

Congregation Faithful Stewardship

ַנֶּדַת הָאֲרִיסִים הַנֶּאֲמָנִים:

"We are a unified body of Believers who is bearing witness while the Master is away."

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April 2023 – Nisan / Iyar 5783



Explanation of calendar:

- **#1** The Gregorian date.
- #2 Hebrew calendar month & day.
- #3 The Biblical day begins at sundown (rather than at midnight, as it does with the Gregorian calendar).
- #4 The blue tint illustrates Shabbat from the beginning on Friday to the ending on Saturday at sundown.



April 2023 – Nisan / Iyar 5783 קריאָת הַתּוֹרָה Called for public reading (of the Torah)

Date	 Torah Portion (reading cycle) Torah (first 5 books of the Tanach/ Old Testament) Haftarah (Prophets & Writings in the Tanach/Old Testament) AW: Apostolic Writings (New Testament) 	Welcome	Shema Liturgy	Assistant Gabbai	Torah Reading at <u>Bema</u> (Hebrew)	Drash: Torah at <u>Podium</u> (Interpretation Parasha)	Drash: Haftarah at <u>Podium</u> (Interpretation of Haftarah reading)	Message		
04/01/2023 10 Nisan Zoom service	²⁵ Tzav (Command) Torah: Lev 6:1-8:36 (*Lev 6:8-8:36, Eng Bible) Haftarah: Jer 7:21-8:3, 9:22-23* (*Jer 9:23-24) AS: Mk 12:28-34; Ro12:1-2; 1Cor 10:14-23	Don Cole	Don Cole	Norman George	Lev 6:8-9, Eng Bible) Lev 6:1 Josiah Robeson Lev 6:2 Denise Howell	Fie Duykers	Donna Hansen	Norman George		
04/05/2023 14 Nisan (Wednesday)	Passover Special Readings: 1st Day: Torah: Ex 12:21-51; Nu 28:16-25 **Apostolic Scriptures: Mt 26-28; Mk 14-16; Lk 22-24; Jn 13-21; 1Cor 5:6-8 SPECIAL Lev reading: Lev 23:1-5, esp 23:4-5	Passover Seder @ 5pm Location to be Zoom								
04/06/2023 15 Nisan (Thursday)	Feast of Unleavened Bread aka Hag HaMatzot Torah: Lev 23:6-8; Dt 16:3; Ex 12:8, 16, 12:15, 13:3, 34:18	home Hag HaMatzot celebrations (home Seder)								
04/07/2023 16 Nisan (Friday) Zoom Service	Yom HaBikurim Special Readings: Torah: Lev 23:9-14 **AS: 1Cor 15:20-21 SPECIAL Lev reading: Lev 23:9-14, esp 23:9-10	Jim Robeson	Jim Robeson	Norman George	Lev 23: 9 & 10 Les'a Cole	Yom HaBikurim (First Fruits) Zoom service		Don Cole		
04/11/2023 21 Nisan (Tuesday)	Hag HaMatzot, 7th Day Torah: Ex 13:17-15:26; Nu 28:18-25 SPECIAL Leviticus reading: Lev 23:1-2 and 6-8	Jim Robeson	Jim Robeson	Norman George	Lev 23: 1 & 2 Fie Duykers	Hag HaMatzot, 7th day Zoom Service		Don Cole		
04/15/2023 24 Nisan Zoom service	²⁶ Sh'mini (Eighth) Torah: Lev 9:1-11:47 Haftarah: 2Sam 6:1-7:17 **AS: Mk 7:1-23; Acts 5:1-11, 10:1-35	Jim Robeson	Jim Robeson	Norman George	Lev 9:1 Norman George	Donna Hansen	Denise Howell	Don Cole		
04/22/2023 1 Iyar Zoom service	²⁷ Tazria (She bears seed) Torah: Lev 12:1-13:59 Haftarah: 2Ki 4:42-5:19 **AS: Mt 8:1-4,11:2-6; Mk 1:40-45; Lk 2:22-24 & ²⁸ M'tzora (Infected one) Torah: Lev 14:1-15:33 Haftarah: 2Ki 7:3-20 **AS: Mt 9:20-26; Mk 5:24b -34; Lk 8:42b-48	Jim Robeson	Jim Robeson	Norman George	Lev 12:1 Frank Madrigal Lev 12:2 Les'a Cole M'tzora Lev 14:1	Torah Drash ²⁷ Tazria Norman George	Torah Drash ²⁸ M'tzora Vince Reterstorf	Don Cole		

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04/29/2023 8 Iyar Zoom service	 ²⁹Acharei Mot (After the death)	Jim Robeson	Jim Robeson	Norman George	Lev 16:1 Denise Howell K'doshim Lev 19:1 & 2	Torah Drash ²⁹ Acharei Mot Frank Madrigal	Torah Drash ³⁰ K'doshim Norman George	Don Cole

Explanation of calendar:

Matzot: Matzah (bread without leavening) is eaten during 7 days of Hag HaMatzot. (Matzah pictures the haste with which the Hebrews left Egypt. (Ex 12:11, 17-18)

Omer: From Hag HaBikurim, the 16th of Nisan, thru the day before Shavuot (Feast of Weeks or Pentecost). An omer (or sheaf is a unit of measure) of barley is counted and was taken daily to the Temple. These 49 days serve as a reminder of the connection between the deliverance during slavery at Passover and the giving of Torah at Shavuot. (Lev 23:15-16)

This is [God's festivals are] to be a lasting ordinance for generations to come, wherever you live." Lev 23:21

Passover Seder - April 5 @ 5:00pm -- location to be announced.

Hag HaMatzot, 7th day - April 13 @ 5:45pm -- location to be announced.

Please refer to next page for glossary of terms for this calendar.

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

The 3 Spring Festivals fall on 3 consecutive days in the Gregorian month of March or April: Lunar month of Nisan

¹Passover (פֿסָה aka Pesach). 14 Nisan

- o The first spring festival is Passover.
- o Passover is mentioned 57 times in the TaNaKh (OT) & in the Apostolic Scriptures (NT).
 - Yeshua said, "I desire to eat this Passover with you." (Luke 22:15)
 - "Now this day will be a memorial to you, & you shall celebrate it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations you are to celebrate it as a permanent ordinance," (Ex 12:14 NASB. Also Ex 12:1, 11, 15-28, 42, 43, 48; 23:15. Lev: 23:4-8, 14. Deut 16. Num 9:13. 28:16, 33:33; Josh 5:10)
- o The English name is Passover; the Hebrew, *Pesach* (meaning "to passover" or "to skip over"); and the Greek word is *Pascha* (which unfortunately is often mistranslated as Easter in the NT).
- o 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.

²Hag HaMatzot (תג הַמַּצוֹת aka, Feast of Unleavened Bread). 15-21 Nisan

- o The second spring festival is 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; also Deut 16:3; Ex 12:8, 12:15, 13:3, 34:18, 1Cor 5:8)
- o Matzah (bread without leavening) is eaten during 7 days of Hag HaMatzot. (Matzah pictures the haste with which the Hebrews left Egypt. (Ex 12:11, 17-18)

Holy Assembly (aka Holy Convocation and Shabbat Shabbaton). 15 Nisan

O The spring Holy Assemblies (aka Holy Convocations) fall on the Gregorian-calendar day following erev Pesach (Seder) and the 7th Day of Pesach.

"On the first day you shall have a holy assembly [holy convocation; מֵקְרָא־קֹּדָשׁ], 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, 23:7; Num 28:18 NASB).

³ Counting the Omer. 16 Nisan - 5 Sivan

- o From Hag HaBikurim, the 16th of Nisan, thru the day before Shavuot (Feast of Weeks or Pentecost). An omer (or sheaf is a unit of measure) of barley is counted and was taken daily to the Temple.
- o These 49 days serve as a reminder of the connection between the deliverance during slavery at Passover and the giving of Torah at Shavuot. (Lev 23:15-16)

⁴ Yom HaBikurim (יוֹם הַבְּכּוּרִים: the beginning of the harvest aka Yom HaBikurim יוֹם הַבְּכּוּרִים). *16 Nisan*

- o This is the 3rd of the 7 Feasts which God commanded the Israelites observe annually, during the barley harvest.

 (NOTE: The "Feast of First Fruits" is not to be mistaken with the "Feast of Harvest with the first fruits." Ex 23:16 NIV. The Feast of Harvest or Ingathering is also called the Feast of Shavuot, or Feast of Weeks, or Pentecost.)
- o The Priests waved the first sheaf (omer) before the Lord (Lev 23:9-14).
 - "This is to be a lasting ordinance for the generations to come, wherever you live." (Lev 2:14, 23:14c; Nu 28:26)
 - "Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to the sons of Israel & say to them, When you enter the land which I am going to give to you & reap its harvest, then you shall bring in the sheaf of the first fruits of your harvest to the priest," (Lev 23:9-10).

⁵7th Day Convocation (Passover 7th Day). 21 Nisan

"On the seventh day you shall have a holy convocation; you shall do no laborious work." (Ex 12:16, Nu 28:18-25)