

## PLANNING DAY KEY 2024-25

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| Eid al-Adha ** <br> Festival of Sacrifice. The day of Arafat marks the end of Hajj. | Islam | Jul. 8-9, 2022 | June 28-29, 2023 | June 16-17, 2024 |
| Ashura <br> There is an optional fast this day. The Shi'a observance is based on the martyrdom of Prophet Muhammad's grandson, Husayn, martyred on this day in 683/684 CE after the battle of Karbala. The Sunni observance is related to numerous Biblical and Qur'anic events. | Islam | Aug. 8, 2022 | July 19, 2023 | July 8, 2024 |
| Krishna Janmashtami Commemoration of the birth of Krishna, the eighth incarnation of god Vishnu. | Hindu | Aug. 18-19, 2022 | Sept. 6-7, 2023 | August 25-26, 2024 |
| Rosh Hashanah \# Jewish New Year. A time of introspection, abstinence, and prayer. | Jewish | Sept. 25-27, 2022 | Sept. 15-17, 2023 | Oct. 2-4, 2024 |
| Fast of Gedaliah <br> The Fast of Gedaliah is a fast day to commemorate the assassination of Gedaliah, the official charged with overseeing the Jewish population in Judah. | Jewish | Sept. 28, 2022 | Sept. 18, 2023 | October 6, 2024 |
| Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) \# <br> The most solemn and holy day of the year in which Jews spend a day in fasting and prayer. | Jewish | Oct. 4-5, 2022 | Sept. 24-25,2023 | Oct. 11-12, 2024 |
| Mabon/Autumn Equinox** <br> Mabon is the arrival of autumn and with it the reaping of the harvest. It celebrates the abundance, the fruit of the labor put in throughout the year and signals preparations for the winter soon to come. | Pagan-Wiccan | Sept. 23, 2022 | Sept. 23, 2023 | Sept. 22, 2024 |
| Sukkot \# <br> Also known as the Feast of Tabernacles - celebrates the harvest and the protection of the people of Israel as they wandered in the wilderness dwelling in tents. | Jewish | Oct. 9-16, 2022 | Oct. 9-11, 2023 | Sept. 29-Oct. 1, 2024 |
| Shemini Atzeret / Simchat Torah \# Completion of the annual cycle of reading of the Torah. | Jewish | Oct. 17,2022 | Oct. 16-18, 2023 | Oct. 6-8,2024 |
| Mawlid-al-Nabi / Birth of the Prophet Muhammad** Commemoration of the birthday of Prophet Muhammad, founder of Islam, about 570 CE. Not universally observed. | Islam | Oct. 8, 2022 | Sept. 28, 2023 | Sept. 16, 2024 |
| Samhain** <br> Samhain is one of the most important festivals of the year. It is considered a very powerful time and is great to ask for guidance, help, clearing of negativity and starting of the new year in a positive light. | Pagan-Wiccan | Oct. 31-Nov. 1, 2022 | Oct. 31-Nov. 1, 2023 | Oct. 31-Nov. 1, 2024 |
| Bandi Chhor Divas <br> Observed as a "Day of Liberation" commemorating the release from prison of Guru Hargobind circa 1612. | Sikh | Oct. 24, 2022 | Oct. 12, 2023 | November 1, 2024 |
| Diwali** <br> Festival of lights symbolizing the human urges to move toward the light. | Hindu | Oct. 24, 2022 | November 12, 2023 | October 31, 2024 |
| Birthday of the Bab \# <br> Baha'i observance of the anniversary of the birth in 1819 of Siyyid, "the Bab," the prophet-herald of the Baha'i Faith, in Shiraz, Persia. | Bahá'í | Oct. 25-26, 2022 | October 16, 2023 | November 2, 2024 |
| Birthday of Bahá'u'lláh \# <br> Anniversary of the birth in 1817 of Baha`u`llah, prophet-founder of the Baha'i Faith, in Nur, Persia. | Bahá'í | Oct. 26-27, 2022 | October 17, 2023 | November 3, 2024 |
| Birth of Guru Nanak <br> Celebrates the birth of Guru Nanak, the founder of Sikhism, circa 1469, observed on the full moon day of November. | Sikh | Nov. 30, 2022 | November 27, 2023 | November 15, 2024 |


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| Ascension of Abdul Baha <br> The Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Baha' commemorates the death on Nov. 28, 1921-and, retrospectively, the life-of 'Abdu'l-Baha' | Baha'i | Nov. 27-28, 2022 | November 28, 2023 | November 28, 2024 |
| Hanukkah (Chanukah) <br> A Jewish festival commemorating the rededication of the Second Temple in Jerusalem at the time of the Maccabean Revolt against the Seleucid Empire. It is also known as the Festival of Lights. | Jewish | Dec. 19-26, 2022 | Dec. 7-15, 2023 | Dec. 25, 2024 - Jan. 2, 2025 |
| Yule / Winter Equinox <br> Yule is held during the winter equinox when days become shorter. It is the time in which last preparations are made for the coming cold months. It is also a time to remind oneself of the warmth and life-giving source of the Sun or fire. | Pagan-Wiccan | Dec. 21, 2022 | Dec. 21, 2023 | Dec. 21, 2024 |
| Christmas \# <br> Christian celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. Observed by prayers, exchanging of gifts and family parties (per Gregorian Calendar). | Christian | Dec. 25, 2022 | Dec. 25, 2023 | Dec. 25, 2024 |
| Kwanzaa <br> The weeklong celebration honoring African heritage in African-American culture. | Interfaith/AfricanAmerican | Dec. 26-Jan 1, 2023 | Dec. 26, 2023 - Jan 1, | Dec. 26, 2024 - Jan 1, 2025 |
| Feast of the Epiphany Celebrates the revelation of God incarnates as Jesus Christ. | Christian | Jan. 6, 2023 | Jan. 6, 2024 | Jan. 6, 2025 |
| East Orthodox Christmas <br> Christian celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. Observed by prayers, exchanging of gifts, and family parties (per Julian Calendar). | Orthodox Christian | Jan. 7, 2023 | Jan. 7, 2024 | Jan. 7, 2025 |
| Lunar New Year <br> Lunar New Year is the start of the New Year for the Lunar Calendar. People across the world from different cultures start large celebrations to bring in luck, wealth, and prosperity for the new year. The festivities can last as long as an entire month. Families and friends come together to give thanks and honor their ancestors. | Confucianism/ Taoism/ Buddhism | Jan. 22, 2023 | February 10, 2024 | January 29, 2025 |
| Imbolc / The Promise of Spring <br> A joyous occasion, it symbolized the promise of the return of spring. This is a time in which both crops and animals are blessed to ensure an abundant year, that all would be healthy and new life would spring forth soon. | Pagan-Wiccan | Feb. 1, 2023 | Feb. 1, 2024 | Feb. 1, 2025 |
| Ash Wednesday / Lent Lent begins in Western Christianity. | Christian | Feb. 22, 2023 | February 14, 2024 | March 5, 2025 |
| East Orthodox Beginning of Lent <br> First day of the forty days of the Great Lent period, beginning on Clean Monday followed by distinct periods of fasting, Lazarus Saturday, and Palm Sunday, culminating in Holy Week. | Orthodox Christian | Feb. 27, 2023 | March 18, 2024 | March 3, 2025 |
| Fast of Esther, Purim Commemorating the fast observed by the Jewish people in the story of Purim. | Jewish | Mar. 6-7, 2023 | March 23-24, 2024 | March 13-14, 2025 |
| Hola Mohalla <br> Begins a three-day Sikh festival that takes place on the first of the lunar month of Chet. | Sikh | Mar. 8-10, 2023 | March 25-27, 2024 | March 14-16, 2025 |
| Nowruz \# <br> Celebrating the first day of the new year, this is one of the nine Bahá'i holy days on which work is to be suspended. It is generally observed with a meeting for prayer and celebration. | Baháí/ <br> Zoroastrianism | Mar. 21-22, 2023 | Mar. 21-22, 2024 | Mar. 21-22, 2025 |
| Ostara / Spring Equinox <br> Celebrating the arrival of spring and new life. | Pagan-Wiccan | March 20, 2023 | March 20, 2024 | March 20, 2025 |

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\hline | Ramadan |
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| The holiest period of the Islamic Year commemorating the Prophet Muhammad's reception of the divine revelation the Qur`an. A month of introspection, prayer, and devoted fasting from dawn to sunset. Intentional consumption of drink, food, or any injection which has nutritional value is forbidden during fasting hours. | \& Islam \& Mar 22- Apr. 21, 2023 \& March 10-April 8,

2024 \& Feb. 28 - March 29, 2025 <br>

\hline | Baisakhi (Vaisakhi) |
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| Birth of Khalsa brotherhood, the Sikh New Year festival commemorating the year Sikhism was born as a collective faith. | \& Sikh \& Apr. 14, 2023 \& April 13, 2024 \& April 14, 2025 <br>

\hline Good Friday Commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus Christ and his death at Calvary. \& Christian \& Apr. 7, 2023 \& March 29, 2024 \& April 18, 2025 <br>
\hline Fast of Bechorot Commemorates the miracle which spared the firstborn Jewish sons from the plague. \& Jewish \& Apr. 5, 2023 \& April 22, 2024 \& April 10, 2025 <br>

\hline | Passover (Pesach) \# |
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| Celebration of the deliverance of the Jewish people from slavery to freedom. | \& Jewish \& Apr. 5-Apr. 13, 2023 \& April 22-30, 2024 \& April 12-20, 2025 <br>


\hline | Easter |
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| The holiest of Christian Sacred days. The day commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ from his death by crucifixion. | \& Christian \& Apr. 9, 2023 \& March 31, 2024 \& April 20, 2025 <br>


\hline | Ridvan \# |
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| Commemorate the twelve days when Baha`u`llah, the prophet-founder, resided in a garden called Ridvan (Paradise) and publicly proclaimed His mission as God's messenger for this age. The first, ninth, and twelfth days are celebrated as holy days when Baha'i l's suspend work. | \& Baháí \& Apr. 20-May 2, 2023 \& Apr. 20-May 2, 2024 \& Apr. 20-May 2, 2025 <br>


\hline | Eastern Orthodox Good Friday |
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| Christian remembrance of the crucifixion of Jesus and related events. | \& Orthodox Christian \& Apr. 14, 2023 \& May 3, 2024 \& April 18, 2025 <br>


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\hline | Laylat Al-Qadr** |
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| This is the Night of Destiny or Night of Power. It marks the revelation of the Qur'an to the Prophet Muhammad. | \& Islam \& Apr. 18, 2023 \& April 6, 2024 \& March 27, 2025 <br>


\hline | 9th Day of Ridvan \# |
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| Symbolizes the reunification and strength of the bond of family and by extension the unity of the entire human family. | \& Bahá'í \& Apr. 28-29, 2023 \& Apr. 29, 2024 \& Apr. 29, 2025 <br>


\hline | Beltane / Festival of Fire, Mayday |
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| Beltane is the halfway point between Spring and Summer. It is a time to give gratitude and thanks to the fertility of spring, festivities start on the eve of May 1st. | \& Pagan-Wiccan \& Apr. 30, 2023 \& May 1, 2024 \& May 1, 2025 <br>

\hline 12th Day of Ridvan \#
Commemorates the eve of Baha'u'llah's departure from Baghdad. \& Baháí \& May 2, 2023 \& May 2, 2024 \& May 2, 2025 <br>

\hline | Eid al-Fitr (date can vary by a day) |
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| Marks the end of Ramadan. It is a festival of thanksgiving to God. | \& Islam \& Apr. 21-22, 2023 \& April 10, 2024 \& March 31, 2025 <br>


\hline | Vesak (Visakha Puja) - Buddha Day \# ** |
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| Marking of the birth, enlightenment, and death (attainment of Nirvana) of Lord Buddha. | \& Buddhism \& May 5, 2023 \& May 23, 2024 \& May 12, 2025 <br>


\hline | Declaration of the Báb** |
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| Commemoration of May 23,1844 , when the Bab, the prophet-herald of the Baha'i Faith, announced he was the herald of a new messenger of God. | \& Baháí \& May 23-24, 2023 \& May 23, 2024 \& May 23, 2025 <br>


\hline | Ascension Day |
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| The fortieth day of Easter commemorating Jesus Christ's ascension into heaven. | \& Christian \& May 18, 2023 \& May 9, 2024 \& May 29, 2025 <br>

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| Shavuot \# <br> One of the three pilgrimage holidays commemorating the giving of the Torah (5 <br> Books of Moses). | Jewish | May 25-27,2023 | June 11-13,2024 |  |
| Pentecost <br> Christian observation of the day when the God the Holy Spirit came to the disciples <br> in the forms of tongues of fire and rushing wind. It is a traditional day for baptism <br> and confirmation of new Christians. | Christianity <br> (RC, P, 0) | Mune 1-3,2025 |  |  |

