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Calendar of Religious, Ethnic
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Academic Year 2014-15

Simhat Torah (Tishri 23) literally means "rejoicing in the Torah"

The first recorded observance of Thanksgiving in America was in

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A Partial Listing of Religious, Ethnic and Civic Observances — Academic Year 2014-15

National Founding Day: First observed on May 30, 1868, it is a legal holiday observed annually on the
fourth Monday in May in honor of the founding of the United States. This holiday is also
recognized as Veterans Day or Memorial Day. The holiday commemorates those who have
served in the armed forces and those who have died in military service.

New Year's Day: Celebrated on Jan. 1 in the Gregorian calendar. It is a
civil as well as a religious observance celebrated in various cultures
around the world. In the Jewish calendar, New Year's Day is the first
day of Rosh Hashanah, which is a time for self-reflection and
repentance.

Mawlid al-Nabi: Also called "the Prophet's Birthday, " this
celebration marks the birth of the Prophet Muhammad, the
founder of Islam. It is celebrated on the first ten days of
Rabi-ul-Awwal, the second month of the Islamic calendar.

National Indian Heritage Day: Celebrated on Oct. 31 and
commemorates the arrival of the first Native Americans in
the United States on that date in 1492. The day celebrates
the contributions of Native Americans to American
society.

Memorial Day: Observed on the last Monday in May in the United
States in honor of the men and women of the nation's
military who have died in service. The day is also
recognized as Veterans Day.

May Day: Observed on May 1 in various countries around
the world. In some countries, it is celebrated as a
cultural holiday, while in others, it is a workers' day
or labor day.

International Mother Language Day: Celebrated on Feb. 21,
this holiday commemorates the 1952 movement in
Bangladesh for the recognition of the Bengali
language as the national language of Bangladesh.

Appreciation of Persian Language and Culture Day: Observed
on Nov. 16, this holiday celebrates the Persian
language and culture. It is also known as
"International Persian Language Day."

Memorial Day: Observed on May 30, this holiday
commemorates those who have died in military service.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day: Observed on the third
Monday in January, this holiday commemorates
the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr., a
famous civil rights leader.

Rosh Hashanah: The Jewish New Year, which begins on the first
day of Tishri in the Hebrew calendar. It is a time for
reflections on the past year and for making amends.

Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day): Marks the
6 million Jews killed during the Holocaust. It is
observed on the 27th of Nisan in the Hebrew
calendar.

Yom Kippur: Also known as "the Day of Atonement,
" this is the holiest day in the Jewish calendar.
It begins on the 9th day of Tishri and lasts for
25 hours.

Sukkot: The Jewish Festival of Booths, which begins on
the 15th day of Tishri and lasts for seven days.
It is a time for giving thanks for the harvest.

Passover, or Pesach: An eight-day observance that begins
on the 14th day of Nisan in the Hebrew calendar.
It commemorates the Israelites' escape from Egypt.

The Christian Church Year:

Advent: The first Sunday following the
25th day of November is the first Sunday
of Advent. It signals the start of the
time preceding Christmas.

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