

Below is a schedule of all Jewish festivals and fast days in 2025. We ask that you please refer to this schedule when planning meetings or functions to ensure that we remain respectful of any Jewish staff, clients, Elders or benefactors who are observing the holidays.

			Holy Day	Fast day	Food Restrictions	Festive	Sad Day	Work Restrictions	Meeting restrictions	No Restrictions
Tenth of Tevet	Fast Day	Friday 10 January		X	X		X			
Tu B'Shevat	Commemorative Day	Thursday 13 February				X				X
Fast of Esther	Fast Day	Thursday 13 March		X	X		X			
Purim	Eve	Thursday 13 March				X				X
	Festival	Friday 14 March				X				X
Shushan Purim	Commemorative Day	Saturday 15 March				X				X
*Pesach	Eve	Saturday 12 April			X			X	X	
	Day 1	Sunday 13 April	X		X	X		X	X	
	Day 2	Monday 14 April	X		X	X		X	X	
	Intermediary Days	15 April – 18 April			X	X				
	Eve of 'Second Days'	Friday 18 April			X	X		X	X	
	Day 7	Saturday 19 April	X		X	X		X	X	
	Day 8	Sunday 20 April	X		X	X		X	X	
Yom Hashoah	Day of Mourning	Thursday 24 April					X			
Omer Period	Period of Mourning	Tuesday 29 April – Thursday 15 May					X			
Yom Hazikaron	Day of Mourning	Wednesday 30 April					X			
Yom Ha'atzmaut	Commemorative Day	Thursday 1 May				X				X
Lag B'Omer	Commemorative Day	Friday 16 May				X				X
Jerusalem Day	Commemorative Day	Monday 26 May				X				X
Shavuot	Eve	Sunday 1 June						X	X	
	Day 1	Monday 2 June	X			X		X	X	
	Day 2	Tuesday 3 June	X			X		X	X	
17 th of Tammuz	Fast Day	Sunday 13 July		X	X		X			
The 3 Weeks	Period of Mourning	13 July – 3 August					X			
Tisha B'Av	Eve	Saturday 2 August		X	X		X			
	Fast Day	Sunday 3 August		X	X		X		X	
Tu B'Av	Commemorative Day	Saturday 9 August				X				X
Rosh Hashanah	Eve	Monday 22 September						X	X	
	Day 1	Tuesday 23 September	X			X		X	X	
	Day 2	Wednesday 24 September	X			X		X	X	
Fast of Gedaliah	Fast Day	Thursday 25 September		X	X		X			
Yom Kippur	Eve	Wednesday 1 October	X	X	X			X	X	
	Holy Day	Thursday 2 October	X	X	X			X	X	
Sukkot	Eve	Monday 6 October						X	X	
	Day 1	Tuesday 7 October	X			X		X	X	
	Day 2	Wednesday 8 October	X			X		X	X	
	Intermediary Days	9 – 13 October				X				X
Shmini Atzeret	Eve of 'Second Days'	Monday 13 October				X		X	X	
Shmini Atzeret	Day 8	Tuesday 14 October	X			X		X	X	
Simchat Torah	Day 9	Wednesday 15 October	X			X		X	X	
Chanukah	Eve 1	Sunday 14 December				X				X
	First Day	Monday 15 December				X				X
	Last Day	Monday 22 December				X				X
Tenth of Tevet	Fast Day	Tuesday 30 December		X	X		X			

Holy Day Observance: On these days, we request that you:

- Refrain from engaging in all non-essential public works.
- Do not schedule Jewish Care meetings or special functions (other than functions to celebrate the festival).
- PA system will not be used (except in case of emergency).

Eve of a Holy Day and Festival: On these days, please consider that the festival begins in the early evening of this day so members of the Jewish Community will be preparing for the festival and may find it difficult to attend meetings or programs during this day.

Fast Day: On fast days, we request that you do not arrange concerts or special functions with catering. Please be mindful of any Jewish staff, clients or Elders who are fasting.

Commemorative Days: There are no restrictions on these days, however, please be mindful that they are significant occasions on the Jewish Calendar, and it is likely that they will be observed and commemorated in some form or fashion.

***Pesach:** During Pesach, we request that you refrain from eating any food from outside in the public areas of Jewish Care facilities.

Periods of Mourning: During the two periods of mourning mentioned above, no special functions are to be arranged.

If you have any questions or are unsure whether a function or event is suitable during any of the above dates, please email Rabbi Yoseph Nerenberg, Manager of Jewish Life at ynerenberg@jewishcare.org.au