



HOURS OF OPERATION

September – May		June – August	
Mon – Thurs	6am-9:30pm	Mon – Thurs	6am-9:30pm
Friday	6am-6pm	Friday	6am-7pm
Sat – Sun	7am-6pm	Sat – Sun	7am-7pm

2018-19 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE



Labor Day	Monday, 9/3	Only Fitness & Aquatics Center will be open from 7am-4:45pm
Rosh Hashanah	Monday, 9/10	JCC will be closed
	Tuesday, 9/11	JCC will be closed
Yom Kippur	Tuesday, 9/18	JCC will close at 6pm
	Wednesday, 9/19	JCC will be closed
Sukkot	Sunday, 9/23 – Sunday, 9/30	JCC will be open
Shemini Atzeret	Monday, 10/1	JCC will be open
Simchat Torah	Tuesday, 10/2	JCC will be open
Thanksgiving	Thursday, 11/22	JCC will be closed
Hanukkah	Monday, 12/3 – Monday, 12/10	JCC will be open
Christmas	Tuesday, 12/25	JCC will be open 10am-2pm
New Year's	Monday, 12/31	JCC will close at 6pm
	Tuesday, 1/1	JCC will be closed
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Monday, 1/21	Only Fitness & Aquatics Center will be open from 7am-4:45pm
President's Day	Monday, 2/18	Only Fitness & Aquatics Center will be open from 7am-4:45pm
All-Staff Training Day	Friday, 3/22	JCC will be closed
Passover	Saturday, 4/20	JCC will be closed
	Sunday, 4/21 – Saturday, 4/27	JCC will be open
Shavuot	Saturday, 5/8 – Monday, 5/10	JCC will be open
Memorial Day	Monday, 5/27	Only Fitness & Aquatics Center will be open from 7am-4:45pm
Independence Day	Thursday, 7/4	Only Fitness & Aquatics Center will be open from 7am-4:45pm

PLEASE NOTE: FITNESS & AQUATICS CENTER CLOSING 15 MINUTES BEFORE JCC CLOSING





THE OSHER MARIN JCC'S BRIEF GUIDE TO MAJOR JEWISH HOLIDAYS

Shabbat --- Sabbath

For six days we work and create, and for one day, Shabbat, we rest.

TIMING: Sundown Friday through sundown Saturday

TRADITIONS: Lighting candles, drinking wine, eating challah (braided egg bread). Some people now "unplug" from digital devices. Havdallah is Shabbat's farewell ceremony and includes lighting a braided candle, drinking wine and smelling sweet spices (to symbolize the sweet week that will hopefully follow.)

Rosh Hashanah --- Jewish New Year

In the month preceding and during Rosh Hashanah, we contemplate our past, present and future actions and attempt to clean the slate. This begins the Ten Days of Awe, culminating on Yom Kippur.

TIMING: September 10-11, 2018 (sundown September 9)

TRADITIONS: Eating round challah, dipping apples in honey for a sweet new year, throwing crumbs (or more eco-friendly millet) into a living body of water to symbolize tossing away our sins.

Yom Kippur --- Day of Atonement

Holiest day of the year.

TIMING: September 19, 2018 (sundown September 18)

TRADITIONS: Through fasting and prayer, Jews reflect upon their relationships and atone for missing the mark. At sunset, the day ends with a blast of the shofar (ram's horn).

Sukkot --- Festival of Booths

After 40 years of wandering in the desert, we made it to the Promised Land.

TIMING: September 24-30, 2018 (sundown September 23)

TRADITIONS: Building and living in a sukkah, a temporary structure reminiscent of the huts constructed in the desert; welcoming guests & strangers; daily ceremony with lulav (palm, willow & myrtle branches) and etrog (citrus fruit).

Shemini Atzeret --- Eighth Day of Assembly

Simchat Torah --- Rejoicing for the Torah

The last day of Sukkot, we begin to pray for rain and, the following day (the same day for Reform Jews), we celebrate completing the Torah-reading cycle.

TIMING: October 1-2, 2018 (sundown September 30)

TRADITIONS: After finishing the last chapter of Deuteronomy, we begin a new cycle by reading from the beginning of Genesis. There's often music and dancing with the Torah!

Hanukkah --- Festival of Lights

Eight day holiday celebrating a military victory and the miracle of the rededication of the temple when a tiny bit of oil lasted for eight days.

TIMING: December 3-10, 2018 (sundown December 2)

TRADITIONS: Lighting the chanukiah (nine-branched candelabrum); eating latkes (potato pancakes) and sufganiyot (donuts); playing with dreidels (spinning tops) and giving gelt (money or chocolate coins) and gifts.

Tu B'Shevat --- New Year of the Trees

Since biblical times, we celebrate springtime renewal and growth.

TIMING: January 1, 2019 (sundown January 20)

TRADITIONS: Planting trees; eating fruit; conducting a special Tu B'Shevat seder.

Purim --- Feast of Lots

Joyous holiday celebrating the rescue of the Jews by Queen Esther and her Uncle Mordechai from the evil Haman.

TIMING: March 21, 2019 (sundown March 20)

TRADITIONS: Reading the Megillah (scroll) of Esther aloud and making noise when Haman's name is mentioned; dressing in costume; eating hamantaschen (three-cornered fruit filled pastries); giving mishloach manot (gift baskets); attending Purim carnivals.

Pesach --- Passover

Once we were slaves and now we are free. Never forget!

TIMING: April 20-27, 2019 (first seder on April 19)

TRADITIONS: At the seder (home-based service & festival meal) we read the Haggadah (collection of texts & commentaries on the Exodus) and eat symbolic foods. For eight days we eat matzah (unleavened bread) to remind us of leaving Egypt in a hurry (no time for bread to rise).

Yom HaShoah --- Holocaust Remembrance Day

Yom HaZikaron --- Memorial Day

Yom Ha'Atzmaut --- Israel Independence Day

We mourn those who perished in the Shoah (Holocaust); remember those who gave their lives for Israel; and celebrate Israel's statehood in 1948.

TIMING: May 2; May 8; May 9, 2019

TRADITIONS: Reading names of those who perished; hearing speeches by survivors; in Israel, a siren calls for the nation to stop and share a moment of silence. On Yom HaZikaron, psalms are recited; graves are visited; and yahrzeit (memorial) candles are lit. On Yom Ha'Atzmaut there are parades and celebrations.

Shavuot --- Festival of Weeks

We celebrate receiving the Torah and the spring harvest.

TIMING: June 9-10, 2019 (sundown June 8)

TRADITIONS: Reading the ten commandments and the Book of Ruth; eating dairy products and staying up all night studying Torah.

