

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)



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Dear Friends,

We want to thank you for all the nice messages you sent us following our 1st Barley Inspection of the season, and want to take this opportunity to respond to your questions regarding what month we are currently in.

As you know, we sighted the New Moon from Israel last night (11 March 2024), this means that those who began last year on 23 March 2023, are now beginning their 1st month, or if they decide to do a leap year, then this is the beginning of their 13th month. And those who began last year on 21 April 2023, have just begun their 12th month. However, in our opinion, it doesn't matter what month you are in this late in the year. All that's important now, is that we begin this year with Chodesh HaAviv (Ex 12:2, Ex 13:3-4, Ex 23:15, Ex 34:18, Dt 16:1).

So, when is Chodesh HaAviv? In the Tanakh, it talks about the barley being Aviv just prior to Chag HaMatzot (Feast of Unleavened Bread) (Lev 23:10, Dt 16:9, Joshua 5:10-12). So, the definition of Chodesh HaAviv, seems to be the month in which the barley is Aviv just prior to Chag HaMatzot (Feast of Unleavened Bread).

The understanding that Chodesh HaAviv is the month in which the barley is Aviv just prior to Chag HaMatzot (Feast of Unleavened Bread), is supported by Yom HaNafatHaOmer (The Day of the Wave Sheaf Offering) being described as when the sickle begins on the standing grain (Dt 16:9), and that we are supposed to bring the first of our harvest to the Priest on this day (Lev 23:10).

So, do we just wait until right before Chag HaMatzot (Feast of Unleavened Bread) to know whether it's Chodesh HaAviv. I don't think so. I think we know by the beginning of the month, if the seasons have started to change, and whether it will be warm enough for the barley to become Aviv just before Chag HaMatzot (Feast of Unleavened Bread). That is of course if we pay attention to such things over the years, as presumably the ancient Israelites would have done.

In summation, we just want to let you know that we are beginning to see changes in the weather here, and although the barley is currently quite immature, ten days is a longtime in "barley time". Therefore, we feel it's important that we inspect the barley again around the 10th of this Biblical Month (21 March 2023), to see whether it has become Aviv. We use the 10th of the Biblical Month as our cutoff date, because it seems that that's when the men would take an omer from their barley field (Lev 23:10), along with a lamb (Ex 12:3), and go up to the Temple. We could really use your prayers and support for this Second Inspection. Contributions can be made easily, and in any currency, via [PayPal](#), [Patreon](#), or by sending a [Check](#) to Devorah's Date Tree, POB 4263, Jerusalem 9104201, ISRAEL.

2024

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

according to the Biblical Calendar

1st Month Holidays	Scenario #1 <i>New Moon sighted on 11-March-2024</i>	<i>New Moon Sighted 11-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	
Yom HaNafat HaOmer	March 31, 2024	
7 <sup>th</sup> Day Chag HaMatzot	<i>sunset Mar 31 - sunset Apr 1</i>	
Chag HaShavuot	<i>sunset May 18 - sunset May 19</i>	
1st Month Holidays	Scenario #3 <i>New Moon sighted on 9-April-2024</i>	Scenario #4 <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 are based on the year beginning with healthy Aviv fields by Chag HaMatzot (Feast of Unleavened Bread), 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. 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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