

# April 2015 — Nisan/Iy'yar 5775

“YOUR WORD IS A LAMP TO MY FEET AND A LIGHT FOR MY PATH,” PSALM 119:105



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SHABBAT
			1 12 Nisan	2 13 Nisan	3  <b>Passover Seder*</b> 6:00pm 14 Nisan	4 ← ← Due to Seder, no Shabbat service <b>Hag HaMatzot (Feast of Unleavened Bread*)</b> <b>Holy Assembly*</b> Ex 12:16; Lev 23:7, Num 28:18 “On the first day you shall have a holy convocation; you shall not do any laborious work.” 15 Nisan (Hag HaMatzot* 1)
5 <b>P</b> <b>Hag HaBikurim*</b> Omer* 1 (Hag HaMatzot, 2) 16 Nisan	6 <b>E</b> Omer 2 (Hag HaMatzot, 3) 17 Nisan	7 <b>S</b> Omer 3 (Hag HaMatzot, 4) 18 Nisan	8 <b>A</b> Omer 4 (Hag HaMatzot, 5) 19 Nisan	9 <b>C</b> Omer 5 (Hag HaMatzot, 6) 20 Nisan	10 <b>H</b> <b>Holy Assembly*</b> Omer 6 (Hag HaMatzot, 7) 21 Nisan	11 <b>Service 10:30am</b> 26Sh'mini (Eighth) Lev 9:1-11:47/ 2Sam 6:1-7:17/ Mk 7:1-23 *(Please refer to next page to see Aliyot / Torah participants) 22 Nisan // Omer 7 (Hag HaMatzot, 8)
12  <b>Be committed to prayer — watch God change people, circumstances, you!!!</b> 23 Nisan // Omer 8	13 24 Nisan // Omer 9	14 25 Nisan // Omer 10	15 26 Nisan // Omer 11	16  <b>Holocaust Memorial Day (Yom HaShoah)</b> 27 Nisan // Omer 12	17  <b>6:30pm: Jim@297-3989</b> 28 Nisan // Omer 13	18 <b>Service 10:30am</b> 27Tazria (She bears seed) and 28M'tzora (Infected one) combined readings Lev 12:1-15:33/ 2Kings 4:42-5:19; 7:3-20 *(Please refer to next page to see Aliyot / Torah participants) 29 Nisan // Omer 14 April Bdays
19 PJ's bday! 30 Nisan // Omer 15	20 1 Iy'yar // Omer 16	21 2 Iy'yar // Omer 17	22  <b>Israel Memorial Day (Yom HaZikaron)</b> 3 Iy'yar // Omer 18	23  <b>Independence Day #67 (Yom HaAtzma'ut)</b> 4 Iy'yar // Omer 19	24 Les'a's bday! 5 Iy'yar // Omer 20	25 <b>Service 10:30am</b> 29Acharei Mot (After the death) and 30K'doshim (Holy ones) combined readings Lev 16:1-20:27/ Eze 22:1-19; Amos 9:7-15 *(Please refer to next page to see Aliyot / Torah participants) 6 Iy'yar // Omer 21
26 7 Iy'yar // Omer 22	27 8 Iy'yar // Omer 23	28 9 Iy'yar // Omer 24	29 10 Iy'yar // Omer 25	30 11 Iy'yar // Omer 26	MAY 1 12 Iy'yar // Omer 27	MAY 2 <b>Service 10:30am</b> 31Emor (Say!) Lev 21:1-24:23/ Eze 44:15-31/ Mt 5:38-42 *(Please refer to next page to see Aliyot / Torah participants) 13 Iy'yar // Omer 28

\*For more info, refer to next page, please.

## Aliyot (Torah Service Participants)

<b>April 11</b> 22 Nisan	<sup>26</sup> Sh'mini*	Torah Blessor <b>PAMELA</b>	Torah Reader <b>NORMAN G</b>	Drash <b>LORI</b>
<b>April 18</b> 29 Nisan	<sup>27</sup> Tazria (She bears seed) & <sup>28</sup> M'tzora (Infected one)*	Torah Blessor <b>NORMAN G</b>	Torah Reader <b>RHONDA</b>	Drash <b>ERIC</b>
<b>April 25</b> 6 Iy'yar	<sup>29</sup> Acharei Mot (After the death)* & <sup>30</sup> K'doshim (Holy ones)*	Torah Blessor <b>RHONDA</b>	Torah Reader <b>PAMELA</b>	Drash <b>NORMAN G</b>
<b>May 2</b> 13 Iy'yar	<sup>31</sup> Emor (Say!)*	Torah Blessor <b>NORMAN G</b>	Torah Reader <b>TERE</b>	Drash <b>RHONDA</b>
<i>*Please refer to page 1 of calendar for actual readings.</i>				

## Glossary of Terms for this Calendar (note: Terms below are listed in the order in which the Terms appear on the calendar.)

### **Pesach (Passover):**

*Yeshua said, "I desire to eat this Passover with you." (Luke 22:15)*

Passover is *"A festival to the LORD: a lasting ordinance for generations to come."* (Ex 12:14b; also Ex 12:1, 11, 21, 27, 42, 43, 48. Lev: 23:4-8, 14; Num 9, 28:16, 33:33; Deut 16; Josh 5:10)

This is the 1st of the 7 Biblical Feasts and is celebrated on the 14<sup>th</sup> of Nisan. The English name is *Passover*; the Hebrew, *Pesach* (meaning "to passover" or "to skip over"); and the Greek, *Pascha*.

**Seder** is Hebrew word for *order*; the Seder dictates the arrangement of the Passover ceremony. The Haggadah is the telling of the story of Passover.

### **Hag HaMatzot (Feast Unleavened Bread):**

*"Then on the 15th day of the same month there is the Feast of Unleavened Bread to the LORD; for 7 days you shall eat unleavened bread."* (Lev 23:6)

This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> of the 7 Biblical Feasts. This Feast begins on the 15th and continues through the 21st of Nisan. Nothing with leaven is to be eaten during these 7 days.

**Matzah** is baked without leaven and is eaten during Hag HaMatzot. Bread with yeast is not to be eaten from the evening of the 14th (erev Passover) until the evening of the 21st of Nisan.

Matzah pictures the haste with which the Hebrews left Egypt (Ex 12:11, 17, and 18). Later, *matzah* symbolized "hypocrisy" (Lu 12:1) or "malice and wickedness" (1 Cor 5:8), & understood as sin.

### **Holy Assembly:**

*"On the first day you shall have a holy assembly, and another holy assembly on the seventh day; no work at all shall be done on them, except what must be eaten by every person that alone may be prepared by you."* (Ex 12:16, NASB).

Holy Assemblies are fall on the Gregorian-calendar day following Erev Pesach (Seder), the 7<sup>th</sup> Day of Pesach, Erev Shavuot, Erev Sukkot, and Sh'mini Atzeret. (I love how G-d gave us a day of rest following the enormity of His Festivals)

### **Hag HaBikurim (Feast of First Fruits):**

This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> of the 7 Feasts which G-d commanded the Israelites observe annually. It is observed on the 16<sup>th</sup> of Nisan, during the barley harvest. The Priests waved the first sheaf (omer) before the Lord (Lev 23:9-14).

The "Feast of First Fruits" is not to be mistaken with the "Feast of Harvest with the first fruits" (Ex 23:16 NIV). (Feast of Harvest or Ingathering; it is also called the Feast of Shavuot, or Feast of Weeks, or Pentecost.)

### **Omer (Counting the Omer):**

From Hag HaBikurim, the 16<sup>th</sup> of Nisan, thru the day before Shavuot (Feast of Weeks or Pentecost), an omer of barley was taken daily to the Temple. These 49 days serve as a reminder of the connection between the deliverance during slavery at Passover to the giving of Torah at Shavuot. (Lev 23:15-16)