The Hebrew calendar is a lunisolar calendar, which indicates both the moon phase and the time of the solar year.

A Jewish calendar day does not begin at midnight, but at either sunset or when 3 medium sized stars should be visible.

Therefore, most Jewish holidays begin at sundown and end at sundown.
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PURIM
3/16–3/17
A joyous festival celebrated with costumes and noise makers to commemorate the survival of the Jewish people in 5th century BCE, who were marked for death by their Persian rulers.

PASSOVER
4/15–4/23
A celebration of the exodus of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. The holiday begins with a Seder (a traditional meal) where the story of the exodus is recounted. Many Jewish people do not eat bread or other grains for the 8 days of Passover.

YOM HASHOAH
4/27–4/28
A day to mourn the loss of six million Jewish lives lost during the Holocaust.

YOM HAZIKARON
5/3–5/4
A day commemorating the soldiers who have fallen fighting for Israel’s independence and defending its security.

YOM HAATZMAUT
5/4–5/5
A day celebrating the independence of the State of Israel.
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9/25–9/27

ROSH HASHANAH

The Jewish New Year. The holiday is observed with apples & honey, festive meals and a day spent in prayer.

10/4–10/5

YOM KIPPUR

The Jewish Day of Atonement. It is the most solemn day of the Jewish Year. A day devoted to self-examination, and the chance to begin the New Year with a clean slate. Many Jewish people fast on the day of Yom Kippur.

10/9–10/16

SUKKOT

A celebration of the fall harvest. It commemorates the protection of the Jewish people when they left Egypt. Sukkot is celebrated by building a foliage-covered booth (a sukkah) where many Jewish people eat meals, or spend time during the holiday.

6/4–6/6

SHAVUOT

A celebration of the giving of the Torah to the Jewish people.

12/18–12/26

HANUKKAH

A celebration of the recovery of Jerusalem and the holy temple during the Maccabean revolt. It is observed for 8 days and nights, by lighting candles, eating festive foods, singing songs, playing dreidel, and giving and receiving gifts.
PURIM: Hamentashen

PASSOVER: Matzo Ball Soup Charoset

HANUKKAH: Potato Latkes Sufganiyot

YOM KIPPUR: Bagels & Lox

ROSH HASHANAH: Jewish Brisket Noodle Kugel

Click each dish name for a recipe written by a Jewish chef
1. **MYTH:** Being Jewish means being religious

**FACT:** Some Jewish people consider religious practices as an important part of their identity, but others identify with ethnic, ancestral, or cultural ties to Judaism.

2. **MYTH:** Anti-Semitism is no longer a problem

**FACT:** Anti-semitic stereotypes and conspiracy theories, such as global domination schemes, greed, or undying loyalty to Israel are prevalent, and hate crimes targeted at Jewish people have increased in recent years.

3. **MYTH:** Being Jewish is synonymous with supporting Israeli government.

**FACT:** Many Jewish Americans feel a strong connection to Israel, and support its existence as a part of their Jewish identity. However, much like the general American public, Jewish Americans have diverse opinions on actions of the Israeli government.

4. **MYTH:** Hanukkah is a major Jewish holiday

**FACT:** Hanukkah is probably the most well-known holiday, since it falls around the same time as Christmas. However, Hanukkah has little religious significance compared to other "high holidays" such as Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur.
Three major Oscar contenders this year had Jewish ties: 

1) Steven Spielberg & Tony Kushner’s remake of “West Side Story”
2) “Licorice Pizza” stars Jewish rock musician Alana Haim as a young aspiring actress in the 1970’s
3) “The Tragedy of Macbeth” marks the solo directing debut for Joel Coen, one of the greatest Jewish filmmakers of the modern era

Netflix reality series “My Unorthodox Life” following controversy of “ex-Orthodox” family
Jewish actress Mayim Bialik was crowned co-host of Jeopardy!
HBO phenomenon “Succession” introduced a Jewish character

Black and Jewish rapper Doja Cat became one of the world’s most streamed artists
Jack Antonoff, a Jewish producer, won a Grammy for his work on Taylor Swift’s “Folklore”