Holocaust Remembrance Day

Yom HaShoah, or more commonly known in English as Holocaust Remembrance Day, is held on the 27th day of the Hebrew month of Nisan, which varies annually on the global Gregorian calendar. The first remembrance day was led by the Chief Rabbinate of Israel on December 28th, 1949. Historically, this date, the Tenth of Tevat, is typically a day of mourning on the Hebrew calendar. Beginning in 1959, the commemoration was led by the Knesset, the sovereign body of Israel, declaring it to be held on the 27th of Nisan (unless it ends up on the same day of the Jewish Sabbath). In addition to being a national memorial day in Israel, it is also recognized by Jews around the world, typically on the closest Sunday to Yom HaShoah or on April 19th to commemorate the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising. In 2023, it will be celebrated from sunset April 17th to nightfall on April 18th.

This day is to honor the memory of the nearly 6 million Jews who were murdered during the Holocaust by Nazi Germany and the affiliated Axis Powers, as well as those who fought in resistance to the cruel actions against the Jewish community.

Take a moment on April 17, to remember the people who lost their lives during the Holocaust so that we may we never forget.

Autism Acceptance Month

Autism Awareness Month, also known as Autism Acceptance Month, is held annually to raise awareness and promote acceptance of those living with Autism.

Autism is a developmental condition that can affect one's skills with communication, self-regulation, relationships, and processing information. Those who are affected by Autism face medical-, social-, and employment-based discrimination as well as ableism and prejudice.

For more information on how Rowan Cabarrus Community College provides opportunities for those with intellectual disabilities head to the SOAR program’s page on the Rowan-Cabarrus website.

Eid al-Fitr

Ramadan is a month-long event for Muslims, that includes fasting, prayer and reflection, and community. In 2023, the fast is broken with a feast on April 21, with the celebration continuing through the evening of April 22. Also known as the Festival of Sweets, it is celebrated by prayer services at Mosques, a feast throughout the day with family, and the giving of gifts and money.
Special Days in April

April 2 - World Autism Awareness/Acceptance Day

April 4 - Mahavir Jayanti (Jainism)

April 4 - National Sexual Assault Awareness Month's Day of Action

April 5 - QingMing or Ching Ming Festival

April 6 - Theravada New Year (Buddhism)

April 12 - International Day for Street Children

April 13 - Songkran Water Festival (Thailand)

April 14 - Day of Silence to commemorate the silencing of LGBTQ students in the United States.

April 16 - World Semicolon Day for suicide awareness

April 18 - Adult Autism Awareness Day

April 19 - Youth Homelessness Matters Day

April 24 - Action Day for Tolerance and Respect between People

April 30 - Day of the Child

April is...

Arab American Heritage Month
Child Abuse Awareness Month
Multicultural Communication Month
National Minority Health Month
National Sexual Assault & Prevention Month
Scottish-American Heritage Month

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Rowan-Cabarrus Community College
Diversity & Inclusion
https://www.rccc.edu/diversity/

Diversity & Inclusion Guide
https://libguides.rccc.edu/diversity

National Day of Silence
https://www.glsen.org/dayofsilence

Project Semicolon
https://projectsemicolon.com/

United States Holocaust Memorial Museum
United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (ushmm.org)