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# WORLDVIEW NETWORK

2025-2026 Resource Guide



# Chatham Worldview Network

Chatham Worldview Network is comprised of religious and spiritual organizations in the Pittsburgh community who are enthusiastic about serving Chatham students. Representatives of participating organizations regularly attend Chatham involvement fairs and meet with students on campus. If you'd like more information about getting connected with any of the Chatham Worldview Network partners, e-mail the Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion at [odei@chatham.edu](mailto:odei@chatham.edu)

## Campus Organizations

### **ASIAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION**

The purpose of the organization is to represent the Asian and Asian-American community at Chatham University. The Asian Student Association seeks to represent and advocate for Asian, Pacific Islander, and Asian American interests.

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**INSTAGRAM:** [@chatham\\_asa](https://www.instagram.com/chatham_asa)

### **CHATHAM CATHOLIC NEWMAN CLUB**

The Chatham Catholic Newman Club works to bring students together in faith and get more students involved in the Catholic faith.

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**INSTAGRAM:** [@chathamcatholic](https://www.instagram.com/chathamcatholic)

### **CHATHAM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

The CCF is supported by the Coalition for Christian Outreach and they invite people to join their regular bible studies, retreats, and other social events.

**PRIMARY CONTACT:** Beth Kulp, [beth.kulp@chatham.edu](mailto:beth.kulp@chatham.edu)

**ADVISOR:** Kristin Harty, [kharty@chatham.edu](mailto:kharty@chatham.edu)

**INSTAGRAM:** [@cu\\_christianfellowship](https://www.instagram.com/cu_christianfellowship)

## **CHATHAM DELIGHT**

Delight provides an opportunity for the women of Chatham to explore their Christian faith in a nonjudgmental and open environment.

**PRIMARY CONTACT:** Kassie O'Hern, [Kassie.Ohern@chatham.edu](mailto:Kassie.Ohern@chatham.edu)

**ADVISOR:** Colleen Barrett, [c.barrett@chatham.edu](mailto:c.barrett@chatham.edu)

**INSTAGRAM:** [@chatham\\_delight](https://www.instagram.com/chatham_delight)

## **JEWISH STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

The Jewish Student Association works to serve the undergraduate Jewish community of Chatham university by promoting the expression of Jewish identity and involvement on campus.

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**ADVISOR:** Marc Nieson, [mnieson@chatham.edu](mailto:mnieson@chatham.edu)

**INSTAGRAM:** [@jsa.chatham](https://www.instagram.com/jsa.chatham)

## **MUSLIM STUDENT ASSOCIATION**

The Muslim Student Association strives to meet the religious and cultural needs of Muslim students at Chatham as well as build awareness and familiarity with Islam and Islamic culture with the Chatham community.

**PRIMARY CONTACT:** Sarina Brelvi, [sarina.brelvi@chatham.edu](mailto:sarina.brelvi@chatham.edu)

**ADVISOR:** Shimul Chowdhury, [s.chowdhury@chatham.edu](mailto:s.chowdhury@chatham.edu)

**INSTAGRAM:** [@chathamumsa](https://www.instagram.com/chathamumsa)

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# **Campus Resources**

## **Prayer & Meditation Room**

Lower Level of Braun Hall

Prayer rugs are available for use.

## **Campbell Memorial Chapel**


Catholic services are often held in the Chapel on Shadyside Campus. Stay up to date with ODEI and Catholic student groups for specific service dates and times.

## **Food Options**


Café Rachel offers halal options for purchase with Flex and Cougar Dollars.

# Community Organizations

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 within 1 mile of Shadyside Campus

 known LGBTQ+ friendly

 bus accessible from Shadyside Campus

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## Chabad House on Campus

4710 Wallington St., Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Chabad House offers “the warmest place away from home” for all students. Whether students would like to join us for Shabbat and holidays, or weekly classes, we have staff available around the clock for one-on-one counseling and group events. Chabad House strives to enhance campus life for all students with love of your fellow man and better understanding of Jewish identity in today’s world.

**CONTACTS** Sara Weinstein .....sara@chabadPittsburgh.org  
Shmuel Weinstein .....shmuel@chabadPittsburgh.org

**PHONE** 412-390-8153

**MEDIA** www.chabadPittsburgh.org

## Church of the Redeemer

5700 Forbes Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15217

Redeemer holds regular Sunday worship in-person at 9:30 a.m. and in-person/online 10:30 a.m. Fellowship includes a craft group, youth redeemerites group, and Sunday Bible studies. Redeemer also offers unique social justice programming and participates in Pittsburgh PRIDE.

**CONTACT** The Rev. Canon Natalie Hall .....nhall@episcopalPittsburgh.org

**PHONE** 703-963-2789

**MEDIA** redeemerpittsburgh.org

## Coalition for Christian Outreach & Bellefield Presbyterian Church

4001 Fifth Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15213

CCO & Bellefield Presbyterian Church offer support for students as we seek to live out our faith in every area of our lives. We do so through Bible study, involvement in the local church, Chatham community, and the Pittsburgh area, and our world. Bellefield’s worship service times and opportunities for involvement can be found at [www.bellefield.org](http://www.bellefield.org)

**CONTACT** Jessica Bonzo, campus ministry staff .....jbonzo@ccojubilee.org

**PHONE** 602-831-4613

**MEDIA** www.bellefield.org

## **First Trinity Lutheran Church/ Lutheran Student Fellowship**

531 N Neville St., Pittsburgh, PA 15213

First Trinity holds Sunday Worship every week at 11:00 a.m. First Trinity hosts Lutheran Student Fellowship and International Student Ministry. The Luther House Student Center is open each semester with expanded times during exam weeks and contains important resources for students. Student Fellowship includes a weekly dinner and Bible study as well as a Lunch after services on Sundays.

**CONTACT** Rev. Eric R. Andrae, campus pastor..... ericandrae@gmail.com  
**PHONE** 412-266-6719  
**MEDIA** www.LSFPittsburgh.com  
Instagram: LSF\_Pittsburgh  
Facebook: LSFofPittsburgh

## **Islamic Center of Pittsburgh**

4100 Bigelow Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15213

The ICP aims to be an inclusive and welcoming place for all who seek greater purpose within the Islamic worldview. Their mission is to educate and inspire by coordinating with other masjids, local MSAs, interfaith groups, and educational insitutions. Juma'ah prayer is held every Friday at 1:10 p.m. Juma'ah is also streamed every Friday in Arabic at 12:15 p.m. and in English at 1:15 p.m. Lunch is sold after prayer every Friday except during Ramadan.

**CONTACT** Imam Christopher J Caras ..... Office@ICP-Pittsburgh.org  
**PHONE** 440-682-5555  
**MEDIA** www.icp-Pittsburgh.com  
Facebook: IslamicCenterofPittsburgh

## **Korean Central Church and Central Student Fellowship**

821 S Aiken Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15232

The Korean Central Church hosts worship every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. They offer Discipleship groups for undergraduate students on Friday at 7:00 p.m. They also have on-campus fellowship programming at the University of Pittsburgh and Carnegie Mellon University.

**CONTACT** Options available at [www.centralPittsburgh.org](http://www.centralPittsburgh.org)  
**MEDIA** Instagram: @central.pitt

## **Pittsburgh Chinese Church of Oakland & the Asian Christian Fellowship**

134 N. Dithridge St., Pittsburgh, PA 15213

The ACF is PCC's college student ministry, but they are open to all college students in the Pittsburgh area. They offer student-led fellowship and hold regular gatherings and other social events.

**CONTACT** Christina Choi  
**E-MAIL** gawomc@andrew.cmu.edu

## **Pittsburgh Students Active in Lutheran Ministry (PSALM)**

515 Forbes Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15213

PSALM hosts worship every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. at the Heinz Chapel. Attendees must register beforehand. They also offer community meals, student fellowship, bible studies, and volunteer opportunities.

**CONTACT** Pastor Brian Bennett..... pastor@psalm.online  
**PHONE** 304-657-4438  
**MEDIA** psalm.online  
Instagram: PsalmOnline

## **St. Mary Magdalene Parish (Roman Catholic)**



509 S. Dallas Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15208; 7705 Bennett St., Pittsburgh, PA 15208;  
718 Franklin Ave., Wilkinsburg, PA 15221

The parish offers participation in Sacraments (weekend and daily Mass, RCIA, Reconciliation), reading, singing/playing at masses, spiritual growth via Bible study, Eucharistic adoration, social ministry volunteering at our food banks, social justice focused on anti-poverty, anti-racism, and peace. The parish also has LGBTQ ministry support for student-led efforts.

**CONTACTS** Rev. Lawrence D. Adams, pastor .....LAdams@diopitt.org  
Vicki Sheridan, coordinator LGBTQ ministry..... vsheridan68@gmail.com  
**PHONE** 412-661-7222  
**MEDIA** saintmarymagdalenePittsburgh.org  
www.facebook.com/smmpPittsburgh

# Places to Worship

This information is made available to help the students, faculty, and staff of the Chatham community identify a source of support and community within their faith.

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within 1 mile of Shadyside Campus



known LGBTQ+ friendly



bus accessible from Shadyside Campus



near Eden Hall Campus

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## AFRICAN METHODIST-EPISCOPAL

### Bethel AME Church

2720 Webster Ave.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15219  
412-683-2160  
[www.bethelpittsburgh.org](http://www.bethelpittsburgh.org)

## ANGLICAN

### Church of the Ascension

4729 Ellsworth Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213  
412-621-4261  
[www.ascensionpittsburgh.org](http://www.ascensionpittsburgh.org)

## BAPTIST

### First Baptist Church of Pittsburgh

159 N. Bellefield Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213  
412-621-0500  
[www.fbcpg.org](http://www.fbcpg.org)

### Mount Ararat Baptist Church

271 Paulson Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15206  
412-441-1800  
[www.mt-ararat.org](http://www.mt-ararat.org)

### St. Paul Baptist Church

6701 Penn Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15208  
412-362-4932  
[www.stpaulbc.org](http://www.stpaulbc.org)

## BUDDHIST

### Buddhist Meditation Center of Pittsburgh

2618 Monroeville Blvd  
Monroeville, PA 15146  
412-229-8128.  
[www.bmcpitts.org](http://www.bmcpitts.org)

### Pittsburgh Buddhist Center

111 Route 908  
Natrona Heights, PA 15065  
724-292-2525  
[pittsburghbuddhistcenter.org](http://pittsburghbuddhistcenter.org)

### Pittsburgh Shambhala Meditation Center

733 North Highland Ave.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15206  
412-345-1759  
[www.shambhala.org](http://www.shambhala.org)

## CATHOLIC

### Sacred Heart Church

310 Shady Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15206  
412-661-0187  
[sacredheartparishshadyside.org/sacred-heart](http://sacredheartparishshadyside.org/sacred-heart)

### St. Paul Cathedral

108 North Dithridge Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213  
412-621-4951  
[stpaulpgh.org](http://stpaulpgh.org)


**Holy Spirit Byzantine Catholic Church**  

4815 Fifth Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213  
412-687-1220  
www.holyspiritbyzcath.com

Portugese and Spanish Services

**St. Teresa Of Kolata Paroquia-  
St. Catherine of Siena Iglesia**  
1810 Belasco Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15216  
412-531-2135  
www.stteresakolkatapgh.org

**GREEK ORTHODOX**

**St. Nicolao Greek Orthodox  
Cathedral**   
419 South Dithridge St.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213  
412-682-3966  
www.stnickspgh.org



**HINDU**

**Hindu Jain Temple**  
615 Illini Drive  
Monroeville, PA 15146  
724-325-2054  
www.hindujaintemple.org

**Sri Venkateswara Temple**  
1230 South McCully Drive, P.O. Box 17280  
Penn Hills, PA 15235  
412-373-3380  
www.hindujaintemple.org


**Sri Shirdi Sai Baba Temple**  
1449 Abers Creek Road  
Monroeville, PA 15146  
412-374-9244  
www.baba.org



**ISLAMIC**


**Islamic Center of Pittsburgh**    
4100 Bigelow Boulevard  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213  
412-682-5555  
www.icp-pgh.org

**JEWISH**



**Rodef Shalom Congregation  
(Reform)**    
4905 Fifth Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213  
412-621-6566  
rodefshalom.org


**Shaare Torah Congregation  
(Orthodox)**   
2319 Murray Ave.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15217  
412-421-8855  
www.shaaretorah.net

**Tree of Life or L'Simcha  
(Egalitarian)**    
5859 Wilkins Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15217  
412-521-6788  
www.tolols.org

**Bet Tikvah (LGBT Minyan)**   
bettikvah.org  
info@bettikvah.org

**LUTHERAN**

**St. Andrew Lutheran Church**    
304 Morewood Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213  
412-682-3342  
www.standrewpittsburgh.org

**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church**   
3832 Gibsonia Road  
Gibsonia, PA 15044  
724-443-8110  
www.tlcbgibsonia.org



## MENNONITE

### Pittsburgh Mennonite Church

2018 S Braddock Ave.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15218  
412-271-2104  
www.pittsburghmennonite.org

## METHODIST

### Calvary United Methodist Church

971 Beech Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15233  
412-231-2007  
www.calvarypgh.com

### First United Methodist Church of Pittsburgh

5401 Centre Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15232  
412-681-4222  
www.firstumcpittsburgh.org

## MORMON

### The Church of Jesus Christ Latter-Day Saints

250 N. Dithridge St.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213  
local.churchofjesuschrist.org/en/us/pa/pittsburgh/250-north-dithridge-street

## NON-DENOMINATIONAL CHRISTIAN

### Allegheny Center Alliance Church

250 E Ohio Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15212  
717-422-7646  
Young Adult Pastor, Ashley Njenga  
ashley.njenga@acac.net

### Mandarin Services

### Pittsburgh Chinese Church Oakland

134 N. Dithridge St. Pgh, Pa, 15213  
412-687-3060  
www.pccoakland.org

## PENTACOSTAL

### Iglesia Sion-Spanish Services

### Zion Christian Church

31 Warriors Road, Pgh, Pa, 15205  
412-564-1600  
www.iglesiasion.com

## PRESBYTERIAN

### East Liberty Presbyterian Church

116 South Highland Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15206  
cathedralofhope.org

### Shadyside Presbyterian Church

5121 Westminster Place  
Pittsburgh, PA 15232  
412-682-4300  
www.shadysidepres.org

### Grace Reformed Presbyterian Church

3916 Bakerstown Road  
Gibsonia, PA 15044  
724-473-3449  
www.graceingibsonia.org

## QUAKER

### The Religious Society of Friends

4836 Ellsworth Ave  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213  
412-683-2669  
www.quaker.org/pghpamm

## UNITARIAN

### First Unitarian Church of Pittsburgh

605 Morewood Ave  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213  
412-621-8008  
www.first-unitarian-pgh.orgs

# Religious Holy Days and Accommodations

## August 2025-August 2026

This section is provided to students, faculty, and staff as a guide for the number of religious holy days celebrated at Chatham University. Information regarding recommended academic and food accommodations are valuable when planning classroom activities and appropriate co-curricular events on campus.

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### POINTS TO REMEMBER

- **Kosher** restrictions refer to dietary guidelines of Jewish law which apply daily, throughout the year. Restrictions include: pork, shellfish (fish is allowed), and mixing meat with dairy.
  - **Halal** restrictions refer to foods prohibited according to Islamic dietary law, throughout the year. Restrictions include alcohol and pork.
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### BUDDHIST HOLIDAYS

#### Nirvana Day

Nirvana Day, also called Parinirvana Day, is a Buddhist holiday that marks the Buddha's achievement of complete Nirvana upon the death of his physical body.

- Observed Date: February 15

#### Magha Puja Day

Magha Puja Day commemorates an important event in the life of the Buddha, in which the four disciples traveled to join Buddha.

- Observed Date: Tuesday, March 3, 2026

#### Buddha Day/Visakha Puja

This is traditionally known as Buddha's birthday. It is the major Buddhist festival, commemorating the birth, enlightenment, and death of Buddha.

- Campus Recommendations: Provide food accommodations as requested; offer vegetarian options as Buddhists avoid eating meat on this date
  - Observed Date: Friday, May 1, 2026
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### CHRISTIAN HOLIDAYS

#### Christmas

Christmas is an annual celebration commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ, whose message and self-sacrifice began the Christian religion.

- Observed Dates: Begins at sundown on December 24 annually and continues with all day celebration on December 25

## **Twelfth Night**

Twelfth Night is a Christian festival on the last night of the Twelve Days of Christmas, marking the coming of the Epiphany.

- Observed Date: January 5

## **Epiphany/Three Kings Day**

This date commemorates the revelation of God through Jesus Christ and marks the time the three wise men arrived in Bethlehem and presented gifts to baby Jesus.

- Observed Date: January 6

## **Ash Wednesday**

This is the first day of Lent, the period of forty days before Easter in which many Christians sacrifice ordinary pleasures to reflect on Christ's sacrifice.

- Campus Recommendations: Provide food accommodations as requested since most abstain from eating meat this day; faithful wear cross of ashes marked on foreheads.
- Observed Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2026

## **Palm Sunday**

Commemoration of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem

- Observed Date: Sunday, March 29, 2026

## **Maundy Thursday**

Commemorates the Last Supper of Jesus with Apostles; always falls on the Thursday before Easter Sunday.

- Observed Dates Thursday, April 2, 2022

## **Good Friday**

Commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus Christ; always falls on the Friday before Easter Sunday.

- Campus Recommendations: Provide food accommodations as requested – meat is prohibited.
- Observed Date: Friday, April 3, 2026

## **Easter**

Annual commemoration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

- Observed Date: Sunday, April 5, 2026

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## **CONFUCIAN/TAOIST/BUDDHIST HOLIDAYS**

### **Lunar New Year/Chinese New Year**

A celebration of the arrival of spring, Lunar New Year denotes the beginning of a new year on the lunisolar calendar. It is the most important holiday in China, and it is also widely celebrated in South Korea, Vietnam, and many other countries.

- Campus Accommodations: Avoid scheduling academic deadlines, events, and activities on this day. Many Chinese faculty, staff, and students will request this day off.
- Observed Dates: February 17-March 3, 2026

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## **HINDU HOLIDAYS**

### **Krishna Janmashtami**

This two-day festival celebrates the birth of Krishna, a Hindu god. Krishna is considered a warrior, hero, teacher, and philosopher.

- Campus Recommendations: Avoid scheduling academic deadlines, events, and activities on this date.
- Observed Dates: Friday, September 4, 2026

### **Navaratri**

Navaratri is one of the greatest Hindu festivals. The festival celebrates the triumph of good over evil. During this time, Hindus worship Durga, Lakshmi, and Saraswati.

- Observed Dates: March 19-27, 2026

### **Diwali/Deepavali/Festival Of Lights**

Diwali—the “Festival of Lights”—extends over five days celebrating the victory of good over evil. *The Times of India* describes Diwali as a “reaffirmation of hope, renewed commitment to friendship and goodwill, and religiously sanctioned celebration of the simple.”

- Campus Recommendations: Avoid scheduling academic deadlines, events, and activities on this date. Hindu faculty, staff, and students will request this day off.
- Observed Date: Tuesday, October 21, 2025

### **Holi/Festival of Colors**

This holiday can be traced to Hindu scriptures commemorating good over evil. This date is a celebration of colorful spring and a farewell to the dull winter.

- Observed Dates: Wednesday, March 4, 2026

### **Raksha/Bandhan**

The Rakhi festival falls in the holy month of Shraavan.

- Observed Date: Friday, August 28, 2026

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## **ISLAMIC HOLIDAYS**

*All Islamic holidays begin at sunset of the prior day*

### **Ramadan**

Ramadan is an occasion to focus on faith through fasting and prayer, and is one of the most important Muslim holidays.

- Campus Recommendations: Avoid scheduling academic deadlines, events, and activities during this time. Students, faculty, and staff celebrating Ramadan will be fasting during the day (continuously for 30 days) and a Halal dietary restriction applies.
- Observed Dates: February 17-March 19, 2026

### **Eid Al-Fitr**

Eid al-Fitr means “break the fast,” and is the last day of Ramadan, marking the end of a month of fasting.

- Campus Recommendations: Avoid scheduling academic deadlines, events, and activities on this date. Halal dietary restrictions apply.
- Observed Dates: Friday, March 20, 2026

### **Eid Al-Adha**

Eid al-Adha is a major festival that celebrates the willingness to make sacrifices in the name of one’s faith.

- Campus Recommendations: Avoid scheduling academic deadlines, events, and activities on the first day. Halal dietary restrictions apply.
- Observed Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2026

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## **JEWISH HOLIDAYS**

*All Jewish holidays begin at sundown of the prior day*

### **Rosh Hashanah**

Rosh Hashanah marks the beginning of the Jewish New Year, and stands as the Day of Judgement and remembrance. This holiday commemorates the creation of the world.

- Campus Recommendations: Avoid scheduling academic deadlines, events, and activities on this date. Kosher dietary restrictions apply.
- Observed Dates: Septemeber 22-24, 2025

### **Yom Kippur**

Considered the holiest day of the year for Jews, and the day is dedicated to atonement and abstinence.

- Campus Recommendations: Avoid scheduling academic deadlines, events, and activities.
- Observed Date: Thursday, October 2, 2025

## **Sukkot**

A week-long celebration which begins with the building of Sukkah for sleep and meals; Sukkot is named for the huts Moses and the Israelites lived in as they wandered the desert before reaching the promised Land.

- Campus Recommendations: Avoid scheduling academic deadlines, events, and activities on the first two days. Kosher dietary restrictions apply.
- Observed Dates: October 6-13, 2025

## **Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah**

Also known as Atzereth, this is a fall festival, that includes a memorial service for the dead and features prayer for rain in Israel. Marks the completion of the annual cycle of the reading of the Torah in the synagogue and the beginning of the new cycle.

- Campus Recommendations: Avoid scheduling academic deadlines, events, and activities. Kosher dietary restrictions apply.
- Observed Dates: Begins at sundown on the eighth day of Sukkot (October 13, 2025); October 13-15, 2025

## **Hanukkah/Chanukah**

Hanukkah is the Jewish festival of lights, and lasts for eight days. Hanukkah commemorates the Jewish struggle for religious freedom.

- Campus Recommendations: Kosher dietary restrictions apply.
- Observed Dates: December 14-22, 2025

## **Purim**

Purim commemorates the time when Jews were living in Persia and were saved by the courage of a young Jewish woman named Esther.

- Campus Recommendations: Kosher dietary restrictions apply.
- Observed Date: Tuesday, March 3, 2026

## **Pesach/Passover**

Pesach is a week-long observance commemorating the freedom and exodus of the Israelites from Egypt during the reign of the Pharaoh Ramses II (one of three pilgrimage festivals).

- Campus Recommendations: Avoid scheduling academic deadlines, events, and activities on the first two and last two days of the holidays. Kosher dietary restrictions apply.
- Observed Dates: April 1-9, 2026

## **Yom Hasho'ah**

Holocaust Remembrance Day; a day to remember the lives and names of Jewish victims and activists of the Holocaust.

- Campus Recommendations: Kosher dietary restrictions apply.
- Observed Date: Tuesday, April 14, 2026

## **Shavuot**

Commemorates receipt of the Torah on Mount Sinai (two of three pilgrimage festivals).

- Campus Recommendations: Avoid scheduling academic deadlines, events, and activities. Kosher dietary restrictions apply.
- Observed Dates: May 21-23, 2026

## **Tisha B'av**

Commemorates a series of Jewish traditions including the destruction of the first and second temples in Jerusalem.

- Observed Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026

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## **NON-RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS**

### **Día de los Muertos/All Saints Day/All Souls Day**

Día De Los Muertos (Day of the Dead) is a two-day Mexican holiday that celebrates life and death. Some Christians also refer to these dates as All Saints Day and All Souls Day, honoring the saints and praying for the dead.

- Observed Dates: November 1-2

### **Kwanzaa**

An celebration of African-American culture, Kwanzaa is based on African harvest festival traditions. During Kwanzaa, a different principle is uplifted each day, called Nguzo Saba (the seven principles of African Heritage).

- Observed Dates: December 26-January 1

### **Cinco de Mayo**

Cinco de Mayo commemorates the anniversary of Mexico's victory over the Second French Empire at the Battle of Puebla in 1862.

- Observed Date: May 5

### **Juneteenth**

Juneteenth commemorates the emancipation of enslaved African-Americans. Some Christians also use this as a day of celebration and prayer.

- Observed Date: June 19



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