



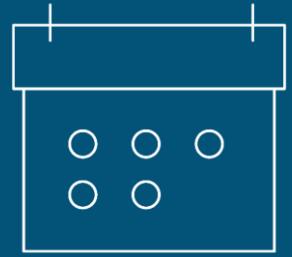
# Cultural Observance Calendar 2022



January 2022

# Guru Gobind Singh Birthday

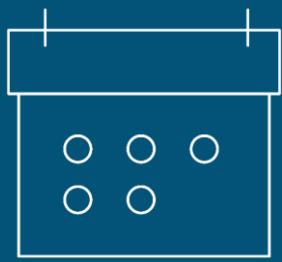
January 5



This festival commemorates the birth of Guru Gobind Singh, the tenth Sikh guru.

# Epiphany

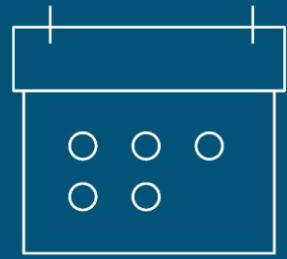
## January 6



Also known as Theophany in Eastern Christianity, celebrates Jesus as Christ and his baptism by John. Western church recognizes the journey of the Magi to infant Jesus.

# Christmas (Eastern Christian)

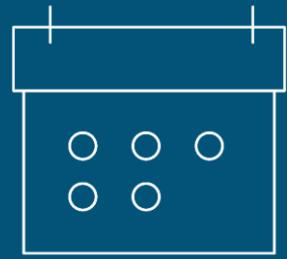
January 7



Most Orthodox churches celebrate Christmas 13 days later than other Christian churches based on their use of the Julian rather than the Gregorian version of the Western calendar.

# Makar Sankranti(Hindu)

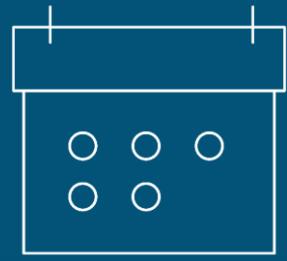
January 14



Seasonal celebration marking turning of the sun toward the north.

# World Religion day

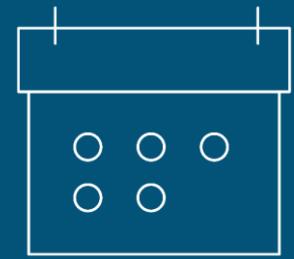
January 16



Observance to proclaim the oneness of religion and the belief that world religion will unify the peoples of the earth.

# Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

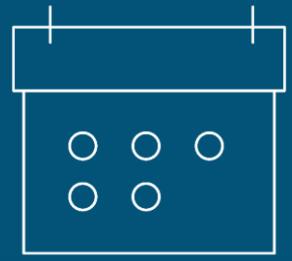
January 17



The birthday of civil rights activist Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is celebrated on the third Monday in January.

# Tu B'Shvat(Jewish)

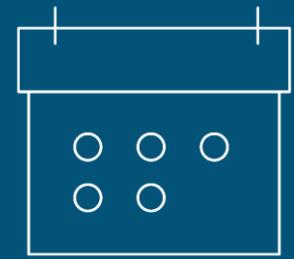
## January 17



New Year's Day for Trees, and traditionally the first of the year for tithing fruit of trees. Now a day for environmental awareness and action, such as tree planting.

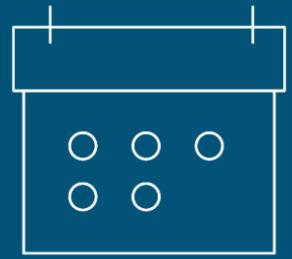
# Mahayana New year(Buddhist)

January 18



In Mahayana countries the New Year starts on the first full moon day in January.

# International Holocaust Remembrance Day January 27

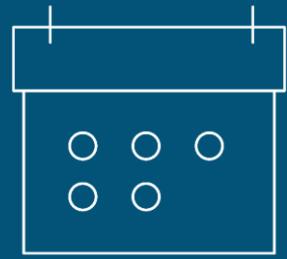


International day of commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust, designated by the United Nations and coinciding with the anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz death camp in 1945.

February 2022

# Black History Month Begins

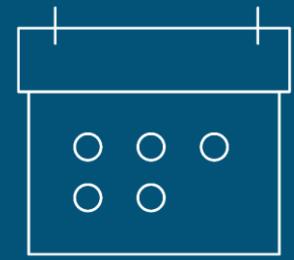
## February 1



Black history Month is a time to pay tribute to the generations of African Americans who struggled with adversity to achieve full citizenship in American society.

# Lunar New Year

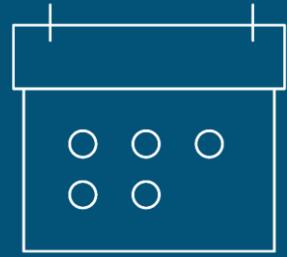
## February 1



Lunar New Year, also known as Chinese New Year or Spring Festival, will fall on **Tuesday, February 1st, 2022**, starting “**The Year of the Tiger**”. Celebrations last for 16 days, starting from Chinese New Year's Eve to the Lantern Festival. In 2022, that is from January 31st to February 15th.

# Parinirvana Day

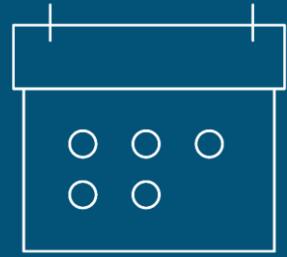
February 15



Parinirvana Day, also known as Nirvana Day, is a Mahayana Buddhist holiday celebrating the Buddha achieving Nirvana.

# World day of Social Justice

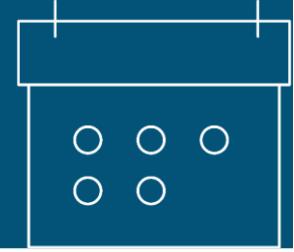
February 20



U.N. day to recognize efforts to achieve fair outcomes for all through employment, social protection, social dialogue, and fundamental principles and rights at work.

# Ayyam-i-ha

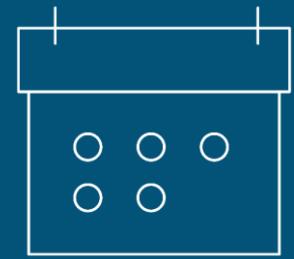
February 25-March 1



The Ayyám-i-ha, or “Days of Ha” are devoted to spiritual preparation for the fast, celebrating, hospitality, charity and gift giving. They are celebrated the four days, five in leap year, before the last month of the Bahá’í year by inserting days into the calendar in order to maintain their solar calendar.

# MAHA SHIVARATRI

February 28

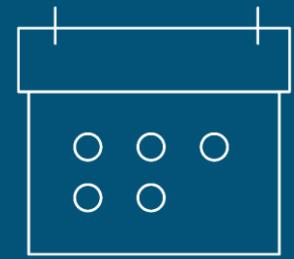


MAHA Shivaratri or *Shiva Ratri*, the Great Night of Shiva, is a festival in reverence of the god Shiva. The festival is celebrated at the 13th night or 14th day of the waning moon in the Hindu calendar (month of February or March of the English calendar).

March 2022

# Women's History Month Begins

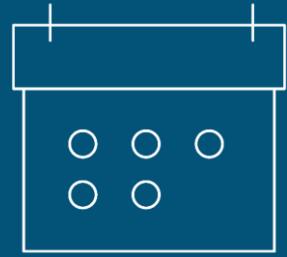
March 1



An intentional time of commemorating and encouraging the study, observance and celebration of the vital role of women in American history

# Ash Wednesday

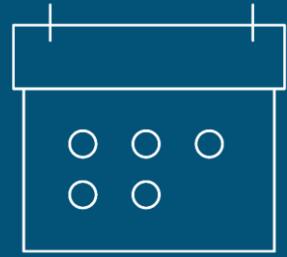
March 2



The first day of Lent for Western Christian churches, a 40-day period of spiritual preparation for Easter, not counting Sundays.

# Nineteen-Day Fast

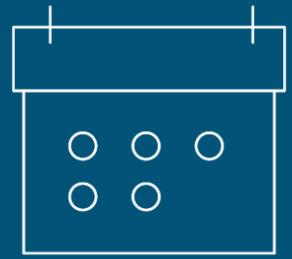
March 2-19



Bahá'í people between 15 and 70 years of age do not eat or drink from sunrise to sunset and set aside time for prayer and meditation.

# Purim

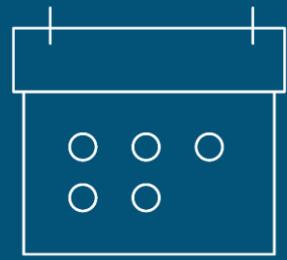
March 17



The “Feast of Lots” marks the salvation of the Jews of ancient Persia from extermination.

# Holi

March 18

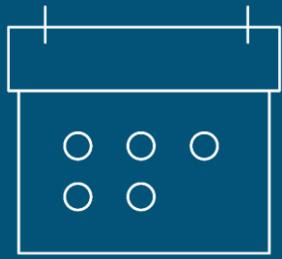


Holi is the Hindu festival of colors. It marks the beginning of spring and all that spring symbolizes.

April 2022

# Genocide Awareness month

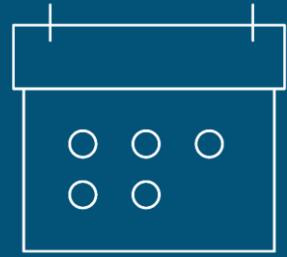
## April



- A month that marks important anniversaries for past and contemporary genocides. Throughout the month, individuals, communities, and organizations join together to remember and honor victims and survivors of mass atrocities. Many genocides have begun in the month of April.

# Ramadan

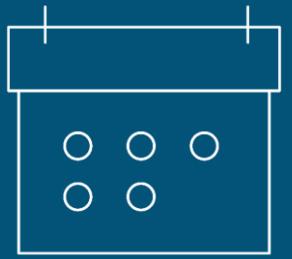
April 3 – May 3



Observed by Muslims worldwide as a month of fasting to commemorate the first revelation of the Qur'an to the Prophet Muhammad.

# Day of Silence

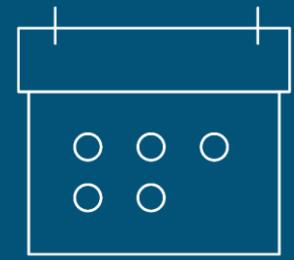
## April 8



Students take a day-long vow of silence to protest the actual silencing of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer/questioning (LGBTQ) students and their straight allies due to bias and harassment.

# Palm Sunday

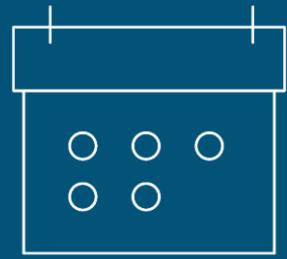
April 10



For Christians, Palm Sunday is observed the Sunday before Easter/Pascha to commemorate the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.

# Rama Navami

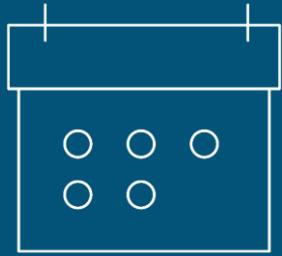
April 10



Celebrates the birthday of Rama, king of ancient India, hero of the epic Ramayana, and seventh incarnation of Vishnu, from the Hindu faith.

# VAISAKHI

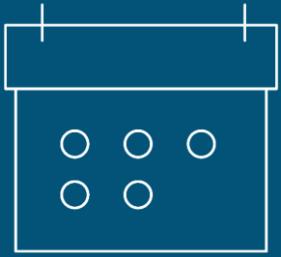
April 14



The festival which celebrates the founding of the Sikh community as the Khalsa (community of the initiated). On this day, Sikhs gather and celebrate Vaisakhi at their local Gurdwaras (Sikh house of worship) by remembering this day as the birth of the Khalsa.

# Holy Thursday

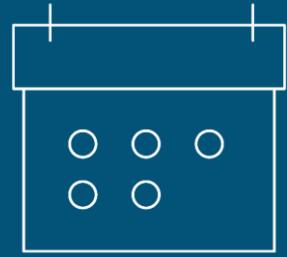
April 14



Also known as Maundy Thursday, it is celebrated on the Thursday before Easter commemorating the Last Supper, at which Jesus and the Apostles were together for the last time before the Crucifixion.

# Good Friday

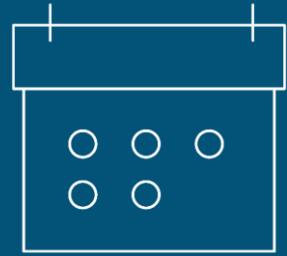
April 15



Known as Holy Friday in Eastern Christianity, it commemorates the Crucifixion of Jesus on the Friday before Easter/Pascha. Orthodox Christians commemorate Good Friday on April 10.

# Pesach/Passover

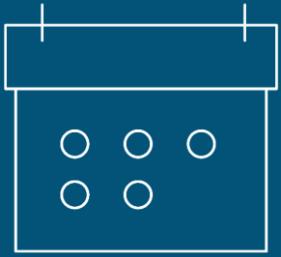
April 16 – April 23



The eight-day “Feast of Unleavened Bread” celebrates Israel’s deliverance from Egyptian bondage.

# Easter

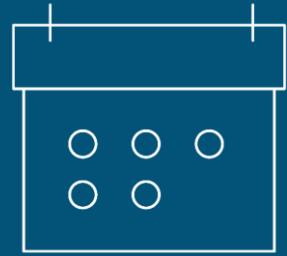
April 17



Known as Pascha in Eastern Christianity, Easter celebrates the resurrection of Jesus. Orthodox Christians commemorate Pascha/Easter on April 24.

# Festival of Ridván

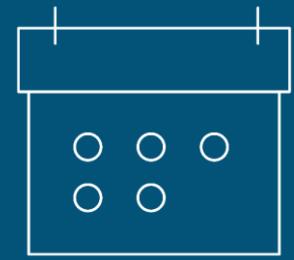
April 20 – May 1



Annual festival commemorating the 12 days when Bahá'u'lláh, the prophet-founder of the Bahá'í Faith, resided in a garden called Ridván (Paradise) and publicly proclaimed his mission as God's messenger for this age.

# Armenian Martyrs' Day

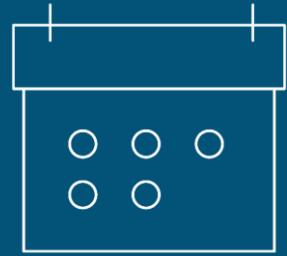
April 24



'Memorizes genocide of 1.5 million Armenians between 1915-1923 in Turkey

# Laila Al-Qadr

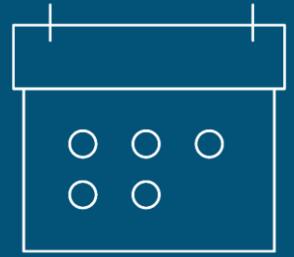
April 27



Commemorates the night that the Qur'an was first revealed to the Prophet Muhammad. It is known as the "Night of Power."

# Yom HaShoah

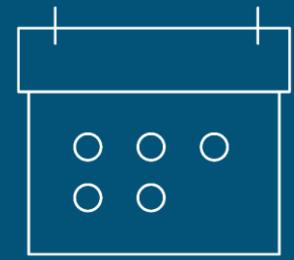
April 28



Holocaust Remembrance Day designated by the Israeli Knesset, memorializing the six million Jews who perished in the Holocaust.

May 2022

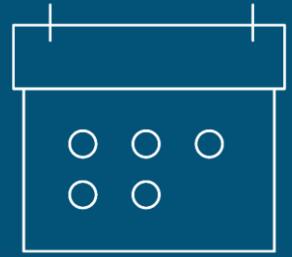
# Asian Pacific American Heritage month



Paying tribute to the generations of Asian and Pacific Islanders who have enriched America's history and are instrumental in its future success.

# Jewish American heritage month

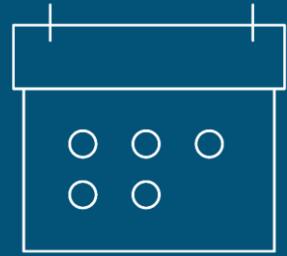
May whole month



'Recognizes the history of Jewish contributions to American culture, acknowledging the diverse achievements of American Jews.

# Eid Al-Fitr

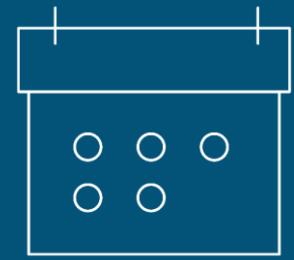
May 2



The “Feast of the Breaking of the Fast” marks the end of Ramadan, the holy month of fasting from dawn until dusk within the Islam faith.

# Yom HaZikaron

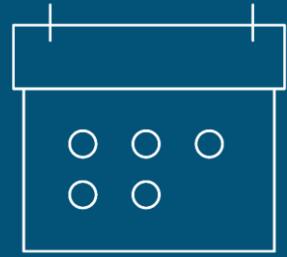
May 4



Day of Remembrance for those who died while serving in the Israeli military.

# Yom HaAtzma'ut

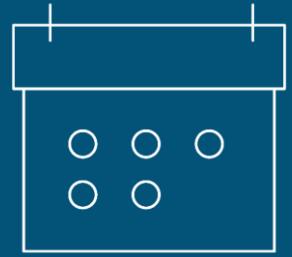
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Israel Independence Day, commemorating the declaration of Israeli statehood in 1948. The day is observed by Israelis as well as many diaspora Jews.

# Cinco De Mayo

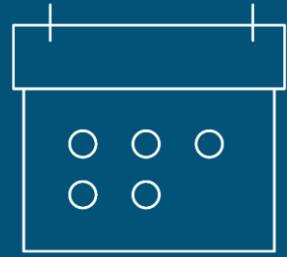
May 5



'celebrates the date of the Mexican army's May 5, 1862 victory over France at the Battle of Puebla during the Franco-Mexican War

# Vesak (Buddhist)

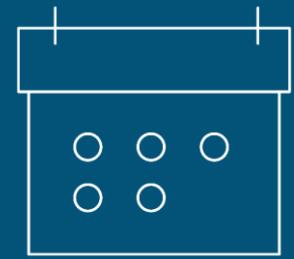
May 16



Vesak is one of the major festivals of the year for Buddhist tradition, celebrating the Buddha's birth as well as the enlightenment and Pari nirvana of the Buddha.

# World Day for Cultural Diversity

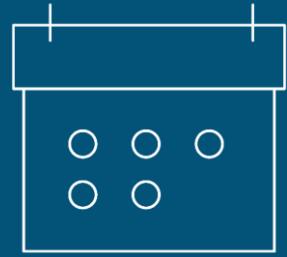
May 21



Recognize cultural diversity as a source of innovation, exchange and creativity, as well as the obligation to create a more peaceful and equitable society based on mutual respect.

# Declaration of Bab

May 23



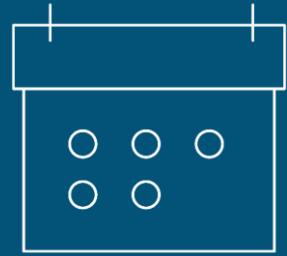
## **DECLARATION OF THE BÁB • Bahá'í**

Commemoration of May 23, 1844, when the Báb, the prophet-herald of the Bahá'í Faith, announced in Shíráz, Persia, that he was the herald of a new messenger of God.

June 2022

# LGBTQ+ Pride Month Begins

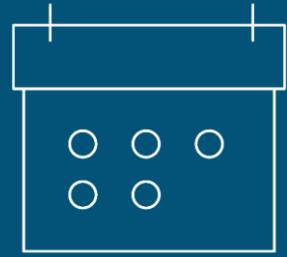
Jun 1



Commemorates the anniversary of the June 28, 1969, Stonewall riot in New York City, the incident that initiated the modern gay rights movement in the United States. Pride Day is the last Sunday in June.

# Shavout

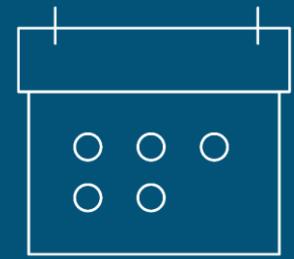
June 5-6



The “Feast of Weeks” celebrates the covenant between God and Israel and the giving of the Torah at Mt. Sinai.

# Loving day

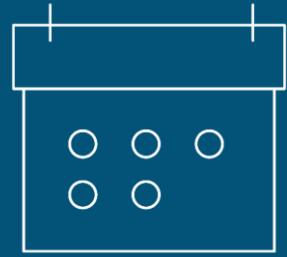
June 12



Observes the anniversary of the 1967 United States Supreme Court decision Loving v. Virginia which struck down the miscegenation laws remaining in 16 states barring interracial marriage.

# Race Unity Day

June 12

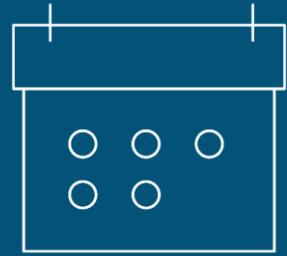


**RACE UNITY DAY • Bahá'í**

Observance promoting racial harmony and  
understanding and the essential unity of humanity.

# Juneteenth

June 19

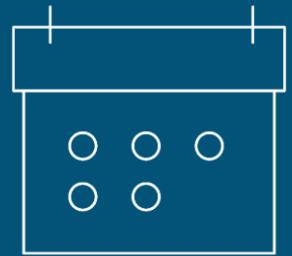


Also known as Freedom Day, is an American holiday that commemorates the June 19, 1865, announcement of the abolition of slavery in the U.S. state of Texas, and more generally the emancipation of enslaved African Americans throughout the former

Confederate states States of America.

# Refugee day

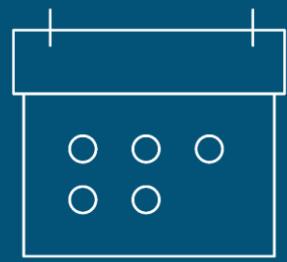
Jun 20



- Raises awareness about the plight of refugees and displaced persons.

# Anniversary of Legalization of Same-sex marriage in U.S.

Jun 26

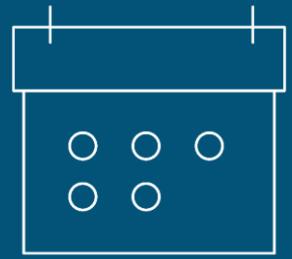


On June 26, 2015, in the case of Obergefell v. Hodges, the Supreme Court ruled that the fundamental right to marry is guaranteed to same-sex couples.

July 2022

# Independence Day

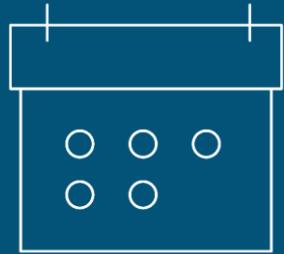
July 4



Anniversary of the United States Declaration of Independence in 1776.

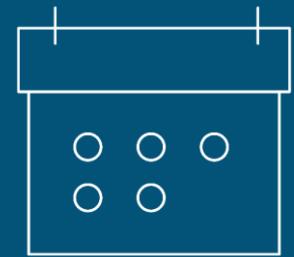
# MARTYRDOM OF THE BÁB • Bahá'í

July 9



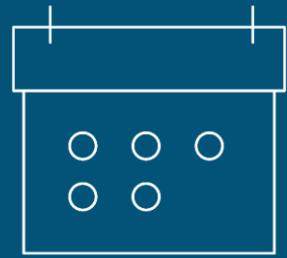
Observance of the anniversary of the execution by a firing squad in Tabríz, Persia, of the 30-year-old Siyyid 'Alí-Muhammad, the Báb, the prophet-herald of the Bahá'í Faith.

Eid Al-Adha  
July 9



**EID AL-ADHA • Islamic**  
Commemoration of Ibrahim's willingness to  
sacrifice his son in obedience of a  
command from God. Marks the end of the  
annual Hajj (pilgrimage to Mecca).

Dharma Day  
July 13

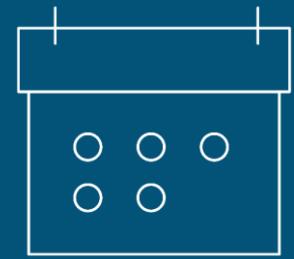


## DHARMA DAY • Buddhist

Also known as *Asalha Puja*, it  
commemorates the historical Buddha's first  
discourse following his spiritual awakening.

# ULLAMBANA (also known as Obon) • Buddhist

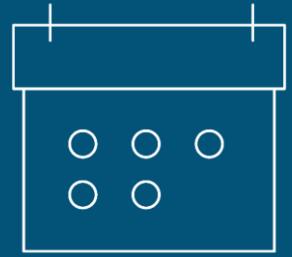
July 13-15



Ullambana, a Sanskrit term that means “hanging upside down and suffering,” honors the spirits of past ancestors and strives to relieve aching souls from suffering.

# Americans with Disabilities Act day

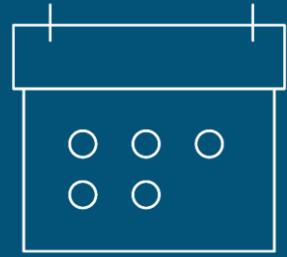
July 26



- Commemorates the 1990 signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which guarantees equal opportunity for people with disabilities.

# Muharram

July 30

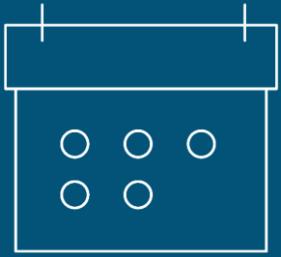


## **MUHARRAM • Islamic**

The month of Muharram marks the beginning of the Islamic liturgical year.

August 2022

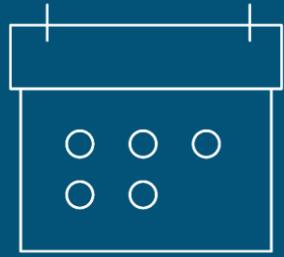
**Tisha B'Av**  
August 7



Day of mourning of the destruction of the First and Second Temples in Jerusalem in 586 BCE and 70 CE.

# Ashura

August 8

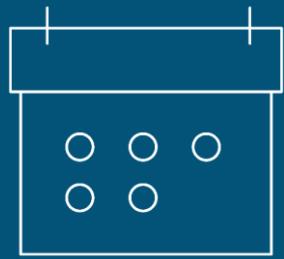


## ASHURA • Islamic

A day of fasting observed on the 10th day of the month of Muharram to celebrate Moses' exodus from Egypt. For Shi'a Muslims, it also marks the climax of the ten-day Remembrance of Muharram, which mourns the martyrdom of Hussein at the Battle of Kerbala.

# Raksha Bandhan

August 11

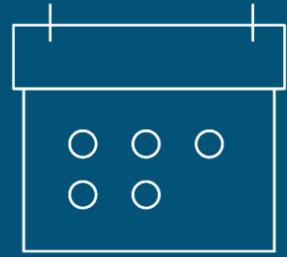


## RAKSHA BANDHAN • Hindu

Also called *Rakhi*, this festival celebrates the protective relationship between brothers and their sisters.

# Krishna Janmashtami

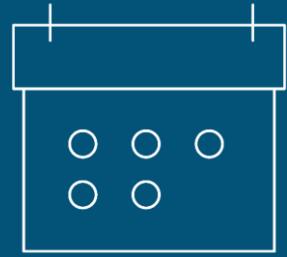
August 19



Janmashtami is an annual Hindu festival celebrating the birth of the Hindu god, Krishna, who Hindus worship the most.

# Ganesh Chaturthi

August 31



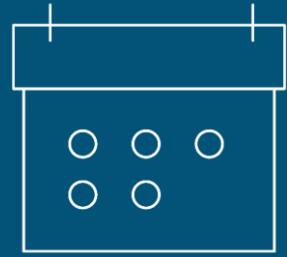
## **GANESH CHATURTHI • Hindu**

Celebrates the birthday of Ganesh, the elephant-deity.

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# Labor Day

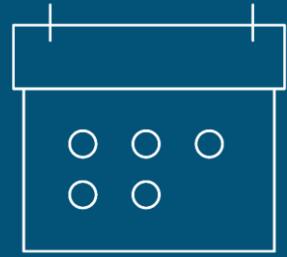
September 5



Labor Day pays tribute to the contributions and achievements of American workers. It was created by the labor movement in the late 19th century and became a federal holiday in 1894.

# Hispanic Heritage Month

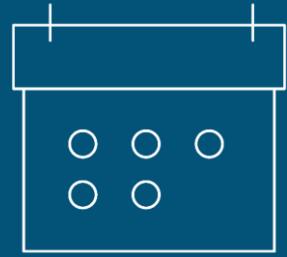
September 15- October 15



National **Hispanic heritage** month we will be reflecting on Hispanic, Latinos, Latine, Latinx, Chicanos, Chicanx peoples from all over the world as always Hispanic Heritage Month is from September 15 to October 15 every year as a time to recognize and celebrate the many contributions, diverse cultures, and extensive histories of the American Latino community.

# Rosh Hashanah

September 26-27

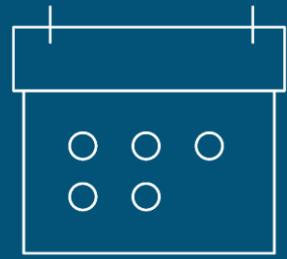


Beginning of the Jewish New Year and the beginning of a ten-day period of repentance and spiritual renewal.

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# Filipino American History Month

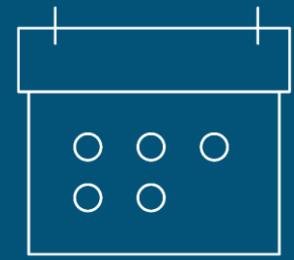
## October



Filipino American History Month is celebrated in October each year to commemorate the first recorded presence of Filipinos in the continental U.S. on Oct. 18, 1587. The theme for 2021 is 50 Years Since the First Young Filipino People's Far West Convention it had over 300 people at Seattle university in 1971.

# National Disability Awareness month

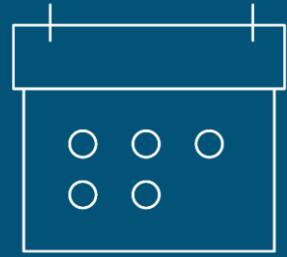
## October



Recognizes the contributions of workers with disabilities.

# Yom Kippur

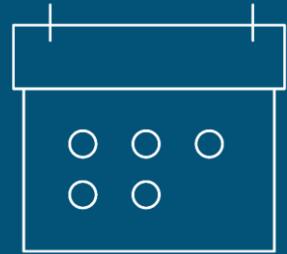
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The “Day of Atonement” marks the end of the ten days of repentance, during which Jews seek forgiveness from and reconciliation with both God and other people.

# Mawlid Al-Nabi

October 8



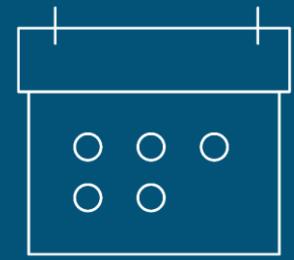
## **MAWLID AL-NABI (Also known as MILAD AL-NABI)**

- **Islamic (Sunni)**

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# Indigenous Peoples day

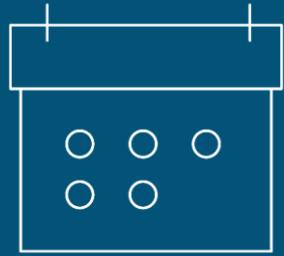
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Celebrates and honors Native American history and culture.

# Sukkot

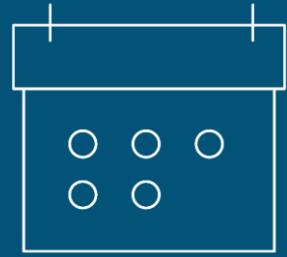
October 10-16



The week-long “Festival of Booths” commemorates the 40-year wandering of the Israelites in the desert following the Exodus from Egypt and the Revelation at Sinai.

# National Coming Out Day

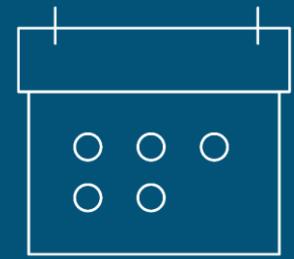
October 11



Encourages honesty and openness about being lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender. Commemorates October 11, 1987, when 500,000 people marched on Washington, DC, for gay and lesbian equality.

# Mawlid Al-Nabi

October 13

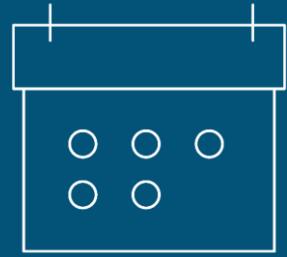


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# Shemini Atzeret

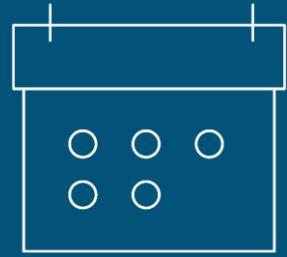
October 17



The last day of Sukkot is known as the “Eighth Day of Assembly;” its primary feature is the recitation of the prayer for rain.

# Simchat Torah

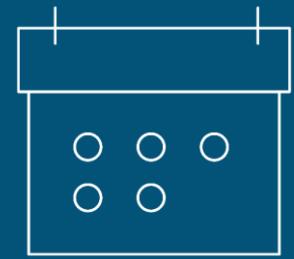
October 18



“Rejoicing in the Torah” marks the completion of the annual cycle of Torah readings and the immediate start of the new cycle.

# Gur-Gaddi Guru

October 20

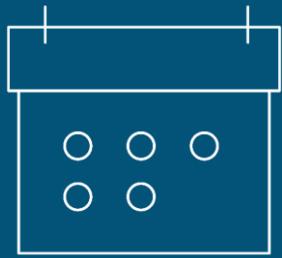


## **GUR-GADDI GURU GRANTH SAHIB • Sikh**

Since 1708, Sikhs have accepted Sri Guru Granth Sahib as their eternal Guru that holds the spirit of all Ten Gurus of the Sikhs.

# Diwali

October 24

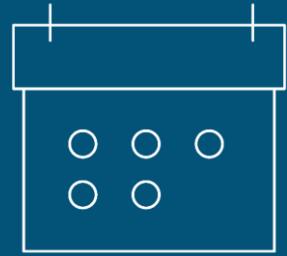


Diwali is the festival of lights for Hindus and Sikhs, celebrating the triumph of good, light, and knowledge.

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# Dia de los Muertos

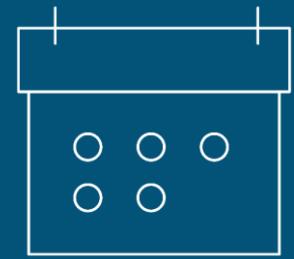
November 1 – November 2



The Day of the Dead is a Mexican holiday celebrated throughout Mexico and is observed through prayer and remembrance of friends and family members who have died.

# Birth of Bahá'u'lláh

November 7

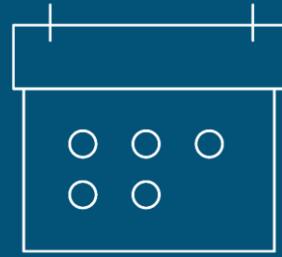


## **BIRTH OF BAHÁ'U'LLÁH • Bahá'í**

Observance of the anniversary of the birth in 1817  
of Bahá'u'lláh, prophet-founder of the Bahá'í Faith,  
in Núr, Persia.

# Guru Nanak Dev Ji's Birthday

November 8

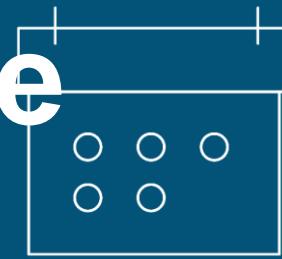


## **GURU NANAK DEV JI'S BIRTHDAY • Sikh**

A very important holiday in the Sikh faith as Guru Nanak Dev's was the First Guru of the Sikhs and the Founder of Sikhism. He was born in mid-November; the holiday is celebrated according to the lunar date.

# Transgender Day of Remembrance

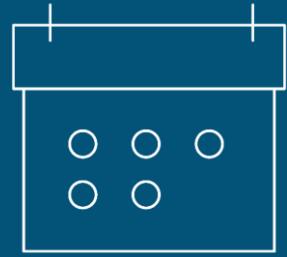
November 20



**Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR)** is an annual observance on November 20 that honors the memory of the transgender people whose lives were lost in acts of anti-transgender violence.

# Thanksgiving day

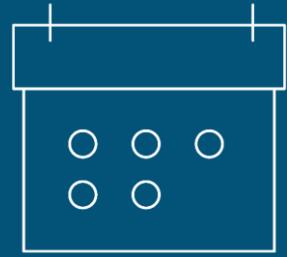
November 24



**Thanksgiving**, annual national holiday in the United States and Canada celebrating the harvest and other blessings of the past year. Americans generally believe that their Thanksgiving is modeled on a 1621 harvest feast shared by the English colonists (Pilgrims) of Plymouth and the Wampanoag people.

# Day of the Covenant

November 25

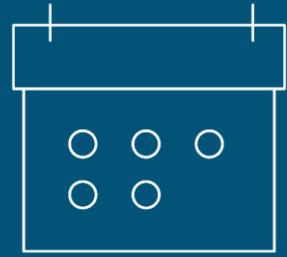


## DAY OF THE COVENANT • Bahá'í

Day of the Covenant is a festival observed to commemorate Bahá'u'lláh's appointment of His son, Abdu'l-Baha, as His successor.

# Navaratri

November 26- Dec 5



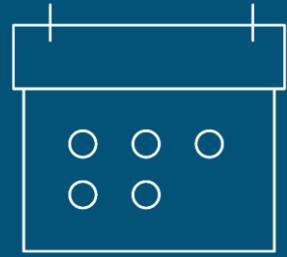
## NAVARATRI • Hindu

Nine-day festival celebrating the triumph of good over evil.

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# Bodhi Day

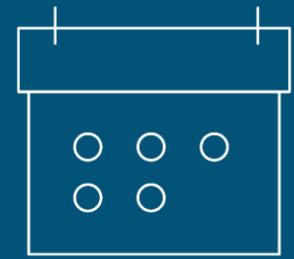
December 8



The holiday which commemorates the day that the historical Buddha experienced enlightenment.

# Our Lady Of Guadalupe

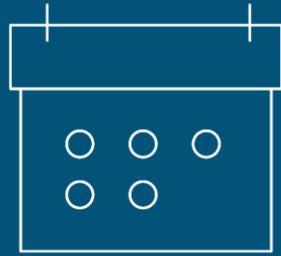
December 12



Celebrates the apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary (by her title, Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Patroness of Mexico and the Americas) before Juan Diego, an indigenous convert to Roman Catholicism, on the Mexican hill of Tepeyac in 1531.

# Hanukkah

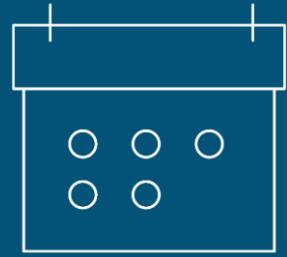
December 18 – December 26



Eight-day “Festival of Lights,” celebrating the rededication of the Temple in 164 BCE. Hanukkah commemorates the victory of the Maccabees over the Greek-Syrian Emperor, Antiochus, who sought to suppress religious freedom.

# Christmas

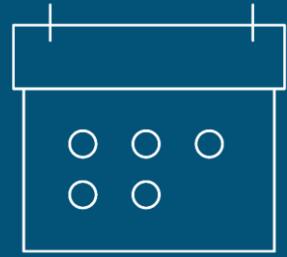
December 25



Christian tradition commemorates the birth of Jesus.

# Kwanzaa

December 26 – January 1



Honors African American heritage and its continued vitality. “Kwanzaa” means “first fruits (of the harvest)” in Swahili.