

Public Holidays

Israel follows the Hebrew calendar, which is based on the lunar cycle but adapted in leap years to the solar cycle. Therefore, public holidays occur on different days from year to year, but always fall in the same season.

The following are public holidays for 1990.

First Day of Passover — *April 10*

Last Day of Passover — *April 16*

Independence Day — *April 30*

Shavuot — *May 30 (two days)*

Rosh Hashanah (New Year) — *September 20, 21*

Yom Kippur Day — *September 29*

First day of Succoth — *October 4*

Last day of Succoth — *October 11*

Note: Jewish holidays are observed from sundown to sundown. Business activities stop around 1:00 p.m. on the eve of holidays.

Weights and Measures

Israel uses the metric system for all weights and measures except land, which is measured in dunams. The metric dunam is equal to 1 000 m² and is the standard measurement of area. Industry also works to other international measurements as required.

Electricity

Electricity is supplied at 220 volts, 50 cycles, AC. Plug fittings are of the two- and three-pin variety, using both round and flat pins. Lamp sockets are of the screw type.