



HOLIDAY CALENDAR
2017-2018/5778



ROSH HASHANAH

September 20 - 22, 2017

PASSOVER

March 30 - April 7, 2018

YOM KIPPUR

September 29 - 30, 2017

YOM HA'SHOAH

April 11 - 12, 2018

SUKKOT

October 4 - 11, 2017

SHAVUOT

May 19 - 21, 2018

**INTERNATIONAL
HUMAN RIGHTS DAY**

December 10, 2017

**79TH ANNIVERSARY
OF S.S. ST. LOUIS**

June 6, 2018

HANUKKAH

December 12 - 20, 2017

WORLD REFUGEE DAY

June 20, 2018

PURIM

February 28 - March 1, 2018

**ANNIVERSARY OF 1951 UN
REFUGEE CONVENTION**

July 28, 2018

SEASONAL FACTS ABOUT THE GLOBAL REFUGEE CRISIS

FALL - As the Jewish community observes Sukkot, our thoughts turn to the impermanence of shelter affecting millions of people around the globe. With more than 65 million refugees and displaced people worldwide, the global refugee crisis is the largest in recorded history. In 2016, on average, 20 people per minute were forced to flee their homes; today, 1 in 113 people in the world are displaced.

WINTER - The need for shelter is never more obvious than during winter's chilly, dark days. Yet, many refugees are not safe in the first country to which they flee. The U.S. has long been an international leader in resettlement, providing welcome, safety, freedom, and opportunity. Among their many contributions to the U.S., refugees strengthen our economy; for example, in 2015, refugee-owned businesses in the U.S. generated \$4.6 billion in income.

SPRING - At the Passover Seder, we gather to retell the story of the Jewish people's original wandering and the freedom we found. Many of today's refugees seek safety in under-resourced countries. Turkey hosts the largest refugee population (2.9 million), followed by Pakistan, Lebanon, Iran, and Uganda. In Lebanon, 1 in 6 people are refugees.

SUMMER - Summer often brings a surge of refugees making perilous journeys to freedom. The largest numbers of refugees in 2016 came from Syria, Afghanistan, and South Sudan, followed by Somalia, Sudan, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Central African Republic, Myanmar, Eritrea, and Burundi. Worldwide, children account for 51% of all refugees.

HIAS, the world's oldest, and only Jewish, refugee organization, rescues, resettles, and advocates for refugees so they can live in safety and with dignity. We work with refugees in eleven countries and through our resettlement network in more than 20 U.S. locations. We also mobilize the Jewish community to respond together to the global refugee crisis.

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HIAS Welcome the stranger.
Protect the refugee.