

Temple Israel – Charleston, W.Va. – Rabbi Joe Blair’s list of some holidays you might not have hear of

It is a busy time on the secular calendar: many holidays for a variety of religious traditions, as well as numerous non-religious observances, fall at this time of year. You are likely already aware (how could you NOT be) of Christmas and New Year (secular), but how about these?

December 15

- National Cat Herders Day
- National Re-Gifting Day
- International Tea Day
- Bill of Rights Day
- National Cupcake Day

December 16

- Day of Reconciliation
- National Chocolate Covered Anything Day
- Stupid Toy Day
- Underdog Day

December 17

- Canadian Maple Syrup Day
- National Ugly Sweater Day
- Wright Brother's Day
- National Wreaths Across America Day

December 18

- Bake Cookies Day
- Hanukkah (lasts through December 26)
- Flake Appreciation Day
- National Twin Day
- Qatar National Day
- International Migrants Day
- Answer The Telephone Like Buddy the Elf Day

December 19

- National Hard Candy Day
- National Heroes and Heroines Day
- Look for an Evergreen Day
- National Emo Day

December 20

- Go Caroling Day
- National Sangria Day
- Sacagawea Day
- Games Day

December 21

- December Solstice
- Blue Christmas
- Humbug Day
- National Coquito Day
- Look On The Bright Side Day
- National Crossword Puzzle Day
- National Homeless Persons' Remembrance Day
- National Maine Day
- World Snowboard Day
- National Short Girl Appreciation Day

December 22

- Mathematics Day
- National Cookie Exchange Day
- Zimbabwe Unity Day
- Forefathers' Day

December 23

- Festivus
- National Christmas Movie Marathon Day
- National Pfeffernusse Day

- National Roots Day

December 24

- Christmas Eve
- National Eggnog Day
- Libya Independence Day
- Last-Minute Shopper's Day

December 25

- Christmas Day
- National Pumpkin Pie Day

December 26

- Kwanzaa (lasts through January 1)
- National Boxing Day
- National Homeowners Day
- Day of Goodwill
- National Candy Cane Day
- National Whiners Day
- Slovenia Independence and Unity Day

December 27

- National Fruitcake Day
- Visit the Zoo Day
- Make Cut-Out Snowflakes Day
- International Day of Epidemic Preparedness

December 28

- Holy Innocents Day
- National Download Day
- National Call A Friend Day
- Card Playing Day

December 29

- Mongolia Independence Day

- National Pepper Pot Day
- Tick Tock Day
- International Cello Day

December 30

- National Bacon Day
- National Resolution Planning Day
- Festival of Enormous Changes at the Last Minute

December 31

- National Champagne Day
- New Year's Eve
- World Peace Meditation Day

And looking ahead to religious observances in January:

Jan. 1: Gantan-sai - Shintoism

Jan. 6: Epiphany - Christian

Jan. 7: Feast of the Nativity (Christmas) – Christianity

Jan. 16: Martin Luther King, Jr Day

Jan. 22: Chinese New Year - Confucianism, Daoism, Buddhism

Year of the Rabbit.