Buddha Day	Buddhist	May 6	May 15	May 22
Ascension Thursday	Christian	May 18	May 9	May 29
Declaration of the Bab	Baha'i	May 24 (B-Sundown: 23) (E-Sundown: 24)	May 24 (B-Sundown: 23) (E-Sundown: 24)	May 24 (B-Sundown: 23) (E-Sundown: 24)
**Shavout	Jewish	May 26–27 (B-Sundown: 25) (E-Sundown: 27)	June 12–13 (B-Sundown: 11) (E-Sundown: 13)	June 2-3 (B-Sundown: 1) (E-Sundown: 3)
Pentecost	Christian	May 28	May 19	June 8
Ascension of Baha'u'llah	Baha'i	May 29 (B-Sundown: 28) (E-Sundown: 29)	May 29 (B-Sundown: 28) (E-Sundown: 29)	May 29 (B-Sundown: 28) (E-Sundown: 29)
Pentecost	Orthodox Christian	June 4	June 23	June 8
Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Sahib	Sikh	June 16	June 16	June 16
Litha	Pagan	June 21	June 21	June 21
Maidoshahem Gahambar	June 29–July 3	June 29–July 3	June 29–July 3	June 29–July 3
Nagoshi-no-Oharai	Shinto	June 30	June 30	June 30
Nagoshi-no-Oharai	Shinto	June 30	June 30	June 30

# Fall 2022-Spring 2025

# RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY CALENDAR DESCRIPTIONS

Dickinson College is on the unceded lands of the Susquehannock nation. We acknowledge the many Indigenous peoples that lived with these lands, as well as the thousands of Indigenous children forced into the reprogramming camp established as the Carlisle Indian Industrial School (CIIS) in 1879. The College bears responsibility for the support and recognition it provided CIIS, a federal effort to culturally assimilate and eradicate Indigenous peoples. Accordingly, this living land acknowledgment is deliberately unfinished work. It will continue as a project dedicated to helping our entire community better understand our shared past, present, and future.

\*This is a living document. We are taking care to make a comprehensive community calendar and we are continuously seeking to improve. Please feel free to reach out to us at cssj@dickinson.edu with any questions, concerns, or improvements.

### **CHART LEGEND**

\*\* Denote holidays that per College Policy there are no campus-wide or public events scheduled.

Many religious holidays start at sundown and end at sundown. We have them noted in parentheses (B: Begins; E: Ends).

Many religious holidays are lunar dependent. We keep abreast of moon sightings.

\* Denote holidays that are not recognized by College Policy, but the Center for Spirituality & Social Justice seeks to raise awareness and seek recognition of these important dates.

## **HOLIDAY DESCRIPTIONS**

#### AFRICAN SPIRITUAL

Kwanzaa: Celebration honoring African thought and culture

#### BAHA'I

Martyrdom of the Bab: Commemoration of the execution of the co-founder of the Baha'i faith

Birth of the Bab and Birth of Baha'u'llah: Celebration of the births of the co-founders of the Baha'i faith; Often referred to as the "twin birthdays"

Day of the Covenant: Commemoration of Baha'u'llah's appointment of his son, Abdul-Baha, as his successor

Ascension of Abdul-Baha: Commemoration of the death of Abdul-Baha

World Religion Day: Celebration highlighting that religions and spiritual principles play a significant role in unifying humanity

Ayyam-i-Ha: Festival dedicated to socializing, being hospitable, and giving generously

Month of Fasting / Nineteen-Day Fast: One of the most significant times during the Baha'i calendar, with the main purpose to reinvigorate an individual's spirituality

Naw-Ruz (Nowruz): Baha'i and Zoroastrian New Year

First Day of Ridvan: The most important holy day, celebrating Baha'u'llah's declaration of his mission as Messenger of God

Ninth Day of Ridvan: Honors the reunification of Baha'u'llah's family after banishment Twelfth Day of Ridvan: Honors the day that Baha'u'llah left Baghdad for Constantinople

Declaration of the Bab: Commemoration of when the Bab announced that he was the new messenger of God

Ascension of Baha'u'llah: Commemoration of the death of the co-founder of the Baha'i faith

# BUDDHIST

Asala Puja / Dharma Day: The day Buddha imparted his first teaching

 $\textbf{Oban / Ulambana:} \ \mathsf{Day} \ \mathsf{to} \ \mathsf{honor} \ \mathsf{ancestors} \ \mathsf{who} \ \mathsf{are} \ \mathsf{said} \ \mathsf{to} \ \mathsf{return} \ \mathsf{to} \ \mathsf{the} \ \mathsf{mortal} \ \mathsf{world}$ 

**Bodhi Day:** Celebration of Buddha's attainment of enlightenment.

Lunar New Year: Buddhist New Year

Nirvana Day: Commemoration of Buddha's death

**Losar:** Tibetan Buddhist New Year **Buddha Day:** Buddha's Birthday

# CHRISTIAN

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Commemoration of the death of Mary

All Saints Day: Honors all of the saints of the church, whether they are known or unknown

Immaculate Conception: Celebration of Mary's conception without sin

Christmas: Celebration of the Birth of Jesus

Mary, Mother of God / Circumcision of Christ: Celebration of the circumcision of Jesus in accordance with Jewish tradition

Epiphany / Theophany / Dia de los Reyes: Commemoration of the Magi's visit to the baby Jesus and the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist

**Ash Wednesday:** The beginning of Lent; a 40 day period preceding Easter **Palm Sunday:** Commemoration of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem

Holy / Maundy Thursday: Commemoration of Jesus' institution of the Eucharist during the Last Supper

**Good Friday:** Commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus and his death **Holy Saturday:** Commemorates the day Jesus' body lay in the tomb

Easter: Celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus

Ascension Thursday: Commemorates the belief of the bodily Ascension of Jesus into Heaven

Pentecost: Commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus

# HINDU

Krishna Janmashtami: Festival celebrating the birth of the Krishna

Ganesh Chaturthi: Festival celebrating the arrival of Lord Ganesh on earth

 $\textbf{Navaratri:} \ \textbf{Festival of nine nights celebrating the Goddess in her various forms, most typically as Durgan and States and States are supported by the Goddess of the States and States are supported by the Goddess of the States and States are supported by the Goddess of the the Godde$ 

**Dussehra:** Commemoration of the triumph of Rama over the 10-headed demon king Ravana **Sharad Purnima:** Marks the end of the monsoon season in India and the beginning of autumn **Karwa Chauth:** Celebration of the bond between two partners in a relationship through fasting

**Diwali:** Festival of lights

Gita Jayanti: Celebration of the birth of the most sacred of Hindu texts, the Bhagavad Gita

Makar Sankranti: Day dedicated to the deity Surya

Vasant Panchami (Saraswati Puja): Festival that honors the goddess Saraswati and marks the preparation for the arrival of spring

Maha Shivratri: Festival that honors the god Shiva

Holi: Festival of colors and Spring and that good will be victorious over evil.

Chaitra Navratri: Hindu New Year; Festival honoring the creation of the universe

 $\textbf{Rama Navami:} \ \mathsf{Celebration} \ \mathsf{of} \ \mathsf{the} \ \mathsf{birth} \ \mathsf{of} \ \mathsf{Lord} \ \mathsf{Ram}$ 

**Akshaya Tritiya:** Celebration of the birth of Lord Parasurama **Narasimha Jayanti:** Celebration of the birth of Lord Narasimha

#### INDIGENOUS SPIRITUALITY

Day for Truth and Reconciliation: Day in honor and remembrance of the Indigenous communities forced into the Indian Residential School System

Indigenous Peoples' Day: Day honoring the diversity and history of Indigenous communities

\*\*The Center for Spirituality and Social Justice would like to highlight the diversity of the many Indigenous communities. There are many varied celebrations and commemorations which are not mentioned here.

#### ISLAMIC

Arafah: Commemoration of Prophet Muhammad's Farewell Sermon

Eid al Adha: The Festival of Sacrifice remembers Abraham's devotion in offering his son as a sacrifice

 $\textbf{Ashura:} \ \mathsf{Commemoration} \ \mathsf{of} \ \mathsf{the} \ \mathsf{martyrdom} \ \mathsf{of} \ \mathsf{Husayn} \ \mathsf{ibn} \ \mathsf{Ali}, \mathsf{the} \ \mathsf{grandson} \ \mathsf{of} \ \mathsf{Prophet} \ \mathsf{Muhammad}$ 

Mawlid: Observance of the birthday of Prophet Muhammad

Ramadan: Holy month of fasting

Eid al Fitr: Festival of Breaking the Fast

# JAIN

Samvatsari: Day of introspection, confession, and penance

Paryushana Parva: The most important annual holy event. Jains increase their level of spiritual intensity through fasting, prayer, and meditation.

Ananta-Chaturdasi: Festival of the Ten Virtues

Mahavira Jayanti: Celebration of Lord Mahavira's birthday

## JEWISH

Tisha B'Av: Commemoration of the destruction of the Temples in Jerusalem

Rosh Hashanah: Beginning of the Jewish year and High Holy Days

Yom Kippur: The Day of Atonement. Most solemn Jewish holy day. Adults fast from food and drink. Sukkot: The Feast of the Tabernacles, where meals are consumed in a temporary outdoor structure

 $\textbf{Shemini Atzeret / Simchat Torah:} \ \textbf{The two holidays at the conclusion of Sukkot}$ 

**Hanukkah:** Festival of Lights. Marks the victory of the Maccabees and the re-dedication of the Temple in Jerusalem.

Purim: Celebration of the story of Esther

**Passover:** Festival of liberation from slavery in Egypt **Yom ha-Shoah:** Holocaust Remembrance Day

Shavout: Commemorates the spring harvest and the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai

#### **ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN**

Orthodox Christmas: Celebration of the Birth of Jesus (Different from the Western Christmas)

Holy Thursday: Commemoration of the Mystical Supper
Holy Saturday: Commemoration of Jesus' descent into Hades
Orthodox Easter / Pascha: Celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus

Pentecost: Commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus

# PAGAN

Luchnassad: First Harvest
Mabon: Autumn Equinox
Samhain: New Year
Yule: Winter Solstice
Imbolic: Spring Begins
Ostara: Spring Equinox
Beltane: May Day

Litha: Summer Solstice

# SHINTO

**Shuki-Sorei-Sai:** Day that honors ancestry; Autumnal Equinox

Schichi-Go-San (7-5-3 Festival): Parents celebrate the gift of children

Tohji-Tasai: End of Yin period and the start of the Yang period; Winter Solstice

Gantan-Sai: Shinto New Year

Seijin Shiki (Adult's Day): Day celebrating the attainment of adulthood

Setsuban-Sai: Beginning of Spring

**Hinamatsuri (Japanese Doll Festival / Girls' Day):** Celebration of girls **Shunki-Sorei-Sai:** Day when ancestors are given reverence; Spring Equinox

Tango-no-Sekku: Children's Day

 $\textbf{Nagoshi-no-Oharai:} \ \textbf{An ancient summer purification ritual}$ 

# SIKH

Gurpurab Shri Guru Grath Sahib Ji: Celebration of the proclamation of the Sikh holy book as the eternal Guru

Guru Nanek Dev Ji Gurpurab: Festival commemorating the founder of Sikhism and the first Sikh Guru

Martyrdom of Tegh Bahadur Sahib: Commemoration of the execution of the ninth Guru of Sikhism

 $\textbf{Guru Gobind Singh Ji Gurpurab:} \ \textbf{Honors the tenth and last human Guru, Gobind Singht Singht General Color of the State of the St$ 

**Maghi-Lohri:** Celebration of the harvest and commemoration of the sacrifice of the Forty Liberated Ones **Holla Mohall:** Festival celebrating fraternity and brotherhood

Vaisakhi (Birth of the Khalsa Panth): Punjabi New Year; Celebration of when Sikhism became a collective faith

Guru Angad Dev Ji Gurpurab: Celebration of the birth of the second human Guru, Angad

Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Sahib: Commemoration of the execution of the fifth Sikh Guru, Arjan Dev

# ADD RELIGIOUS HOLIDAY CALENDAR TO YOUR OUTLOOK DESKTOP APPLICATION

- 1. Click on the calendar icon to view your Outlook calendar.
- 2. On the bar at the top of screen, click "Add Calendar".
- 3. In the drop down box, select "From Address Book".
- 4. In the search bar, type "Center for Spirituality and Social Justice".5. Select "Center for Spirituality and Social Justice" from the selection list displayed.
- 6. Click the "Calendar" button at the bottom left corner of the display window.
- 7. Click "Ok".
- 8. The religious holidays will now populate each day on your Outlook calendar.

