



Diversity Calendar

October 2020

Date	Religion/Culture	Event
2 – 9 th Oct	Judaism	Sukkot This holiday commemorates the long journey Jews began, to the Promised Land, under the tough desert conditions. It is often celebrated, by eating and sometimes sleeping in a Sukkah. If you know someone celebrating say “Chag Sameach” – Happy Holiday
9 – 11 th Oct	Judaism	Shemini Atzeret and Shimchat Torah This holiday, signifies the end of Sukkot and the welcoming the fall harvest. Shimchat Torah, is celebrated to commemorate the end of the reading cycle of the Torah and the beginning of a new one.
11 th Oct	LGBTQ Community (North America)	National Coming Out Day A day of celebration for gay and lesbian equality. The tradition began following the march in Washington in 1987.
12 th Oct	Canada	Thanksgiving This is a national day of giving thanks for the past year. Often spent with family, friends and those that we want to thank the most.
17 – 25 th Oct	Hinduism	Navaratri / Durga Puja Navaratri is a nine-day celebration, commonly known as Durga Puja. It is a time to celebrate good over evil. Depending on local customs, the days are celebrated in fasting and religious prayers. Others celebrate, through street parties filled with dance and feasts. The last day, is celebrated by giving special recognition to the goddess, Durga.
28 – 29 th Oct	Islam	Eid Milad un Nabi Muslims around the world, celebrate Prophet Mohammed’s (Peace Be Upon Him) birthday. It is celebrated by offering prayer, humble feasts and charitable giving.
31 st Oct	Christianity	All Hallow’s Eve/ Samhain Commonly known as Halloween, this is holiday originated as a Celtic festival known as Samhain. Followers of the festival wore costumes and lit bonfires to ward off evil spirits.

Above are the main multicultural celebrations for the month of October, 2020. There may be some celebrations, which have not been included in this calendar and custom descriptions may vary. If you would like me to add your special holiday or vary the customs, please write me at afsana@gcmmediation.com.