

## ***Jewish Annual Feasts***

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The months are 28-day lunar months.*

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holy convocation (Jewish New Year)
2. **Day of Atonement: Yom Kippur** (9 days after Trumpets,  
10<sup>th</sup> day of the 7<sup>th</sup> month - Sep/Oct) – holy convocation.  
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7<sup>th</sup> year is a sabbatical year with no sowing or reaping.  
After 7 of those, the 50<sup>th</sup> year is likewise consecrated,  
proclaiming liberty from debt and restoration of land to all,  
with no sowing or reaping (Lev 25.3-17).
3. **Tabernacles or Booths: Succoth** (15<sup>th</sup> day) for 7 days; holy  
convocation on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> days

### ***Spring:***

4. **Passover:** 14<sup>th</sup> day of 1<sup>st</sup> month (*Nisan* – Mar/Apr) holy  
convocation
5. **Unleavened Bread:** 15<sup>th</sup> day of 1<sup>st</sup> month (Mar/Apr) for 7  
days - holy convocation on 1<sup>st</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> days
6. **First Fruits or Harvest** – day after the first Sabbath  
following the harvest – holy convocation (a Sunday)
7. **Pentecost or Weeks** (50 days after First Fruits) holy  
convocation; later, 50 days from the Sunday of Passover  
week.

### ***Later additions:***

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Feb/Mar
9. **Dedication or Lights: Hanukkah** (1Ma 4.52-56; 2Ma 10.3-  
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