RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS 2019-2020

2019

August
10/11—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 August 10)
10/11 or 11/12—Eid al-Adha (Islam—Feast of Sacrifice on Pilgrimage or Hajj; begins at sunset on August 10th or 11th, depending on moon)

September
29, 30, Oct. 1—Rosh Hashanah (Judaism—New Year; start of 10 High Holy Days; begins at sunset on 29th)

October
8, 9—Yom Kippur (Judaism—Day of Atonement; begins at sundown on 8th)
9/10—Ashura (Shia Islam—begins at sunset on 9th)
13/14 – 20th—Sukkot (Judaism Feast of Tabernacles—begins at sunset on 13th and continues through 20th)
26/27—Diwali (Hinduism—Festival of Lights) [Begins on 26th in South India and 27th in North India]

November
1—First Sunday of Advent (Christianity—Four Sundays of Advent before Christmas)
8—Bodhi Day (Buddhism in Japan—Enlightenment of the Buddha)
22/23 – 30—Hanukkah (Judaism—Festival of Lights; begins at sunset on 22nd and ends on 30th)
25—Christmas (Christianity—birth of Jesus)

2020

January
25—Chinese New Year (Begins year of the Rat)

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

March
9, 10, 11—Purim (Judaism—Esther’s victory over Persian oppression; begins at sunset on March 9th)
9/10—Holi (Hinduism—Festival of Colors, begins Holika Dahan on March 9)

April
5—Palm Sunday (Christianity—entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem, beginning of Holy Week)
8/9 - 16—Passover (Judaism—Feast of Unleavened Bread and commemoration of Exodus; begins at sunset on 8th; observed through April 16th in U.S.)
10—Good Friday (Christianity—Crucifixion of Jesus)
12—Easter Sunday (Christianity—Resurrection of Jesus).  [Eastern Orthodox Easter is on the 19th of April]
21—Yom HaShoah or Holocaust Remembrance Day (Judaism)

May
23/24 or 24/25—Eid al-Fitr (Islam—conclusion of Ramadan fasting; begins at sunset on 23rd or 24th).
28/29—Shavuot (Judaism—Feast of Weeks; celebration of the giving of the Torah; begins at sunset on 28th)

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