Yom Kippur begins sundown on October 4, 2022 and ends at nightfall on October 5, 2022

Yom Kippur is the holiest day of the year in Judaism, marked by fasting, prayers, and atoning for one’s sins over the past year. A ritual for the expiation of sins was in existence already during biblical times. Later, Yom Kippur assumed central importance as a day of mourning and abstention. The holiday opens and closes with the sound of the shofar, which is a ram’s horn. As stated above, fasting is a large part of Yom Kippur and shows devotion to the Divine and focuses one’s attention on reflection and repentance not on life’s usual pleasures. May all who observe have an easy fast.

Read more here: https://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/yom-kippur-101/

LGBT History Month

In 2022, LGBT History Month celebrates achievements of the LGBT community. “The LGBT community is the only community worldwide that is not taught its history at home, in public schools or in religious institutions. LGBT History Month provides role models, builds community and makes the civil rights statement about our extraordinary national and international contributions.” October was selected because “public schools are in session and existing traditions, such as Coming Out Day (October 11), occur that month.” Happy LGBT History Month! Please consider putting your pronouns in your email signature!

This year, 31 LGBT icons were chosen by LGBT History Month, a project of Equality Forum; please view them here, https://lgbthistorymonth.com/.

National Disability Employment Awareness Month 2022

National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM), “celebrates the contributions of America’s workers with disabilities past and present and showcases supportive, inclusive employment policies and practices.” This year, the theme for the month is Disability: Part of the Equity Equation. This month think about what inclusion in the workplace looks like and how we might be even more inclusive of our colleagues with disabilities! CLS celebrates persons with a disability who work here at CLS and elsewhere.

For more information: https://www.dol.gov/agencies/odep/initiatives/ndeam