

# Remembrance and Celebration

All holidays start the night before

## What is Yom Hashoah?

**April 14, 2026 / 28 Nisan, 5786**

This is Israel's Holocaust Remembrance Day. In Israel the day is observed with a siren at 10 a.m. Everything in the country stops for two minutes of silence to remember the victims of the Nazis.



# יזכור



## What is Yom Hazikaron?

**April 21, 2026 / 5 Iyar, 5786**

This is Israel's Memorial Day for those who lost their lives defending the State of Israel. Sirens wail for two minutes at 8 p.m. on the night before, and at 11 a.m. on the day of Yom Hazikaron. All places of public entertainment (restaurants, etc.) are closed on this solemn day.

## What is Yom Ha'atzmaut? יום העצמאות

**April 22, 2026 / 6 Iyar, 5786**

This is Israel's Independence Day. It is usually celebrated on the 5th day of Iyar, which corresponds to the original date of the formal establishment of the State of Israel: May 14, 1948. But when the 5th of Iyar falls on Shabbat, the calendar is adjusted so that festivities can take place before Friday. Yom Hazikaron is always commemorated on the day before Yom Ha'atzmaut. At nightfall, the somber mood of Memorial Day gives way to fireworks, musical performances, and parties in the street to celebrate Israel's birthday.



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