

2024 Interfaith Calendar

January 1, 2024	Oshogatsu/Gantan-Sai (New Year) Shinto New Year festival observed with prayers for inner renewal, prosperity and health
February 10, 2024	Lunar New Year
February 24, 2024	Ash Wednesday Christian observance to begin the 40 day season of Lent. Ashes are marked on worshippers as a sign of penitence.
March 1-19	Nineteen Day Fast Baha'i Fast to be observed by adult Baha'is in good health - sunrise to sundown - no food or drink.
March 24-25	Magha Puja Day Buddhist celebration of the presentation of teachings by Lord Buddha to and assembly of holy men.
March 29/ May 2	Good Friday Mar 29, 2024 // Orthodox Good Friday May 3, 2024 Christian remembrance of the crucifixion of Jesus and related events.
March 31 / May 5	Easter/Pascha Mar 31, 2024 // Orthodox May 5, 2024 The most holy of Christian sacred days. The day commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ from his death by crucifixion. Observances include worship services beginning at sunrise, special music, feasting, and parades.
March 11- April 9	Ramadan 9th month on Islamic calendar, devoted to the commemoration of Muhammad's reception of the divine revelation recorded in the Qur'an. The event begins when authorities in Saudi Arabia sight the new moon of the 9th month. It is the holiest period of the Islamic Year. There is strict fasting from sunrise to sunset
April 10, 2024	Eid al-Fitro, 2024 Islamic event marking the close of Ramadan. It is a festival of thanksgiving to Allah for enjoying the month of Ramadan. It involves wearing finest clothing, saying prayers, and fostering understanding with other religions.
April 113, 2024	Baisakhi/Vaisakhi (New Year) Hindu start of the New Years. Greetings that wish good life in coming days are exchanged. In Sikhi the day commemorates the founding of the Khalsa, a distinctive Sikh brotherhood.
April 21, 2024	Mahavir Jayanti Jain festival honoring Lord Mahavira on the founder's birthday. Shrines are visited. Teachings are reviewed and reflected upon.

April 23-30	Pesach (Passover) Jewish 8 day pilgrimage festival celebrating the Exodus from slavery to freedom. Also known as Passover
May 1, 2024	Beltane Wicca celebration of the conjoining of the goddess with the energy of the god in the sacred marriage which is the basis of all creation
May 23, 2024	Vesak/Visakha Puja (Buddha Day) Buddhist marking of the birth, enlightenment and death (attainment of Nirvana) of Lord Buddha
May 23, 2024	Declaration of the Bab Baha'i recognition of the declaration in 1844 by Ali Muhammed that he is the anticipated "Coming One" of all religions. Work is suspended
May 28, 2024	Ascension of Baha'ullah Baha'i recollection of the death of Baha'u'llah, the founder. Observed by prayers and readings. Work is suspended
June 12-13, 2024	Shavuot Jewish celebration of Moses' descent from Mt Sinai with the ten commandments.
June 17-20, 2024	Eid al Adha Islamic Ritual of Sacrifice. The day after Arafat, the most important day in Hajj ritual. A three-day festival recalling Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his son in obedience to Allah
August 26, 2024	Krishna Jahashtami Hindu commemoration of the birth of Krishna - the 8th incarnation of god Vishnu who took the form of Krishna to destroy the evil king Kansa
August 31, 2024	Paryushana Parva Jain 8 day festival signifying human emergence into a new world of spiritual and moral refinement. Marked by recitations from Jain sacred writing and family exchange of cards and letters. Celebration of the natural qualities of the soul. The 8th day (Samvatsari) is most important and is focused on forgiveness
October 3-12, 2024	Navaratri Hindu Festival of the divine mother honoring Durga, wife of Shiva, and seeking her blessings. Also observed as a celebration recalling the days of Lord Krishna
October 4, 2024	Rosh Hashana Jewish New Year. A time of introspection, abstinence, prayer and penitence. The story of Abraham is read, the ram's horn is sounded, and special foods are prepared and shared
October 12, 2024	Yom Kippur Jewish Day of Atonement. This holiest day of the Jewish year is observed with strict fasting and ceremonial repentance.

October 16 – 23, 2024 Sukkot

Jewish Feast of Tabernacles which celebrates the harvest and the protection of the people of Israel as they wandered in the wilderness dwelling in tents. Temporary dwelling places have leaves for a roof so the sky can be seen. In temperate climates, night is spent in the Succoth.

October 23, 2024

Shemini Atzeret & Simchat Torah

Jewish completion of the annual cycle of reading of the Torah.

October 31, 2024

Samhain

Wicca celebration of endings and beginnings and of remembering the dead.. Revering of elders is also observed

November 1, 2024

Dia de los Muertos

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Diwali

Hindu Festival of Lights symbolizing the human urge to move toward the light. Gift exchanges, fireworks and festive meals. Jain celebration of Lord Mahavira's day of final liberation

November 15, 2024

Guru Nanak Dev Sahib Birthday

Sikh honoring of the birth of the first Sikh teacher who lived from 1469 -1539 c.e. Sacred readings, prayers, hymns, meals together

December 18-26

Hanukkah

Jewish celebration for 8 days celebrating the eight days the flame lasted in the Holy Temple. Celebration revolve around prayers, games, food, songs and the lighting of the menorah.

December 25

Christmas

Christian celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. Observed by prayers, exchanging of gifts, and family parties

December 26-Jan 1

Kwanzaa

An African American and Pan-African holiday celebrating family, community and culture, Kwanzaa is a secular observance with some religious participation.. Seven life virtues are presented. The dates are always December 26 - January 1.