



April Holy Days (Part 1)

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Hanuman Jayanti (April 1) Celebrates the birth of Lord Hanuman, a revered Hindu deity known for his loyalty, devotion, and strength. It is celebrated with temple visits, prayers, fasting, and the recitation of the Hanuman Chalisa.

Passover/Pesach (April 1-9*) A Jewish commemoration of the Israelites' liberation from slavery in ancient Egypt, celebrating their freedom with family gatherings, including a Seder meal, singing, and a retelling of the story of Exodus.

Maundy Thursday (April 2) A Christian observance commemorating the Last Supper of Jesus with his disciples. The day emphasizes service, humility, and love, often marked by worship services and the sharing of Communion.

Good Friday (April 3) A solemn Christian holy day remembering the crucifixion and death of Jesus. Observed through prayer, reflection, and worship services that focus on sacrifice, suffering, and redemption.

Easter Sunday (April 5) A significant Holy day for Christians worldwide, Easter commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is celebrated with church services, family gatherings, festive meals, and activities like egg decorating and hunts, symbolizing themes of hope and renewal.

*begins at sunset.

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Vaisakhi (April 13) A significant festival in Sikhism, marking the founding of the Khalsa in 1699. It is celebrated with processions, prayers, and community service

Yom Ha'shoah (April 13–14*)

The Jewish Holocaust Remembrance Day, honoring the six million Jews who were murdered during the Holocaust. It is observed through memorial services, candle lighting, and moments of silence

Earth Day (April 22) commemorates the environmental movement and promotes awareness and action for the protection of our planet, often celebrated by natural spiritualists. Activities on this day include, clean-up events, tree planting, and educational programs.

Ridván (April 20–May 2*) The most significant festival in the Bahá'í Faith, commemorating Bahá'u'lláh's declaration of his mission as a messenger of God. The period is marked by joyful gatherings, prayers, and community celebrations.

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