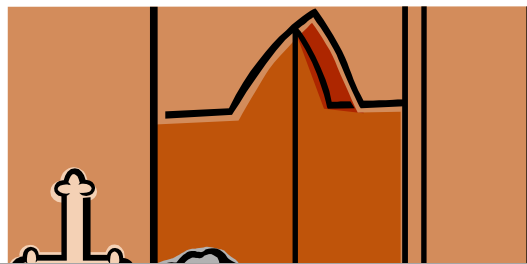


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Rosh Ha-Shanah

Nisan ...the first month of the year on the Jewish (Babylonian) calendar.

Means: “their flight”.

(The ascension of) Kings and for (the regular rotation of) festivals:

Abib Meaning: “the month of young ears of corn.”

Not a name but a part of a descriptive phrase of *Nisan*. The whole phrase is *ḥodesh of Abib* or the “new moon of the month of young ears of corn.”

St. John 12:24 “Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.” (KJV)

Passover Ceremony / Feast of Unleavened (30/Mar/2010)

Representations

Agriculturally The beginning of the harvest season in Israel

Nationally The beginning of the exodus from Egypt to Sinai to receive the law

Nomenclature

Zeman Herutenu the Time of Our Freedom

Chag he-Aviv the Spring Festival

Chag he-Matzoth the Festival of Matzahs

Deuteronomy 16:1 – 8 Passover Review

Exodus 12:40 - 42: The time the people of Isra'el lived in Egypt was 430 years. At the end of 430 years to the day, all the divisions of ADONAI left the land of Egypt. This was a night when ADONAI kept vigil to bring them out of the land of Egypt, and this same night continues to be a night when ADONAI keeps vigil for all the people of Isra'el through all their generations.”

Leviticus 5:2: “Or if a soul touch any unclean thing, whether it be a carcase of an unclean beast, or a carcase of unclean cattle, or the carcase of unclean creeping things, and if it be hidden from him; he also shall be unclean, and guilty.”

Leviticus 22:3: “Say unto them, Whosoever he be of all your seed among your generations, that goeth unto the holy things, which the children of Israel hallow unto the LORD, having his uncleanness upon him, that soul shall be cut off from my presence: I am the LORD.”

Numbers 9:6 – 11 Uncleanness

Jeremiah 4:4 Circumcise the Foreskin of Your Heart

Exodus 30:1, 7 – 10

Incense Alter

Seder (The Lamb, The Leaven, and The Bitter Herb)

Preparation for *Pesachim* is initiated by a complete cleansing of all *chametz* or leavens from the houses. Leaven is symbolic of “puffiness” or arrogance and pride from our souls. Corn is considered a leaven by some Jews.

Seder Summary

Sanctification, Washing,
Vegetable, Breaking,
The Story, Washing,
Blessing over Grain Products, Blessing over Matzah,
Bitter Herbs, The Sandwich,
Dinner,
The Afikomen “the after meal” (desert), Grace after Meals,
Praises*, Closing

***Praises (115 – 118)**

Psalms 11:4 “The LORD is in his holy temple, the LORD'S throne is in heaven: his eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men.”

Psalms 32:5 “I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah.”

Uzziah [strength of JHVH] of Judah

King Amaziah [JHVH is mighty] + Jecholiah [JHVH is able] = King Azariah [JHVH has helped]

He ascended to the throne at 16 and was a disciple of Zechariah [JHVH remembers].

He did what was right in the sight of the Lord but not with a loyal heart like his forefather King David had done.

2 Chronicles 26:16 – 21

Isaiah [JHVH's help]

Son of Amoz a strong man of God.

Isaiah 6

Mishna: A man cannot offer a Pascal sacrifice while still having leaven in his presence.

He who is arrogant if he is a prophet, then his prophecy will forsake him.

The blood, the fat, and the incense were all burned on the fire of the alter.

Why touch the lips? Because the main commandment is to eat the meat.

Seraphim Verb from of saraph: “to consume with fire”

Noun form of saraph “a fiery and flying serpent”

...are ministering servants in the heavenly court.

The Ten Commandments

I am ADONAI your God. You are to have no other gods before me.	
You are not to make for yourselves a carved image or any kind of representation of anything in heaven above, on the earth beneath or in the water below the shoreline. You are not to bow down to them or serve them.	Deuteronomy 6:5: "And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might."
You are not to use lightly the name of ADONAI your God.	
Remember the day, Shabbat, to set it apart for God.	
Honor your father and mother, so that you may live long in the land which ADONAI your God is giving you.	
Do not murder.	Proverbs 18:21: "Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof." - Speak Impiety
Do not commit adultery.	Matthew 5:28: "But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart. Matthew 19:9: "And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery."
Do not steal.	Malachi 3:8: "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings."
Do not give false evidence against your neighbor.	Matthew 5:38: "And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloke also."
Do not covet your neighbor's house; do not covet your neighbor's wife...or anything that belongs to your neighbor.	Leviticus 19:18: "Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I am the LORD."

I John 1:5 - 9

Mishna: "Not for our sake but for the Holy Spirit sake."

Confession, "helps destroy the secret life and the shame that perpetuates dishonesty." – Patrick Carnes

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Questions

Scorecard