

**Jewish Calendar
2002-2003**

Chanukah

Saturday November 30, 2002 – Saturday
December 7, 2002
25 Kislev- 2 Tevet

Tu B'Shevat

Saturday January 18, 2003
15 Shevat

Purim

Tuesday March 18, 2003
14 Avadar

Pesach

Thursday April 17, 2003 – Thursday
April 24, 2003
15-22 Avdar

Yom HaShoah

Tuesday April 29, 2003
27 Nissan

Yom HaZikaron

Tuesday May 6, 2003
4 Iyar

Yom HaAtzma'ut

Wednesday May 7, 2003
18 Iyar

Shavout

Friday June 6, 2003
6-7 Sivan

Fast of Tammuz

Sunday July 6, 2003
17 Tammuz

Tisha B'Av

Thursday August 7, 2003
9 Avr

Tu B'Av

Wednesday August 13, 2003
15 Av

Rosh Hashanah

Saturday September 27, 2003 – Sunday
September 28, 2003
1-2 Tishrei

Yom Kippur

Monday October 6, 2003
10 Tishrei

Sukkot

Saturday October 11, 2003 – Friday
October 17, 2003
15-21 Tishrei

Shemini Atzeret

Saturday October 18, 2003
22 Tishrei

Simchat Torah

Sunday Oct. 19, 2003
23 Tishrei

**Keep in mind that the Jewish day begins and ends at sundown. Thus, all holidays begin at sundown the day preceding the date shown and end at sundown the last date shown.

Jewish Holiday Descriptions

** These are the holidays that most Jewish students at Longwood would probably observe.

Shabbat:

Rosh Hashanah: The Jewish New Year; start of the Ten Days of Penitence

Yom Kippur: Day of Atonement; a very solemn day of the year, devoted to fasting, prayer and repentance.

Sukkot: First two days of Tabernacles; commemorating the dwelling of Israelites in booths in the wilderness.

Simchat Torah: Rejoicing of the Law.

Hanukkah: Festival of Lights; victory of the Maccabees and rededication of the Temple.

Purim: Celebrates defeat of plot to destroy the Jews of the Temple.

Pesach (Passover): Deliverance of the Jewish people from Egypt. The Seder service on the first two evenings recounts the story of Exodus.

Shavuot: Feast of Weeks; marks the giving of the Law (Torah) at Mt. Sinai.

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<http://www.encyclopedia.com/articles/06639.html>