

## PESACH AND ROSH CHODESH

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### BEFORE WE BEGIN...

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### A LOOK AT A TORAH TIDBIT

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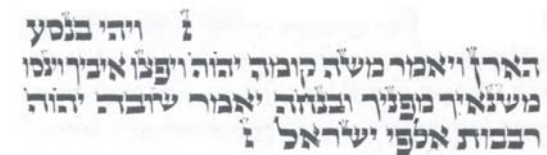
BEMIDBAR 10:35-36

*And it came to be, whenever the ark set out, that Mosheh said, “Rise up, O Yahweh! And let Your enemies be scattered, and let those who hate You flee before You.” And when it rested, he said, “Return, O Yahweh, to the countless thousands of Yisrael.”*

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### BEMIDBAR 10:35-36 IN THE TORAH

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Notice the 2 inverted nuns 

These are called “tittles” and they separate these two verses from the rest of the text.

According to Jewish tradition, these two verses are another book of the Torah.

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## THE ROSH CHODESH AND THE NEW YEAR

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### ABOUT THE HEBREW CALENDAR

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The word Chodesh  means renewal rather than month.

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The Hebrew calendar is based on the moon and regulated by the sun.

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The months begin on the new moon and the day begins at sundown.

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Between one new moon and the next is:

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29 days, 12 hrs, 44 minutes, 3.33 seconds

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The Hebrew calendar has each month alternate between 29 and 30 days.

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A 12 month year contains 354 days.

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Torah requires that the first month is in the spring therefore there is a Hebrew leap year.

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Devarim 16:1

***“Guard the month of Aviv, and perform the Passover to Yahweh your Elohim, for in the month of Aviv Yahweh your Elohim brought you out of Mitsrayim by night.”***

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A 13<sup>th</sup> month is added to the year 7 times every 19 years.

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This extra month is Adar II and is in March.

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## ANNOUNCING THE NEW MONTH

According to Jewish law a Rabbinic court must announce the new month based on 2 eye witnesses.

Our present Jewish calendar was updated in 4119 (358-9 CE) by the Rabbinic court of Hillel II

There is some issues with the calendar right now. There is a group in Israel called the Karites who witness the rising of the crescent moon from the Mount Of Olives. Then announce the sighting of the “new moon”.

Karites are not Levites. They have taken it upon themselves to do this Levitical task.

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## DARK OF THE MOON OR CRESCENT?

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A crescent is part of the visible moon.



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The “New Moon” is the dark of the moon or what astronomers call the “conjunction”.

“New Moon - The Moon's unilluminated side is facing the Earth. The Moon is not visible (except during a solar eclipse).” US Naval Observatory definition.



On the Jewish calendar the beginning of each month is at the crescent of the moon.

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## QUESTION ABOUT THE NEW MOON

There are also some question about exactly when the month begins in other places on earth. If we used the Israel sighting of the crescent moon we would be off a day for our Rosh Chodesh. These are serious questions that might not get answered until Mashiach returns.

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## ROSH CHODESH IS NOT A SABBATH

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## THE NEW YEAR

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## SHEMOT 12:2

***“This month is the beginning of months for you, it is the first month of the year for you.”***

Yahweh’s year begins in the spring

Torah counts months from here and not Yom Teruah (Rosh Hashanah).

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In Torah, the only month with a name is the first month Aviv.

The names used for the months by orthodox Judaism are of Babylonian origin.

They were not used by Israel. They were used by Judah after the destruction of the First Temple.

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## ISRAEL’S RELATIONSHIP TO TIME.

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In Shemot 12:2, the word lakem לָכֶם (for you) appears 2 times.

## SHEMOT 12:2

*“This month is the beginning of months for you, it is the first month of the year for you.”*

This is to stress a new relationship between Israel and time.

As slaves, their time belonged to Egypt.

From now on, time belongs to Israel through Yahweh.

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## PESACH

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Vayikrah (Leviticus) 23:5

*“In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month, between the evenings, is the Passover to Yahweh.”*

In order to count to the fourteenth day we must know when the month begins.

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## THE NEW YEAR 2012

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On March 22, 2012 the moon will be new at 09:38 CDT the moon will look like this:

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We count 14 days to April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012

That evening is the Pesach.

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## CONCLUSIONS

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The Rosh Chodesh is on the New Moon and not a crescent.

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The New Year is in the Spring and Yahweh's calendar begins in the spring.  
Yahweh does not assign names to the months of the year.

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Yahweh's feast days or modim are regulated by the Rosh Chodesh.

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Pesach is on the 14<sup>th</sup> day after the Rosh Chodesh of Aviv.

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The weekly Sabbath and the new moon have nothing to do with each other.