RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS – 2020 – 2021

September
18, 19, 20—Rosh Hashanah (Judaism—New Year; start of 10 High Holy Days; begins at sunset on 18th)
27/28—Yom Kippur (Judaism—Day of Atonement; begins at sundown on 27h)

October
2/3 – 9—Sukkot (Judaism Feast of Tabernacles—begins at sunset on 2nd and continues through 9th)

November
14—Diwali (Hinduism—Festival of Lights) [The key celebration in this five-day holiday begins on 14th in South India and 15th in North India]
29—First Sunday of Advent (Christianity—Four Sundays of Advent before Christmas)

December
8—Bodhi Day (Buddhism in Japan—Enlightenment of the Buddha)
10/11 – 18—Hanukkah (Judaism—Festival of Lights; begins at sunset on 10th and ends on 18th)
25—Christmas (Christianity—birth of Jesus)

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February
12—Lunar New Year (Begins year of the Ox)
17—Ash Wednesday (Christianity—beginning of 40 days of Lent before Holy Week)
25, 26, 27—Purim (Judaism—Esther's victory over Persian oppression; begins at sunset on Feb. 25th)

March
27, 28, 29—Holi (Hinduism—Festival of Colors, begins *Holika Dahan* on March 27)
27/28 through April 4—Passover (Judaism—Feast of Unleavened Bread and commemoration of Exodus; begins at sunset on 27th; observed through April 4th in U.S.)
28—Palm Sunday (Christianity—entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem, beginning of Holy Week)

April
2—Good Friday (Christianity—Crucifixion of Jesus)
4—Easter Sunday (Christianity—Resurrection of Jesus). [Eastern Orthodox Easter is on the 2nd of May]
8—Yom HaShoah or Holocaust Remembrance Day (Judaism)
12— Beginning of Ramadan, Islam's month of fasting. Begins at sunset on April 12. Continues through May 11.

May
12/13—Eid al-Fitr (Islam—conclusion of Ramadan fasting; begins at sunset on 12th).
17/18—Shavuot (Judaism—Feast of Weeks; celebration of the giving of the Torah; begins at sunset on 17th)

July
24—Pioneer Day (Mormonism—celebrates Latter Day Saints' entrance into Salt Lake Valley).
17/18—Tisha B'av or Ninth of Av (Judaism—day of fasting and mourning commemorates destruction of Jerusalem Temple and the Exile; begins at sunset on July 17)
19/23—Eid al-Adha (Islam—Feast of Sacrifice on Pilgrimage/*Hajj*; begins at sunset on 19th (depending on moon)

August
18/19—Ashura (Shia Islam—begins at sunset on 28th)