

April 2026 – Nisan-Iyyar 5786

Date	Torah Portion (reading cycle) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Torah (first 5 books of the Tanach/ Old Testament) • Haftarah (Prophets & Writings in the Tanach/Old Testament) *AS: Apostolic Scriptures (New Testament) 	Welcome	Shema Liturgy	Assistant Gabbai	Torah Reading at Bema (Hebrew)	Drash: Torah at Podium (Interpretation Parasha)	Drash: Haftarah at Podium (Interpretation of Haftarah reading)	Message
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“This is [YHVH’s festivals are] to be a lasting ordinance for generations to come, wherever you live.” Lev 23:21

↓↓ **¹Passover Seder (ending of 14 Nisan) & ²Hag HaMatzot (beginning of 15 Nisan) – Wednesday (04-01-2026) @ 5pm AZ / 7pm OK** ↓↓

04/01/2026 14 & 15 Nisan Wednesday 5:00 AZ/7:00 OK Zoom service	<i>Read March 29-April 1</i> ¹Passover Special Reading: 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	¹PASSOVER Seder & ²Hag HaMatzot Seder: Wednesday evening, 04/01/2026 at 5:00 AZ // 7:00 OK						Don Cole
04/02/2026 16 Nisan Thursday 5:30 AZ/7:30 OK Zoom service	<i>Read April 1</i> ³Yom HaBikurim Special Reading: Torah: Lev 23:9-14 Apostolic Scriptures: 1Cor 15:20-21 SPECIAL Lev read: Lev 23:9-14, esp 23:9-10	Jim Robeson	Jim Robeson	Norman George	<i>Lev 23:9 Lev 23:10</i>	<i>Torah Drash Lev 23:9-14</i>	<i>Drash: Lev 23:9-10 & 1Cor 15:20-21 Fie Duykers</i>	Don Cole
04/04/2026 17 Nisan Shabbat 10:30 AZ/12:30 OK Zoom service	Passover Special Shabbat Reading: Torah: Ex 33:12–34:26; Num 28:19-25 Haftarah: Eze 36:37-37:14	Jim Robeson	Jim Robeson	Norman George	<i>Ex 33:13</i>	<i>Torah Drash: Ex 33:12-34:26; Num 28:19-25</i>	<i>Haftarah Drash: Eze36:37-37:14 Fie Duykers</i>	Jim Robeson
04/07/2026 21 Nisan Tuesday 5:30 AZ/7:30 OK Zoom service	<i>Read April 3-7</i> ^{2&4}Hag HaMatzot, 7th Day Special Reading: Torah: Ex 13:17-15:26; Nu 28:18-25 SPECIAL Lev reading: Lev 23:1-2 and 6-8	Jim Robeson	Jim Robeson	Norman George	<i>Lev 23:1 & 2 – Lev 23:6 - Lev 23:8 -</i>		<i>Drash: Lev 23:1-2 & 6-8 Fie Duykers</i>	Norman George
04/11/2026 24 Nisan 10:30 AZ/12:30 OK Zoom service	<i>Read April 8-11</i> ²⁶Sh’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	<i>Lev 9:1</i> CJ Corbett	<i>Torah Drash: Sh’mini</i>	<i>Haftarah Drash: Sh’mini Fie Duykers</i>	Don Cole

<p>04/18/2026 1 Iyyar 10:30 AZ/12:30 OK Zoom service</p>	<p><i>Read April 12-18</i> 27Tazria (She bears seed) Torah: Lev 12:1-13:59 (vayedaber) Haftarah: 2Ki 4:42-5:19 **AS: Mt 8:1-4,11:2-6; Mk 1:40-45; Lk 2:22-24 & 28M'tzora (Infected one) Torah: Lev 14:1-15:33 (vayedaber) Haftarah: 2Ki 7:3-20 **AS: Mt 9:20-26; Mk 5:24b -34; Lk 8:42b-48</p>	<p>Jim Robeson</p>	<p>Jim Robeson</p>	<p>Norman George</p>	<p><i>Lev 12:1</i> <i>Lev 12:2</i> <i>Lev 14:2</i></p>	<p><i>Torah Drash: Tazria</i></p>	<p><i>Torah Drash: M'tzora</i> Fie Duykers</p>	<p>Norman George</p>
<p>04/25/2026 8 Iyyar 10:30 AZ/12:30 OK Zoom service</p>	<p><i>Read April 19-25</i> 29Acharei Mot (After the death) Torah: Lev 16:1-18:30 (vayedaber) Haftarah: Eze 22:1-19 **AS: Ro3:19-28, 9:30-10:13; 1Co5:1-13; 2Co2:1-11 & 30K'doshim (Holy ones) Torah: Lev 19:1-20:27 (vayedaber) Haftarah: Amos 9:7-15 AS: Mt 5:33-37, 43-48, 15:1-11, 19:16-30</p>	<p>Jim Robeson</p>	<p>Norman George</p>	<p>Norman George</p>	<p><i>Lev 16:1</i> <i>Lev 19:1</i> <i>Lev 19:2</i></p>	<p><i>Drash: Torah Acharei Mot</i></p>	<p><i>Drash: Torah K'doshim</i> Fie Duykers</p>	<p>Don Cole</p>

***Explanation of Terms for YHVH's spring calendar (note: Terms below are listed in order they appear on the calendar.)**

1 Passover (פסח 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).
- o Yeshua said, "I desire to eat this Passover with you." (Luke 22:15)
- o "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.

2&4 Hag HaMatzot (חג המצות) aka, Feast of Unleavened Bread). **15-21 Nisan**



- 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
- “On the seventh day (21 Nisan) you shall have a holy assembly; you shall do no laborious work.” Lev 23:6-8; Ex 12:16; Nu 28:18-25

Matzah (bread without leaven) is eaten during the 7 days of Hag HaMatzot. The flatness of matzah reflects the haste with which the Hebrews left Egypt. Ex 12:11, 17-18

Shabbat Shabbaton (aka Holy Convocation & Holy Assembly). **15 Nisan**

The spring Holy Assemblies (aka Holy Convocations & Shabbat Shabbaton) 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; מִקְרָא־קֹדֶשׁ], 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

3 Yom HaBikurim (יום הבכורים) aka first fruits). **16 Nisan**



- 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.)
- 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. “But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep,” 1Cor 15:20-21.

Counting the Omer. **From 16 Nisan until 5 Sivan**

- From Hag HaBikurim, the 16th of Nisan, through 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 remind us of the connection between deliverance from slavery at Passover & giving of Torah at Shavu’ot. Lev 23:15-16