

## INTERFAITH CALENDAR 2011-12

As there are an abundance of spiritual and religious traditions represented at Mills, so there are a multitude of sacred days observed throughout the world each and every week. The following is a small selection of major holy days and celebrations for various traditions. For a more extensive calendar of spiritual and religious holidays and their descriptions, please see [interfaithcalendar.org](http://interfaithcalendar.org)

### Key Symbols:

 = **Work Restricted Holiday**

Those observing may not be permitted to engaged in daily activities (e.g., work or school) – including taking exams or other routine commitments

 = **Traveling Home**











While this day may not be work restricted, it may be a holy day or celebration which individuals want to spend with their families or faith communities.

 = **Involves Fasting**





Those observing may be required from eating and drinking, either completely or from certain foods, for a period of time (e.g., sunrise to sunset)

### Fall 2011

( \* ) Means observances begin at sundown the day before

<b>Ramadan begins</b>	Islam	Aug 1	Monday	
Krishna Janmashtami	Hindu	Aug 22	Monday	
<b>Eid al Fitr</b>	Islam	Aug 31	Wednesday	
Paryushana Parva	Jain	Sep 2-10	Friday	
Navaratri	Hindu	Sep 28-Oct 5	Wednesday	
<b>Rosh Hashanah</b>	Judaism	Sep 29-30*	Thurs-Friday	 
<b>Yom Kippur</b>	Judaism	Oct 8*	Saturday	  
<b>Sukkot</b>	Judaism	Oct 13-14*	Thurs-Friday	 
Birth of the Bab	Baha'i	Oct 20	Thursday	
<b>Shimini Atzeret &amp; Simchat Torah</b>	Judaism	Oct 20 & 21*	Thurs-Friday	 
Diwali	Jain, Hindu, Sikh	Oct 26	Wednesday	
Samhain - Beltane	Wicca/Pagan	Nov 1	Tuesday	
<b>Eid al Adha</b>	Islam	Nov 6	Sunday	
Guru Nanak Dev Sahib birthday	Sikh	Nov 10	Thursday	
<b>Christmas</b>	Christian	Dec 25	Sunday	

### Spring 2012

Oshogatsu/Gantan-sai	Shinto	Jan 1	Sunday	
Chinese New Year	Confucian, Daoist, Buddhist	Jan 23	Monday	
Rissun/Setsubum-sai	Shinto	Feb 3	Friday	
Ash Wednesday	Christian	Feb 22	Wednesday	
Magha Puja Day	Buddhist	March 8	Thursday	
Naw Ruz (New Year)	Baha'i	March 21	Wednesday	
Good Friday	Christian	April 6	Friday	
Mahavir Jayanti	Jain	April 6	Friday	
<b>Pesach (Passover)</b>	Judaism	April 7-14*	Saturday	  
Easter	Christian	April 8	Sunday	
Baisakhi/Vaisakhi (New Year)	Sikh	April 14	Saturday	
Easter/Pascha	Orthodox Christian	April 15	Sunday	
Beltane - Samhain	Wicca/Pagan	May 1	Tuesday	
Visakha Puja (Buddha Day)	Buddhist	May 6	Sunday	
<b>Declaration of the Bab</b>	Baha'i	May 23	Wednesday	
Pentacost	Christian	May 27	Sunday	
<b>Ascension of Baha'u'llah</b>	Baha'i	May 29	Tuesday	