

October 2016 MULTIFAITH CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1   Navaratri ** Oya feast day
2  World Communion	3  Rosh Hashanah * Jewish New Year	4  Orula feast day	5	6	7	8
9	10  Columbus Day	11   Dasara** Ashura*	12  Yom Kippur*	13  Nichiren Memorial	14	15
16	17  Sukkot	18	19	20   Birth of the Báb Installation of the Scriptures as Guru Granth	21	22
23	24  Shemini Atzeret *	25  Simchat Torah *	26	27	28	29
30    Diwali	31    All Hallows Eve Samhain Jain New Year		* Holy days usually begin at sundown the day before this date.	** Local or regional customs may use a variation of this date.	***This calendar uses information adapted from the Anti-Defamation League's No Place for Hate Cultural and Religious Calendar as well as the BBC's Multifaith Calendar, Interfaith Calendar's calendars, and various other sources	

ALL HALLOW'S EVE - Christian celebration of mystery combining prayers and merriment involving children and families. It is a prelude to All Saint's Day.

ASHURA (Islamic) - one day fast. Sunni observance celebrates Moses' exodus from Egypt. For Shi'a Muslims, it also marks the martyrdom of Hussein at Kerbala

BIRTH OF THE BÁB * (Baha'i) honoring of the founder of the Baha'i religion

DASARA ** (Hindu) festival of victory and valor. Lord Rama is remembered winning a victory over evil.

DIWALI (Hindu, Jain, Sikh) - Festival of Lights, celebration of good over evil, light over darkness, and knowledge over ignorance. (Jain) celebration of Lord Mahavira's day of final liberation.

HOSHANAH RABBAH (Jewish) - the 7th and last day of Sukkot, a day of final sealing of judgment during the festival.

NAVARATRI (Hindu) - 9 day festival at the changing seasons to honor of the energy aspect of God in the form of the universal mother Durga.

NICHIREN MEMORIAL (Buddhist)—Anniversary of the death of Nichiren Shonin Mahayana-Nichiren

ORULA FEAST DAY (Santeria) Syncretized as St Francis He is the patron of babalaos, oriates, and is the owner of the Table of Ifa. He knows all people's fates because he is there when it is decided.

OYA FEAST DAY (Santeria) syncretized as St Theresa October 1 is the Oya who lives inside the cemetery and takes in the dead. Represents Independence, whirlwinds, tornadoes; owner of cemeteries; has connections with the dead and works/speaks with them.

SAMHAIN / HALLOWE'EN (Pagan) - Feast of the Dead, honoring life, wisdom, and endings that take place throughout the course of life.

SHEMINI ATZERET/ EIGHTH DAY OF SOLEMN ASSEMBLY (Jewish) - A part of the Sukkot festival. **SIMCHAT TORAH/ THE REJOICING IN THE TORAH** (Jewish) - Celebrates the end of the public reading of the Torah and its beginning anew, thus affirming that the study of God's word is an unending process.

SUKKOT/ FEAST OF BOOTHES (Tabernacles) (Jewish) - Commemorates the 40-year wandering of Israelites in the desert on the way to the Promised Land; expresses thanksgiving for the fall harvest

YOM KIPPUR/ DAY OF ATONEMENT (Jewish) - This most holy day in the Jewish year is marked by fasting and prayer.