

Jewish Holidays Overview

7 Feasts from Leviticus 23

Passover – Pesach – associated with Israel leaving Egypt

One of three festivals God commands the men to come to Jerusalem

Starts on the 14th day of Nisan

Full moon

Feast of Unleavened Bread

Starts on the 15th day of Nisan

Lasts seven days

Feast of First Fruits

Celebrated on the 16th day of Nisan

Feast of Weeks – Shavuot – Pentecost (Greek)

Associated with the giving of Torah at Mt Sinai

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Starts on the 16th day of Sivan

Book of Ruth is read in connection with this feast

Feast of Trumpets – Rosh Hashanah – Head of the New Year

Starts on the 1st day of Tishrei

Last 2 days

Occurs during a new moon

Ushers in the ten days of awe or repentance

Day of Atonement – Yom Kippur

Holiest day of the year

Celebrated on the 10th day of Tishrei

Day of fasting

Feast of Tabernacles - Feast of Booths - Feast of Ingathering - Sukkot

Starts on the 15th of Tishrei

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Full moon

Build booths outdoors

Most joyous feast