



THE GREENWICH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Office of the Superintendent

**290 Greenwich Avenue • Greenwich, CT 06830 •
(203) 625-7425**

Toni Jones, Superintendent

MEMORANDUM

To: Building Principals
From: Toni Jones
Date: August 10, 2022
Re: Jewish Holidays – 2022-23 School Year

Accommodating youngsters and their families who celebrate religious holidays other than those celebrated by the majority of our students requires sensitivity, good judgment and some understanding of the significance of the holiday celebration to those students and their families. The main group to whom this applies is our Jewish students.

Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown on Sunday, September 25 and ends at sunset on Tuesday, September 27, 2022. This holiday is an important celebration of the Jewish New Year. While some Jewish families celebrate this holiday on one day, others celebrate it on two days, September 26 and September 27. Athletic competitions should not be scheduled on these dates and tests or major assignments should not be given, or due, on these dates.

Yom Kippur is a solemn “high holy day” celebrated this year beginning at sundown on Tuesday, October 4 and ending at sunset on Wednesday, October 5, 2022. Athletic competitions should not be scheduled on these dates and tests or major assignments should not be given, or due immediately following these dates.

In addition to testing, athletic competitions, and homework assignments, there should not be school meetings or PTA meetings scheduled during either of these two holidays as these are considered to be the highest Jewish holy days of the year.

The only other Jewish holiday that has particular import relative to school is **Passover**. The first and second evenings of this holiday are typically celebrated with a Seder, a large evening meal with special prayers. This year the first two nights of Passover occur on Wednesday, April 5 and Thursday, April 6, 2023. As during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, athletic competitions should not be scheduled on these dates.

Provided below is a list of the major Jewish holidays. The ones which have the greatest significance and affect most students or staff are the ones that are described above. Additional holidays listed below are celebrated by very observant Jews. Please work with the individual families to support their religious practices.

2022-2023 Jewish Holidays*

Rosh Hashanah Sunday, September 25 – Tuesday, September 27, 2022

Yom Kippur Tuesday, October 4 – Wednesday, October 5, 2022

Sukkoth Sunday, October 9 – Sunday, October 16, 2022

Shemini Atzeret Sunday, October 16 – Tuesday, October 18, 2022

Simchat Torah Monday, October 17 – Tuesday, October 18, 2022

Hanukkah Sunday, December 18 – Monday, December 26, 2022

Pesach (Passover) Wednesday, April 5 – Thursday, April 13, 2023

Shavout Thursday, May 25 – Saturday, May 27, 2023

C: Cabinet
Athletic Director
GEA President