Jewish High Holiday Observance at Brown

Please note: Incorrect dates for the 2015 Jewish High Holidays were included in the Planning Your Liberal Education packet. We apologize for the error. Corrected information is included below.

The start of the first full week of classes in 2015-16 coincides with the two-day Jewish holiday of Rosh Hashanah. The holiday begins at sundown on Sunday, September 13 and ends at sundown on Tuesday, September 15.

Brown is committed to the principle of religious freedom, and we want all members of our community to be able to fulfill their religious and academic obligations. We outline below the arrangements in place to support students and instructors during Rosh Hashanah.

Religious services
Religious services will be available on campus, and we encourage students to remain in Providence for the holiday. A schedule of services is available on the Hillel website and in the Orientation brochure.

Attendance
Students will not be penalized for missing classes in order to observe Rosh Hashanah on September 14 or 15. We have asked instructors not to make enrollment decisions until after the first week, and not to drop students who did not attend on those days. Shopping period has also been extended until Wednesday, September 23, at 5 p.m.

Cancelled classes
Some instructors may not be able to meet their classes on September 7 or 8 because of the holiday. Instructors will be encouraged to notify or signpost their cancellations and to make lecture notes available on Canvas or by request.

Course materials
Students are encouraged to visit https://courses.brown.edu/ to find copies of syllabi and other materials for the classes they have to miss because of their own religious observance.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact the Office of the Dean of the College (advising@brown.edu; 401/863-9800).