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- Aug 15** **CHRISTIAN Assumption of Mary**
Commemorates the assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven
- Aug 21** **ISLAMIC Day of Arafat***
The day on which Muslim Hajj pilgrims gather on Mt. Arafat in prayer
- Aug 22** **ISLAMIC Eid-al-Adha**
-25 Muslims celebrate both Allah's forgiveness and the end of the Hajj

* Islamic holidays begin the evening before.



*Let your vision be world embracing,
rather than confined to your own self.*

—BAHÁ'U'LLÁH

September 2018

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- Sep 2** **HINDU Krishna Janmashtami**
Annual celebration of the birth of the Hindu deity Krishna
- Sep 10 –11** **JEWISH Rosh Hashanah***
The Jewish new year begins and marks the beginning of a 10-day period of reflection
- Sep 12** **ISLAMIC Muharram (1440 AH)**
Islamic new year
- Sep 12** **HINDU Ganesh Chaturthi**
This Hindu holiday celebrates the birth of Ganesh, God of Success
- Sep 19** **JEWISH Yom Kippur**
Holiday beginning at sunset, in which Jews fast and ask for forgiveness
- Sep 21** **ISLAMIC Ashura**
Marks the martyrdom of Husayn ibn Ali and the day that Moses fasted as gratitude for the Israelites' liberation
- Sep 24 –25** **JEWISH Sukkot (first two days)**
This Jewish harvest festival begins and lasts for seven days

* Jewish holy days begin at sunset the day before.

*When I admire the wonders
of a sunset or the beauty of the moon,
my soul expands in the worship
of the creator.*

—MAHATMA GANDHI

October 2018

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Oct 1 JEWISH **Shemini Atzeret**

Oct 2 JEWISH **Simchat Torah**

Jews conclude their annual reading of the Hebrew Bible and begin again with Genesis

Oct 5 BUDDHIST **Bodhidharma Memorial**

Anniversary of the death of Bodhidharma

Oct 10 HINDU **Navaratri**

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A nine-day Hindu festival of the goddess of worship and dance

Oct 18 HINDU **Dussehra**

The end of Navaratri



The winds of grace are always blowing, but you have to raise the sail.

—RAMAKRISHNA

November 2018

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- Nov 1** **CHRISTIAN All Saints Day**
Day dedicated to honoring persons of faith who have died
- Nov 7** **HINDU Diwali**
Hindus celebrate the success of good over evil and light over darkness
- Nov 7** **SIKH Bandi Chhor Divas**
Sikhs celebrate the release of the political prisoner Guru Hargobind Ji and 52 princes
- Nov 9** **BAHÁ'Í Birth of the Báb**
Bahá'í holiday celebrating the birth of one of its founders
- Nov 10** **BAHÁ'Í Birth of Bahá'u'lláh**
Honors the birth of the religion's founder and prophet
- Nov 21** **ISLAMIC Mawlid al-Nabi**
Observance of the birth of the Prophet Muhammad



*Faith is not by wishful thinking;
it is what takes root in the heart and
shows in one's actions.*

—SAYYID QUTB

December 2018

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- Dec 2** **CHRISTIAN Advent**
Marks the beginning of four weeks of preparation for the birth of Jesus
- Dec 3** **JEWISH Hanukkah**
-10 During this eight-day festival of lights, Jews celebrate the power of God
- Dec 8** **CHRISTIAN Feast of the Immaculate Conception**
This Catholic feast day marks the conception of St. Anne with Mary, mother of Jesus
- Dec 25** **CHRISTIAN Christmas**
The birth of Jesus is celebrated
- Dec 26** **ZOROASTRIAN Death of Prophet Zarathustra**
The anniversary of the death of Zarathustra, the founder of the Zarathushti faith



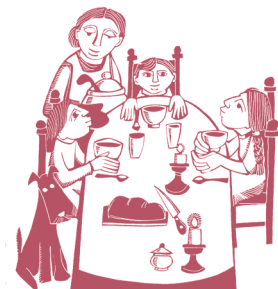
There may be times when we are powerless to prevent injustice, but there must never be a time when we fail to protest.

—ELIE WIESEL

January 2019

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- Jan 6** **CHRISTIAN Epiphany**
Festival marking the journey of the Magi to the infant Jesus
- Jan 7** **CHRISTIAN ORTHODOX Christmas**
- Jan 14** **HINDU Makar Sankranti**
This festival marks the transition of the sun into the zodiac sign of Makara rashi (Capricorn) on its celestial path
- Jan 20** **BAHÁ'Í World Religion Day**
An extension of the Bahá'í focus on the unity of religions, races, and nations



*Every home can be a temple,
every table an altar, and all
of life a song to God.*

—ABRAHAM JOSHUA HESCHEL

February 2019

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- Feb 5–7** **BUDDHIST Losar**
Tibetan new year festival
- Feb 10** **HINDU Vasant Panchami**
Festival dedicated to Saraswati,
goddess of learning
- Feb 15** **BUDDHIST Parinirvana Day**
Day commemorating Buddha's death
and entry into Nirvana



*I never knew how to worship
until I knew how to love.*

—HENRY WARD BEECHER

March 2019

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- Mar 4** **HINDU Maha Shivaratri**
Festival celebrating Lord Shiva
- Mar 6** **CHRISTIAN Ash Wednesday**
The beginning of the Christian observance of Lent
- Mar 6** **CHRISTIAN Lent**
–Apr 20 The 40-day period (excluding Sundays) of prayer, repentance, and self-denial that precedes Easter for Christians
- Mar 11** **CHRISTIAN ORTHODOX Great Lent begins**
The period of preparation leading up to Holy Week and Pascha
- Mar 20** **BAHÁ'Í Naw-Ruz**
Bahá'ís celebrate and feast during the evening for the first month of the new year
- Mar 20** **HINDU Holi(ka) Day**
Hindus celebrate the spring festival of colors
- Mar 20** **JEWISH Purim**
This festival celebrates the escape of the Jewish people from a death plot
- Mar 21** **SIKH Hola Mohalla**
Three-day festival marking the beginning of military preparedness; now celebrated with music and festivities
- Mar 21** **ZOROASTRIAN Nowruz**
The Fasli new year's day that commemorates Zarathustra receiving his revelation, the renewal of the world, and the creation of fire

*Simplicity, patience, compassion.
These three are your greatest treasures.*

April 2019

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- Apr 14** **CHRISTIAN Palm Sunday**
The final Sunday of Lent and beginning of Holy Week that commemorates the triumphant arrival of Christ into Jerusalem
- Apr 14** **HINDU Ram Navami**
Hindus celebrate the birth of Rama
- Apr 14** **SIKH Vaisakhi**
Anniversary of the birth of the Khalsa
- Apr 19** **CHRISTIAN Good/Holy Friday**
Christians mark the crucifixion and death of Jesus
- Apr 20** **JEWISH Passover (first two days)**
–21 Celebrates the Jews' escape from an Egyptian pharaoh
- Apr 20** **BAHÁ'Í Ridván**
Bahá'ís commemorate the 12 days Bahá'u'lláh spent in the garden of Ridván during his exile in Baghdad
- Apr 21** **CHRISTIAN Easter**
Christians celebrate the resurrection of Jesus
- Apr 26** **JEWISH Passover (last two days)**
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- Apr 26** **ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN Good Friday**
- Apr 28** **ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN Pascha (Easter)**
- Apr 29** **BAHÁ'Í Ninth Day of Ridván**

*Know that you are where you are
not by chance but by the design
of your Creator, for your development
and for the development of those
around you.*

—'ABDU'L-BAHA

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- May 2** **BAHÁ'Í Twelfth Day of Ridván**
- May 5**
-Jun 4 **ISLAMIC Ramadan**
A monthlong holiday celebrated by Muslims through fasting, prayer, and reading of the Qu'ran
- May 19** **BUDDHIST Vesak**
Commemorates the birth, awakening, and death of the historical Buddha
- May 23** **JEWISH Lag B'Omer**
Jewish day of celebration during the Counting of the Omer
- May 24** **BAHÁ'Í Declaration of the Báb**
Bahai's commemorate when the Bab announced his identity, heralding the new age
- May 29** **BAHÁ'Í Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh**
The anniversary of the death of Bahá'u'lláh, founder of the faith
- May 30** **CHRISTIAN Ascension of the Lord**
The day in which Christians celebrate the ascension of Jesus into heaven



We must remember that hate is never right and love is never wrong.

— ROMAN KENT

June 2019

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- Jun 5** **ISLAMIC Eid-al-Fitr**
Marks the end of the fasting month of Ramadan
- Jun 9** **CHRISTIAN Pentecost**
An observance 50 days after Easter commemorating the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Jesus's disciples
- Jun 9 -10** **JEWISH Shavuot**
Commemorates the Israelites receiving the Torah
- Jun 23** **ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN All Saint's Day**
Orthodox Christians celebrate and honor the saints



The best remedy for those who are afraid, lonely, or unhappy is to go outside, somewhere where they can be quite alone with the heavens, nature and God.

—ANNE FRANK

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Jul 9

BAHÁ'Í Martyrdom of the Báb
Memorializes the death of the Báb



*If your compassion doesn't include
yourself it is incomplete.*

—BUDDHA

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Religious Holidays

2018–2019

These dates are religious holidays that occur during the academic year for which students may request an excused absence from class. Faculty are advised of these dates. It is the responsibility of observant students of the tradition to negotiate with professors their needs concerning religious practices.

Bahá'í¹

Birth of the Báb, Nov 9
Birth of Bahá'u'lláh, Nov 10
First Day of Ridván, Apr 20

Christian

Christmas, Dec 25
Orthodox Christian Christmas, Jan 7
Ash Wednesday, Mar 6
Orthodox Christian Great Lent begins², Mar 11
Good Friday/Holy Friday, Apr 19
Easter, Apr 21
Orthodox Christian Pascha (Easter), Apr 28

Hindu

Navaratri, Oct 10–18
Dussehra, Oct 18
Diwali, Nov 7

Islam³

Eid-al-Adha, Aug 22–25
Ramadan, May 5–Jun 4 (estimated)

Jewish⁴

Rosh Hashanah, Sep 10–11
Yom Kippur, Sep 19
Sukkot, first two days, Sep 24–25
Shemini Atzeret, Oct 1
Simchat Torah, Oct 2
Hanukkah, Dec 3–10
Purim, Mar 20
Passover, first two days, Apr 20–21
Passover, last two days, Apr 26–27

¹ Baha'i holidays begin at sunset on the evening before

² Orthodox Christian holidays begin at sunset on the evening before the date given.

³ Islamic holidays begin at sunset on the evening before the date given. Islamic holidays are based on a lunar calendar, and the actual dates are determined by direct observation of the moon and announced by the mosque. (The most observant Muslims will observe all days; others may observe the first two days of Eid-al-Fitr and Eid-al-Ahda.)

⁴ Jewish holy days begin at sunset on the evening before the date given.

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*We may have different religions,
different languages,
different colored skin,
but we all belong
to one human race.*

—KOFI ANNAN



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