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"This month shall be the beginning of months for you; it is to be the first month of the year to you." (Exodus 12:2)

AVIV SEARCH

2019 REPORT

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Dear Friends,

As you know, every year around this time, I organize and lead an Aviv Search in the Land of Israel. The objective of our Aviv Search is to examine the state of volunteer naturally irrigated barley in the Land of Israel so those interested in following the Biblical Calendar are able to determine when to begin the new year.

I am pleased to report that we had another incredible Aviv Search this year! Before I share our findings, I want to praise Yehovah for the protection He provided us on our excursion and pray that we have used wise discernment on our search and that I am able to accurately convey what we saw in a manner which will be helpful to those who desire to follow the Biblical Calendar and keep the holy days in their appointed times.

We carried out our Aviv Search on March 6, 2019 and concentrated our search in the regions in Israel where the barley first ripens, namely the Jordan Valley and the Northern Negev. The barley in the Jordan Valley was extremely immature, either still in the boot or in the flowering or cotton stages. When we

progressed more South, we found fields that contained a significant amount of barley in the worm and soft dough stages. We even found some patches of aviv barley. However, these aviv patches were clearly micro environments and by far not representative of the state of the barley in the fields they were found in. One of the places we found patches of aviv barley was growing on a slightly raised mound, which for whatever reason seems to have caused the barley to develop quicker. The other place we found patches of Aviv barley was on the West side of a Tel, which due to its position and direction was receiving a lot of direct sunlight. I want to reiterate that the little Aviv we found, were patches found in micro environments and by far not representative of the state of the barley in the fields they were found in, nor will it significantly affect the harvest yield if these patches are not harvested before their heads break.

Now, let me try and preempt a question which I expect to get, which is when do I think a significant amount of this year's barley crop will be Aviv. It is very hard to predict such a thing in general and particularly this month as the state of the barley is currently quite immature, and forecasts expect more cool weather and rain over the next couple of weeks in these areas.

In light of our findings, it was the unanimous consensus of the team that they personally will NOT be beginning the new year with the upcoming new moon. However, as this is a decision each person needs to make for themselves, I will once again include below the possible dates of the holidays of the 1st month for both March and April. Please keep track of when you decide to start the new year, so that you will know when to keep the holidays of the 7th month.

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Scenario #1

Aviv found at the end of the **12th month**
 New Moon sighted **March 7, 2019**

Chag HaMatzot (Feast of Unleavened Bread)

1st Day: *sunset* March 21, 2019 - *sunset* March 22, 2019
 7th Day: *sunset* March 27, 2019 - *sunset* March 28, 2019

Chag HaShavuot (Feast of Weeks)

sunset May 11, 2019 - *sunset* May 12, 2019

Scenario #2

Aviv found at the end of the **12th month**
 New Moon sighted **March 8, 2019**

Chag HaMatzot (Feast of Unleavened Bread)

1st Day: *sunset* March 22, 2019 - *sunset* March 23, 2019
 7th Day: *sunset* March 28, 2019 - *sunset* March 29, 2019

Chag HaShavuot (Feast of Weeks)

sunset May 11, 2019 - *sunset* May 12, 2019

Scenario #3

Aviv found at the end of the **13th month**
 New Moon sighted **April 6, 2019**

Chag HaMatzot (Feast of Unleavened Bread)

1st Day: *sunset* April 20, 2019 - *sunset* April 21, 2019
 7th Day: *sunset* April 26, 2019 - *sunset* April 27, 2019

Chag HaShavuot (Feast of Weeks)

sunset June 8, 2019 - *sunset* June 9, 2019

The above holiday dates are based on the year beginning with the Month of the Aviv and the sighting of the New Moon in the Land of Israel.

At the end of the 12th month our dedicated team will be inspecting the barley crop in the Land of Israel to determine whether this year needs to be intercalated with a 13th month.

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I wish to thank the members of this year's team for participating in the Aviv Search – Devorah Gordon, Jonathan Haber, Yochanan Zaqantov and Meir Rekhavi. I know we each made personal sacrifices to come from all over the country and participate in what was an extremely intense, yet enjoyable, Aviv Search and I want you to know how much your participation is appreciated and contributed to the success of this year's Search. A special shout-out to Jonathan Haber for not only being a participant, but for once again sharing his horticulture knowledge with us and for driving us across the country!

I also want to thank all of you have supported our efforts to restore the Biblical Calendar, by being a [Patreon of Devorah's Date Tree](#). Your contributions help immensely with our expenses throughout the year and particularly on the Aviv Search. I really can't thank you enough for your support.

I also want to thank all of you for your prayers for a safe journey and helping us get the word out on the importance of restoring the Biblical Calendar and letting people know they can count on [Devorah's Date Tree](#) for reliable first-hand New Moon and Aviv Reports.

It is my hope that you have found this Aviv Report to be helpful in deciding when to begin the new year. I will be leaving shortly to look for the [new moon](#) and will be sending out the New Moon Report as soon as the sightings can be

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The opinions expressed in the above report are my personal perceptions and interpretations and although I have no reason to think those who participated in the Aviv Search with me would disagree with anything I have stated, it should be noted that the above report may or may not represent their opinions.



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