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And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night;  
and let them be for signs, and for appointed times, and for days and years. (Gen 1:14)



New Moon Photo  
by Rivkah Biderman

**New Moon Observation**  
*12 January 2024*

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Dear Friends,

As we suspected might happen, more reports have just come in from the New Moon Observation on **Friday, 12 January 2024**, now that Shabbat has just ended.

The crescent New Moon was sighted from:

\* Otniel at 5:15 by David Shlomovitz [we suspect that he did not use an optical aid]

\* Givat Shmuel at 5:20 by Gadi Eidelheit [we confirmed that he did not use an optical aid]

\* Azza by Matthew Hauer at 5:45pm. [we do not know this observer, or whether an optical aid was used, this report was gleamed this from a second-hand report]

\* From Poria Illit at 5:21pm by Rivkah (Becca) Biderman

As for Rivkah (Becca) Biderman's observation, she has yet to respond to our inquiry as to whether she used an optical aid to spot the New Moon. The best we have been able to gather is the following statement which she wrote on social media "I can hardly believe it. I saw it a brief minute before the moon went behind the clouds. 17:21 [5:21pm]. No photos by cell phone to share now. It was too brief. But there will a [her typo] just two from my camera in a bit."

The image at the top of this report was taken by Rivkah (Becca) Biderman, from her observation point on Friday, 12 January 2024, which we believe to have been Poria Illit in the Galilee. We usually like to get the permission of the photographer before using their images, but as it has been difficult for us to reach Rivkah, we hope that she will forgive us for using her photo without her permission given the circumstances, and our honest presumption that she would want us to share it.

In light of the above testimonies, I have personally decided to have begun this month on Friday, 12 January 2024. As days in the Biblical Calendar are from sunset to sunset, Rosh Chodesh (the first day of the month), begins when the New Moon has been sighted, and continues until sunset the following day. Rosh Chodesh is a celebratory day (Num 10:10; Hosea 2:11), which was traditionally commemorated by blowing the shofar (Num 10:10; Psalm 81:4[3]), having a festive meal (1 Samuel 20:5, 24), and worshiping at the Beit HaMikdash (Temple) (Isaiah 66:23; Ezekiel 46:3) with a special sacrifice (Num 28:11-15; 2Chronicles 2:3; Ezra 3:4-5, Ezekiel 45:17, Ezekiel 46:6).

On behalf of all of us who do our best to keep the Biblical Calendar, we want to thank everyone who looked for the New Moon Friday evening, and all of you who are supporting this important effort from afar. And a special shout out this month, to all of you who saw

some of the above the testimonies on the internet and shared them with us in a timely manner. I always say that we have an amazing team, and this was just another example of how if we work together, we can restore the Biblical Calendar.

As the Biblical Calendar is an observational calendar, it's imperative that we carry out thorough Barley Inspections to determine the holiday dates of the first month. Our first Barley Inspection is currently scheduled for just prior to the New Moon Observation on March 11, 2024, and we could really use your prayers and support to ensure it's a success.

If you've been enjoying our reports for a while and been meaning to make a contribution, this is the perfect time to start partnering with us. And if you're already a loyal supporter and able to give a little more during this crucial period, that would be greatly appreciated.



2024

# 1<sup>st</sup> MONTH <sup>potential</sup> HOLIDAY DATES

according to the Biblical Calendar

1st Month Holidays	<b>Scenario #1</b> <i>New Moon sighted on 11-March-2024</i>	<b>Scenario #2</b> <i>New Moon sighted on 12-March-2024</i>
1 <sup>st</sup> Day Chag HaMatzot	<i>sunset Mar 25 - sunset Mar 26</i> Passover Sacrifice would be brought on Mar 25 at sunset	<i>sunset Mar 26 - sunset Mar 27</i> Passover Sacrifice would be brought on Mar 26 at sunset
Yom HaNafat HaOmer	March 31, 2024	March 31, 2024
7 <sup>th</sup> Day Chag HaMatzot	<i>sunset Mar 31 - sunset Apr 1</i>	<i>sunset Apr 1 - sunset Apr 2</i>
Chag HaShavuot	<i>sunset May 18 - sunset May 19</i>	<i>sunset May 18 - sunset May 19</i>
1st Month Holidays	<b>Scenario #3</b> <i>New Moon sighted on 9-April-2024</i>	<b>Scenario #4</b> <i>New Moon sighted on 10-April-2024</i>
1 <sup>st</sup> Day Chag HaMatzot	<i>sunset Apr 23 - sunset Apr 24</i> Passover Sacrifice would be brought on Apr 23 at sunset	<i>sunset Apr 24 - sunset Apr 25</i> Passover Sacrifice would be brought on Apr 24 at sunset
Yom HaNafat HaOmer	April 28, 2024	April 28, 2024
7 <sup>th</sup> Day Chag HaMatzot	<i>sunset Apr 29 - sunset Apr 30</i>	<i>sunset Apr 30 - sunset May 1</i>
Chag HaShavuot	<i>sunset Jun 15 - sunset Jun 16</i>	<i>sunset Jun 15 - sunset Jun 16</i>

The above dates assume the year begins with healthy Aviv fields, and that Yom HaNafat HaOmer (The Day of the Wave Sheaf Offering), is to be observed the Sunday during Chag HaMatzot (Feast of Unleavened Bread) [see Joshua 5:10-12]. Because the Biblical Calendar is an observational calendar, the actual dates can only be determined once we carry out the necessary Barley Inspections, and observe the crescent New Moon from the Land of Israel. Our first Barley Inspection is currently scheduled for just prior to March 11, 2024. Please partner with us to restore the Biblical Calendar. We could really use your support to carry out this important work.

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