**RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS 2018-2019**

**2018**

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

**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 20th or 21st, depending on moon)

**September**
9, 10, 11—Rosh Hashanah (Judaism—New Year; start of 10 High Holy Days; begins at sunset on 9th)
18, 19—Yom Kippur (Judaism—Day of Atonement; begins at sundown on 18th)
19/20—Ashura (Shia Islam—begins at sunset on 19th)
23/24 – 30th—Sukkot (Judaism—begins at sunset on 23rd and continues through 30th)

**November**
6—Diwali (Hinduism—Festival of Lights through Nov. 10) [Begins on 6th in South India and 7th 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 2nd and ends on 10th)
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 20th)
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 19th; observed through April 26th in U.S.)
21—Easter Sunday (Christianity—Resurrection of Jesus). [Eastern Orthodox Easter is on the 28th of April]

May
1/2—Holocaust Remembrance Day (Judaism)

June
3/4 or 4/5—Eid al-Fitr (Islam—conclusion of Ramadan fasting; begins at sunset on 3rd or 4th).
8/9—Shavuot (Judaism—Feast of Weeks; celebration of the giving of the Torah; begins at sunset on 8th)

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 11th)