

2008 Rosh Chodesh and the Spring Appointed Times of יהוה

Expected sightings of the crescent new moon from Israel:

Biblical Month	Gregorian Date	Potential Visibility
1st	4/7/08	Yes
2nd	5/6/08	Yes
3rd	6/4/08	Yes
4th	7/4/08	Yes
5th	8/2/08	Likely
6th	9/1/08	Yes
7th	10/1/08	Yes

Rosh Chodesh begins the evening of the sighting of the new moon and that night through the following daytime is the first day of the new month. Dates specified are dates for evening the new moon can be sighted.

2008 Spring Moedim:

These dates are set by the sighting of the first visible sliver of the New Moon of the month of the aviv barley on 4/7/08. If the new moon is not sighted that evening, dates for Pesach and Chag HaMatzot will move out one day later. All other dates will remain the same.

Moed (Appointed Time)	Begins at Sunset on	Ends at Sunset on
Pesach (14th of Abiv)* (Passover)	Sunday, April 20, 2008	Monday, April 21, 2008
Hag HaMatzot 1st Day (Unleavened Bread)	Monday, April 21, 2008	Tuesday, April 22, 2008
Yom haBikkurim** (Begins Counting of Omer)	Saturday, April 26, 2008	Sunday, April 27, 2008
Hag HaMatzot 7th Day (Unleavened Bread)	Sunday, April 27, 2008	Monday, April 28, 2008
Hag Shavuot (Feast of Weeks/Pentecost)	Saturday June 14, 2008	Sunday, June 15, 2008

* *Passover is not a Sabbath, it is a preparation day. The Passover Seder is held at the end of the 14th and goes into the beginning of the 15th of Abiv, which is the First Day of Unleavened Bread, a High Day Sabbath. Some congregations choose to have their Seder at the beginning of the 14th.*

** *Yom haBikkurim (Day of First Fruits) is not a Sabbath. It has priestly responsibilities and begins the count of the Omer. After this day, this year's barley crop may be harvested & eaten.*