



Justice Brandeis Westchester Law Society

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Dear Judge:

The Justice Brandeis Westchester Law Society (JBWLS) is a newly formed Jewish Bar Association with over 125 members. The majority of our membership practice in the courts in the Ninth Judicial District and in the United States District Court and Bankruptcy Courts of the Southern District. In the spirit of assisting each of these courts with scheduling matters, the JBWLS, has prepared a list of those particular Jewish Holidays that an observant Jew is not permitted to work or travel. For calendar year 2008 the Holidays where work is not permitted are as follows:

Passover:	April 19 (sundown) – April 21 April 25 (sundown) – April 27
Shavuot:	June 8 (sundown) – June 10
Rosh Hashanah:	September 29 (sundown) – October 1
Yom Kippur:	October 8 (sundown) – October 9
Sukkot:	October 13 (sundown) – October 15
Shemini Atzeret/ Simchat Torah :	October 20 (sundown) – October 22

Other Holidays where work is permitted but should be avoided where possible are as follows:

Purim:	March 20 (evening) – March 21
Tish'a B'Av:	August 9 (evening) – August 10

Finally, Jewish lawyers who observe the Sabbath, may not work or travel after sundown on Friday afternoon.

We provide this information to assist you in scheduling matters and evaluating applications for adjournments based on the religious beliefs of the attorneys, experts and litigants appearing before you. It is our intention and pleasure to provide you with an updated list of Jewish Holidays each year as these dates change based on the Jewish calendar. If you are interested in learning more about any of these Holidays or this organization please visit our website: www.jbwls.org.

Sincerely,
Hon. Jeffrey A. Cohen
President

Hon. Joan B. Lefkowitz
Holiday Committee Chair