

## RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS 2018-2019

### 2018

#### **June**

14/15—Eid al-Fitr (Islam—conclusion of Ramadan fasting; begins at sunset on 14<sup>th</sup>).

#### **July**

21/22—Tisha B'av or Ninth of Av (Judaism—commemorates destruction of Jerusalem Temple, begins at sunset on July 21)

24—Pioneer Day (Mormonism—celebrates Latter Day Saints' entrance into Salt Lake Valley).

#### **August**

20/21 or 21/22—Eid al-Adha (Islam—Feast of Sacrifice that concludes Pilgrimage; begins at sunset on August 20<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup>, depending on moon)

#### **September**

9, 10, 11—Rosh Hashanah (Judaism—New Year; start of 10 High Holy Days; begins at sunset on 9<sup>th</sup>)

18, 19—Yom Kippur (Judaism—Day of Atonement; begins at sundown on 18<sup>th</sup>)

19/20—Ashura (Shia Islam—begins at sunset on 19<sup>th</sup>)

23/24 – 30<sup>th</sup>—Sukkot (Judaism—begins at sunset on 23<sup>rd</sup> and continues through 30<sup>th</sup>)

#### **November**

6—Diwali (Hinduism—Festival of Lights through Nov. 10) [Begins on 6<sup>th</sup> in South India and 7<sup>th</sup> in North India]

#### **December**

2—First Sunday of Advent (Christianity—Four Sundays of Advent before Christmas)

2/3 – 10—Hanukkah (Judaism—Festival of Lights; begins at sunset on 2<sup>nd</sup> and ends on 10<sup>th</sup>)

8—Bodhi Day (Buddhism in Japan—Enlightenment of the Buddha)

25—Christmas (Christianity—birth of Jesus)

### 2019

#### **February**

5—Chinese New Year (Begins year of the Pig)

#### **March**

6—Ash Wednesday (Christianity—beginning of 40 days of Lent before Holy Week)

20, 21, 22—Purim (Judaism—Esther's victory over Persian oppression; begins at sunset on March 20<sup>th</sup>)

21—Holi (Hinduism—Festival of Colors, begins *Holika Dahan* on March 20)

## **April**

14—Palm Sunday (Christianity—entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem, beginning of Holy Week)

19—Good Friday (Christianity—Crucifixion of Jesus)

19/20 - 26— Passover (Judaism—Feast of Unleavened Bread and commemoration of Exodus; begins at sunset on 19<sup>th</sup>; observed through April 26<sup>th</sup> in U.S.)

21—Easter Sunday (Christianity—Resurrection of Jesus). [Eastern Orthodox Easter is on the 28<sup>th</sup> of April]

## **May**

1/2—Holocaust Remembrance Day (Judaism)

5/6—Beginning of Ramadan, Islam's month of fasting. Begins at sunset on May 5. Continues through June 4.

## **June**

3/4 or 4/5—Eid al-Fitr (Islam—conclusion of Ramadan fasting; begins at sunset on 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup>).

8/9—Shavuot (Judaism—Feast of Weeks; celebration of the giving of the Torah; begins at sunset on 8<sup>th</sup>)

## **July**

24—Pioneer Day (Mormonism—celebrates Latter Day Saints' entrance into Salt Lake Valley).

## **August**

10/11—Tisha B'av or Ninth of Av (Judaism—commemorates destruction of Jerusalem Temple, begins at sunset on August 10)

11/12—Eid al-Adha (Islam—Feast of Sacrifice that concludes Pilgrimage; begins at sunset on August 11<sup>th</sup>)