

Below is a schedule of all Jewish festivals and fast days in 2023. We ask that you please refer to this schedule when planning meetings or functions to ensure that we remain respectful of any Jewish staff, clients, Elders or benefactors who are observing the holidays.

			Holy Day	Fast day	Food Restrictions	Festive	Sad Day	Work Restrictions	Meeting restrictions	No Restrictions
Tu B'Shevat	Commemorative Day	Thursday 25 January				X				X
Fast of Esther	Fast Day	Thursday 21 March		X	X		X			
Purim	Eve	Saturday 23 March				X				X
	Festival	Sunday 24 March				X				X
Shushan Purim	Commemorative Day	Monday 25 March				X				X
*Pesach	Eve	Monday 22 April			X			X	X	
	Day 1	Tuesday 23 April	X		X	X		X	X	
	Day 2	Wednesday 24 April	X		X	X		X	X	
	Intermediary Days	25 April – 28 April			X	X				
	Eve of 'Second Days'	Sunday 28 April			X	X		X	X	
	Day 7	Monday 29 April	X		X	X		X	X	
	Day 8	Tuesday 30 April	X		X	X		X	X	
Yom Hashoah	Commemorative Day	Monday 6 May					X			
Omer Period	Period of Mourning	Thursday 9 May – Saturday 25 May					X			
Yom Hazikaron	Day of Mourning	Monday 13 May					X			
Yom Ha'atzmaut	Commemorative Day	Tuesday 14 May				X				X
Lag B'Omer	Commemorative Day	Sunday 26 May				X				X
Yom Yerushalayim	Commemorative Day	Wednesday 5 June				X				X
Shavuot	Eve	Tuesday 11 June						X	X	
	Day 1	Wednesday 12 June	X			X		X	X	
	Day 2	Thursday 13 June	X			X		X	X	
17 th of Tammuz	Fast Day	Tuesday 23 July		X	X		X			
The 3 Weeks	Period of Mourning	23 July – 13 August					X			
Tisha B'Av	Eve	Monday 12 August		X	X		X			
	Fast Day	Tuesday 13 August		X	X		X		X	
Tu B'Av	Festival	Monday 19 August				X				X
Rosh Hashanah	Eve	Wednesday 2 October						X	X	
	Day 1	Thursday 3 October	X			X		X	X	
	Day 2	Friday 4 October	X			X		X	X	
Fast of Gedaliah	Fast Day	Sunday 6 October		X	X		X			
Yom Kippur	Eve	Friday 11 October	X	X	X			X	X	
	Holy Day	Saturday 12 October	X	X	X			X	X	
Sukkot	Eve	Wednesday 16 October						X	X	
	Day 1	Thursday 17 October	X			X		X	X	
	Day 2	Friday 18 October	X			X		X	X	
	Intermediary Days	19 – 23 October				X				X
Shmini Atzeret	Eve of 'Second Days'	Wednesday 23 October				X		X	X	
Shmini Atzeret	Day 8	Thursday 24 October	X			X		X	X	
Simchat Torah	Day 9	Friday 25 October	X			X		X	X	
Chanukah	Eve 1	Wednesday 25 December				X				X
	First Day	Thursday 26 December				X				X
	Last Day	Thursday 2 January, 2025				X				X

Holy Day Observance: On these days, we request that you:

- Refrain from engaging in all non-essential public works.
- Do not schedule Jewish Care meetings or special functions (other than functions to celebrate the festival).
- PA system will not be used (except in case of emergency).

Eve of a Holy Day and Festival: On these days, please consider that the festival begins in the early evening of this day so members of the Jewish Community will be preparing for the festival and may experience difficulty in attending meetings or programs throughout this day.

Fast Day: On fast days, we request that you do not arrange concerts or special functions with catering. Please be mindful of any Jewish staff, clients or Elders who are fasting.

Commemorative Days: There are no restrictions on these days, however please be mindful that they are significant occasions on the Jewish Calendar and it is likely that they will be observed and commemorated in some form or fashion.

***Pesach:** During Pesach, we request that you refrain from eating any food from outside in the public areas of Jewish Care facilities.

Periods of Mourning: During the two periods of mourning mentioned above, no special functions are to be arranged.

If you have any questions or are unsure whether a function or event is suitable during any of the above dates, please email Rabbi Yoseph Nerenberg, Manager of Jewish Life at ynerenberg@jewishcare.org.au