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Dear Friends,

As we're approaching Yom HaNafat HaOmer (Day of the Wave Sheaf Offering), we want to take this opportunity to respond to some of your questions regarding the Omer offering.

To remind you, Chag HaMatzot (Feast of Unleavened Bread), is one of three national harvest festivals, where the farmers are required to bring the first fruits of their produce to the Priest, when they go up to the Temple for the feast (Ex 23:14-19, Ex 34:23-26, Dt 16:13-17).

On Chag HaMatzot (Feast of Unleavened Bread), the farmers bring an Omer of their crop to the Priest (Lev23:10), as a Reshit (first fruits offering). It's understood that all the farmers must bring this offering at the feast, as the passage starts off saying, "Speak to the CHILDREN OF ISRAEL and say to THEM" (Lev 23:10), the entire passage is written in second person plural, and ends with "it shall be a perpetual statute IN ALL YOUR DWELLINGS" (Lev 23:14). And we also know that no one is to appear at the feasts empty-handed (Ex 23:14-19, Ex 34:23-26, Dt16:13-17).

As the beginning of the Biblical Year is when the barley fields are ready to feed the nation (Ex 9:31, Lev 23:14, Josh 5:10-12), and everyone must bring an omer of their produce on Chag HaMatzot, the fields may need to start being harvesting prior to Yom HaNafat HaOmer (Wave Sheaf Day). This is why there's no prohibition against harvesting as needed, we're only prohibited from eating from the harvest before Yom HaNafat HaOmer (Day of the Wave Sheaf Offering) (Lev 23:14).

In other words, the farmers would harvest their fields as they became Aviv, and put an omer aside (Dt 26:2) to bring with them, when they went up to Temple for Chag HaMatzot (Feast of Unleavened Bread) (Lev 23:10).

In order for everyone to be able to bring an Omer of their produce on Chag HaMatzot (Feast of Unleavened Bread), and for Chag HaSukkot (Feast of Booths) to fallout at the end of the agricultural year (Ex 23:16, Ex 34:22, Lev 23:39, Dt16:13), the Biblical Year must begin with the crescent New Moon after the Spring Equilux (Gen 1:14).

This is what's meant by the sun is for years and the moon is for moadim (appointed times) (Gen 1:14), and how the Biblical Year begins with Chodesh HaAviv (month of the Aviv) (Ex12:2, Ex 13:3-4, Ex 23:15, Ex 34:18, Dt 16:1), as the sun must be strong enough to ripen the fields, which starts to happen around the time of the SpringEquilux. And also how everyone knew when to start their trek up to the Temple in time for Chag HaMatzot (Feast of Unleavened Bread), regardless of when their fields became Aviv.

Remember, beginning the Biblical Year with the crescent New Moon after the Spring Equilux, is the only way for the beginning of the year to be when the barley fields are ready to feed the nation (Ex 9:31, Lev 23:14, Josh 5:10-12), everyone is able to bring an omer of their harvest to the Priest when they go up to the Temple for Chag HaMatzot (Feast of Unleavened Bread) (Lev 23:10, Ex 23:14-19, Ex 34:23-26,Dt 16:13-17), and Chag HaSukkot (Feast of Booths) will fall out at the end of the agricultural year (Ex 23:16, Ex 34:22, Lev 23:39, Dt 16:13).

We're hoping to be able to witness the state of the Volunteer Fields in Jerusalem again in a little over a week, and could really use your prayers and support to help make this happen.

2025

2025 HOLIDAY DATES

according to the Biblical Calendar

1st Month Holidays	Scenario #1 <i>New Moon sighted on 30-March-2025</i>	New Moon Sighted from Israel 30-March-2025
1 st Day Chag HaMatzot (1 Day Unleavened Bread)	Apr 13 <i>sunset</i> - Apr 14 <i>sunset</i>	
Yom HaNafat HaOmer (Wave Sheaf Day)	April 20, 2025	
7 th Day Chag HaMatzot (7 Day Unleavened Bread)	April 19 <i>sunset</i> - Apr 20 <i>sunset</i>	
Chag HaShavuot (Feast of Weeks)	June 7 <i>sunset</i> - June 8 <i>sunset</i>	

7th Month Holidays	Scenario #1 <i>New Moon sighted on 23-September-2025</i>	Scenario #2 <i>New Moon sighted on 24-September-2025</i>
Yom Teruah (Day of Trumpets)	Sep 23 <i>sunset</i> - Sep 24 <i>sunset</i>	Sep 24 <i>sunset</i> - Sep 25 <i>sunset</i>
Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement)	Oct 2 <i>sunset</i> - Oct 3 <i>sunset</i>	Oct 3 <i>sunset</i> - Oct 4 <i>sunset</i>
1 st Day of Chag HaSukkot (First Day Feast Booths)	Oct 7 <i>sunset</i> - Oct 8 <i>sunset</i>	Oct 8 <i>sunset</i> - Oct 9 <i>sunset</i>
Shemini Atzeret (Eighth Day of Assembly)	Oct 14 <i>sunset</i> - Oct 15 <i>sunset</i>	Oct 15 <i>sunset</i> - Oct 16 <i>sunset</i>

The Biblical Calendar is a luni-solar calendar (Gen 1:14), in which the months begin with the sighting of the crescent New Moon (the sign), following conjunction (the lunar phase). And similarly, the years begin with the sighting of the crescent New Moon (the sign), following the Spring Equilux (the solar phase). This is what's meant by the commandment to begin the Biblical Year with Chodesh HaAviv (month of the Aviv) (Ex 12:2, Ex 13:3-4, Ex 23:15, Ex 34:18, Dt 16:1), as the barley begins to become Aviv at the time of the Spring Equilux, as result of the sun becoming stronger. Beginning the Biblical Year with the New Moon after the Spring Equilux, is also how everyone knew when to start their trek up to the Temple in time for Chag HaMatzot (Feast of Unleavened Bread), regardless of when their fields became Aviv. In fact, if one were to begin the Biblical Year prior to the Spring Equilux, Chag HaSukkot (Feast of Booths) won't fall out at the end of the agricultural year (Ex 23:16, Ex 34:22, Lev 23:39, Dt 16:13).

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We could really use your prayers and support to provide reliable New Moon Observations, honest Barley Inspections, and in-depth Bible Studies. Contributions (Ex 25:2) can be made easily and in any currency via [Paypal](#) (no need for an account), [Patreon](#), mailing a Check to Devorah's Date Tree, POB 4263, Jerusalem 9104201, ISRAEL, or by sending a Wire Transfer (contact us for details in your currency).

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