HOURS OF OPERATION

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2019-20 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

- Labor Day: Monday, 9/2
- Rosh Hashanah: Monday, 9/30, Tuesday, 10/1
- Yom Kippur: Tuesday, 10/8, Wednesday, 10/9
- Sukkot: Monday, 10/14 – Saturday, 10/19
- Columbus Day: Monday, 10/14
- Shemini Atzeret: Monday, 10/21
- Simchat Torah: Tuesday, 10/22
- Veterans Day: Monday, 11/11
- Staff Holiday Potluck Celebration: Friday, 11/22
- Thanksgiving: Thursday, 11/28
- Hanukkah: Sunday, 12/23 – Monday, 12/30
- Christmas: Tuesday, 12/24, Wednesday, 12/25
- New Year’s: Tuesday, 12/31, Wednesday, 1/1
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day: Monday, 1/20
- President’s Day: Monday, 2/17
- All-Staff Training Day: Friday, 3/20
- Passover: Wednesday, 4/8, Thursday, 4/9, Friday, 4/10 – Thursday, 4/16
- Memorial Day: Monday, 5/25
- Shavuot: Friday, 5/29 – Saturday, 5/30
- Independence Day: Saturday, 7/4

PLEASE NOTE: FITNESS & AQUATICS CENTER CLOSES 15 MINUTES BEFORE JCC CLOSES
**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.)

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**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 30–October 1, 2019 (sundown September 29)

**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.

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**Yom Kippur --- Day of Atonement**
Holiest day of the year.

**TIMING:** October 9, 2019 (sundown October 8)

**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).

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**Sukkot --- Festival of Booths**
After 40 years of wandering in the desert, we made it to the Promised Land.

**TIMING:** October 14 to 19, 2019 (sundown October 13)

**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).

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**Tu B’Shevat --- New Year of the Trees**
Since biblical times, we celebrate springtime renewal and growth.

**TIMING:** February 10, 2020 (sundown February 9)

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

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**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 10, 2020 (sundown March 9)

**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.

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**Pesach --- Passover**
Once we were slaves and now we are free. Never forget!

**TIMING:** April 9–16, 2020 (First seder April 8)

**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).

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**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 21–22, 2019 (sundown October 20)

**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!

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**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 23–30, 2019 (sundown December 22)

**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.

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**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:** April 21; April 28; April 29, 2020

**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.

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**Shavuot --- Festival of Weeks**
We celebrate receiving the Torah and the spring harvest.

**TIMING:** May 29–30, 2020 (sundown 5/28)

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