

Shabbat and Holiday Practices Survey at JCCs

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N = 68 responding JCCs.

[For all questions, entries are the percent who answered, "Yes."]

1. Does your JCC have a written policy regarding Shabbat? 71%
2. Does your JCC have a written policy regarding Jewish holidays? 79%
3. Does your JCC have a written policy regarding national holidays? 75%
4. At what time does the JCC close on Friday nights?
 - Before sundown 34%
 - Regularly scheduled closing time 66%
- 4a: If regularly scheduled closing time—what time is that? _____
5. Does the JCC allow preschool or afterschool care continue past the beginning of Shabbat on Friday evenings? 52%
6. Does the JCC ever host Friday night programs for special Shabbat programming such as Shabbat dinners? 60%
7. Does your JCC rent the facility on Shabbat?
 - Yes, to anyone 22%
 - Yes, for Jewish purposes only 31%
 - No, we do not rent the facility on Shabbat 47%
8. Is your JCC open for any activities on Shabbat? 57%
9. In the past 3 years, did your JCC change its policies about Shabbat or Jewish holidays so that the JCC would be open on those days? 44%

10. To what extent was each of the following true regarding the process of deciding whether to open on Shabbat? [Base for questions 10-13 = Only those who answered Yes in Question 9.]

	Not at all	A little	To some extent	To a great extent
a. In general, the community was in favor of opening on Shabbat.	0%	0%	50%	50%
b. Most local rabbis supported the decision to open on Shabbat.	19%	6%	69%	6%
c. The majority of the current JCC membership supported the decision to open on Shabbat.	0%	0%	19%	81%
d. The Board spent a significant amount of time (i.e., 6 months or more) discussing whether to open on Shabbat.	13%	6%	44%	38%
e. The Federation was involved in the JCC's decision to open on Shabbat.	50%	13%	31%	6%

11. Since the change in Shabbat opening policy, did the number of JCC members....

Increase	73%
Stay about the same	20%
Decrease	7%

12. Since the change in Shabbat opening policy, did the rate of membership renewal...

Increase	43%
Stay about the same	57%
Decrease	0%

13. Since the change in Shabbat opening policy, did the number of new members....

Increase	79%
Stay about the same	21%
Decrease	0%

Please indicate if the following are open or take place at your JCC on Shabbat.

	Open or offered on Shabbat morning	Open or offered on Shabbat afternoon
14 PE and Aquatics facilities	13%	56%
15 PE and Aquatics classes	9%	18%
16 League sports	3%	7%
17 Special Shabbat programming	9%	18%
18 Regular instructional classes or programming (same as weekday offerings)	3%	6%

19. During Shabbat, do the following activities take place at the JCC?

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| a. Exchanging money | 21% |
| b. Cooking | 6% |
| c. Havdalah programming | 29% |
| d. Membership enrollment | 31% |
| e. Personal training, message, private swim lessons | 29% |
| f. Food Service café | 9% |
| g. Sitter service | 12% |
| h. Theater | 7% |
| i. Shabbat atmosphere (e.g., Shabbat table in the lobby) | 19% |
| j. Music is played | 28% |
| k. Study or Shabbat programming | 15% |

20. Is your JCC open for any activities on any of the Jewish holidays? 31%

Please indicate if and/or when the **JCC PE/Aquatics facilities** are open during the following Jewish holidays. *PLEASE NOTE THAT AFTER SUNDOWN REFERS TO THE EVENING BEFORE THE DAY OF THE HOLIDAY (e.g., Yom Kippur begins with Kol Nidre the evening before)*

JCC PE/Aquatics Facilities

		Open evening (after sundown)	Open morning	Open afternoon
21	Rosh Hashanah, 1 st day	0%	0%	0%
22	Rosh Hashanah, 2 nd day	6%	6%	4%
24	Yom Kippur	0%	0%	0%
25	Sukkot, 1 st day	8%	6%	9%
26	Sukkot, 2 nd day	16%	19%	24%
27	Shemini Atzeret	12%	10%	15%
28	Simhat Torah	15%	16%	21%
29	Passover, 1 st day	4%	4%	6%
30	Passover, 2 nd day	16%	21%	24%
31	Passover, 7 th day	15%	13%	18%
32	Passover, 8 th day	21%	22%	25%
33	Shavuot, 1 st day	7%	6%	9%
34	Shavuot, 2 nd day	20%	22%	25%

35. Is your JCC Day Care open for any activities on any of the Jewish holidays? 19%

Please indicate if and/or when the **JCC Day Care** are open during the following Jewish holidays (please check more than one box if open mornings, and afternoons, and nights).

JCC Day Care

		Open evening (after sundown)	Open morning	Open afternoon
36	Rosh Hashanah, 1 st day	0%	0%	0%
37	Rosh Hashanah, 2 nd day	3%	5%	5%
38	Yom Kippur	0%	0%	0%
39	Sukkot, 1 st day	5%	3%	5%
40	Sukkot, 2 nd day	10%	16%	13%
41	Shemini Atzeret	8%	10%	9%
42	Simhat Torah	12%	15%	13%
43	Passover, 1 st day	2%	2%	2%
44	Passover, 2 nd day	9%	15%	13%
45	Passover, 7 th day	10%	12%	10%
46	Passover, 8 th day	13%	18%	16%
47	Shavuot, 1 st day	3%	5%	3%
48	Shavuot, 2 nd day	12%	18%	16%

49. Is your JCC After-School Care open for any activities on any of the Jewish holidays?
19%

Please indicate if and/or when the **JCC After-School Care** are open during the following Jewish holidays (please check more than one box if open mornings, and afternoons, and nights).

JCC After-School Care

		Open evening (after sundown)	Open morning	Open afternoon
50	Rosh Hashanah, 1 st day	2%	0%	0%
51	Rosh Hashanah, 2 nd day	5%	3%	5%
52	Yom Kippur	2%	0%	0%
53	Sukkot, 1 st day	6%	2%	5%
54	Sukkot, 2 nd day	13%	10%	15%
55	Shemini Atzeret	10%	5%	9%
56	Simhat Torah	13%	9%	13%
57	Passover, 1 st day	3%	3%	5%
58	Passover, 2 nd day	12%	12%	15%
59	Passover, 7 th day	10%	8%	9%
60	Passover, 8 th day	15%	12%	15%
61	Shavuot, 1 st day	6%	3%	8%
62	Shavuot, 2 nd day	12%	10%	13%

Please indicate if and/or when your JCC is open during the following legal/national holidays (please check more than one box if open mornings, and afternoons, and nights).

		Open morning	Open afternoon	Open night
61	New Years	65%	65%	18%
62	Martin Luther King Day	94%	94%	93%
63	Presidents Day	95%	93%	93%
64	Memorial Day	73%	70%	32%
65	July 4 th	73%	73%	29%
66	Labor Day	70%	68%	30%
67	Thanksgiving	58%	44%	12%
68	Christmas Day	89%	89%	36%
69	Victoria Day (Canadians only)	86%	69%	73%
70	Canada Day (Canadians only)	82%	73%	70%

71. If the decision were up to you, would you like to see the JCC keep its current Shabbat policy the way it is, make it more “lenient” (allowing more activities and programs), or make it more “restrictive”?

Same	47%
More lenient	46%
More restrictive	8%