

IYYAR

Ma'alim Ba'kodesh V'ein Moridim – We Ascend in Holiness and do not Descend

Why do we count the *omer* up and not down? Many times, when we are anticipating something, we do not know precisely when it will come. If it doesn't come by the time we count down to zero, disappointment sets in. For example, in the Talmud, we are warned not to calculate the date of the Moshiach's arrival, lest we do so incorrectly and lose hope. When counting up, however, there is no end point; we can continue counting indefinitely, showing our unwavering hope and anticipation.

1 <i>Rosh Hodesh Iyyar</i> Thu	Apr 15	16 Fri	Apr 30
2 Fri	Apr 16	17 <i>EMOR</i> Sat	May 1
3 <i>TAZRIFA – M'TZORA</i> Sat	Apr 17	18 <i>Lag ba'Omer</i> Sun	May 2
4 Sun	Apr 18	19 Mon	May 3
5 <i>YOM HA'ZIKARON</i> Mon	Apr 19	20 Tue	May 4
6 <i>YOM HA'ATZMA'UT</i> Tue	Apr 20	21 Wed	May 5
7 Wed	Apr 21	22 Thu	May 6
8 Thu	Apr 22	23 Fri	May 7
9 Fri	Apr 23	24 <i>B'HAR - B'HUKKOTAI</i> Sat <i>Mevarchim ha'Hodesh</i>	May 8
10 <i>AHAREI MOT – K'DOSHIM</i> Sat	Apr 24	25 Sun	May 9
11 Sun	Apr 25	26 Mon	May 10
12 Mon	Apr 26	27 Tue	May 11
13 Tue	Apr 27	28 <i>YOM YERUSHALAYIM</i> Wed	May 12
14 <i>Pesah Sheni</i> Wed	Apr 28	29 Thu	May 13
15 Thu	Apr 29		

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1 Iyyar

ROSH HODESH

In *Birkat ha'Mazon*, **ADD** *Ya'aleh ve'Yavo* (762/233/340) and the *Ha'Rahaman* designated for *Rosh Hodesh* (768/235/343).

Wednesday Evening
April 14

MA'ARIV for weekdays. During *Amidah* **ADD** *Ya'aleh ve'Yavo* (216/145). Count *Omer* (237/155) before *Aleinu*.

Thursday
April 15

SHAHARIT. In the *Amidah* **ADD** *Ya'aleh ve'Yavo* (114/41). After the *Amidah* **OMIT** *Tahanun* and immediately recite the abbreviated *Hallel* (380/50), **OMITTING** those sections not recited on *Rosh Hodesh*. Continue with the full *Kaddish* (392/56) and the Torah service (138/65). We read four *aliyyot* from *Parashat Pinehas*: Numbers 28:1-15 (1-3, 3-5, 6-10, 11-15). Recite the abbreviated *Kaddish*, return the Torah to the ark (150/76) and recite *Ashrei* (152/78). **OMIT** *la'Menatze'ah* (Ps. 20) and recite *U'va le'Tziyon* (156/80).

MUSAF. *Tifillin* are **REMOVED**. Recite the abbreviated *Kaddish* (428/103) and continue with the *Musaf Amidah* for *Rosh Hodesh* (486/104), including, in the repetition, the *Kedushah* designated for weekdays (488/105). Recite full *Kaddish* (506/82). Conclude as usual but, after *Aleinu* and *Shir Shel Yom*, **ADD** *Barekhi Nafshi* (Ps. 104, 34/90) followed by a Mourner's *Kaddish*.

MINHAH. As usual on weekdays, however, in the *Amidah*, **ADD** *Ya'aleh ve'Yavo* for *Rosh Hodesh* (178/127). **OMIT** *Tahanun*.

3 Iyyar

SHABBAT PARASHAT TAZRI'A - METZORA

Friday evening
April 16

KABBALAT SHABBAT AND MA'ARIV. As usual. Count *Omer* (236/55) before *Aleinu*.

Saturday
April 17

SHAHARIT
Torah: Annual, Leviticus 12:1 - 15:33
Triennial, Leviticus 14:33 - 15:33
(i)14:33-14:38 (ii) 39-47 (iii) 48-53 (iv) 14:54-15:7 (v) 8-15 (vi) 16-28 (vii) 29-33
(m) 15:31-15:33
Haftarah: II Kings 7:3 - 20

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5 Iyyar YOM HA'ZIKARON

Monday
April 19

YOM HA'ZIKARON — ISRAEL'S MEMORIAL DAY

Yom ha'Zikaron falls this year on the 5th of *Iyyar* and not on the 4th (see *Yom ha'Atzma'ut* for explanation). The day before Israel Independence Day is set aside to mourn those who have died defending the State of Israel. It falls on the eve of Israel's Independence Day. There is no specific liturgy or ritual for the day, though it is proper to observe a moment of silence, recite an appropriate reading at the service, and recite *El Malei Rahamim* (522/196/73), followed by a Mourner's *Kaddish*. A *ner neshamah* (*yahrzeit* candle) may be lit.

MINHAH. Omit *Tahanun*.

6 Iyyar YOM HA'ATZMA'UT — ISRAEL'S INDEPENDENCE DAY

Yom ha'Atzma'ut is usually the 5th of *Iyyar*. When *Yom ha'Zikaron* and *Yom ha'Atzma'ut* fall on Sunday, Sunday night and Monday, they are postponed one day, by mandate of *Knesset* legislation. This year, *Yom ha'Atzma'ut* is celebrated on the 6th of *Iyyar*, Monday evening and Tuesday, April 19th and 20th.

FESTIVE MEAL

It is appropriate during the day to eat a festive meal with foods from Israel and to sing songs related to the land of Israel. *Al ha'Nissim* (760/232/339) is added in *Birkat ha'Mazon* (Blessing After Meals, 754/337) at all meals throughout the day. All semi-mourning practices observed during the counting of the *Omer* are suspended on this day.

Monday evening
April 19

MA'ARIV. As usual. In *Amidah* ADD *Al ha'Nissim* (218/147). There are those who recite a whole *Hallel* as part of the *Ma'ariv* service after the silent *Amidah*. Readings for *Yom ha'Atzma'ut* may be found in *Siddur Sim Shalom* — For Weekdays (205-208). Count *Omer* (236/54) before *Aleinu*.

Tuesday
April 20

SHAḤARIT

Torah: Deuteronomy 7:12 - 8:18

Haftarah: Isaiah 10:32 - 12:6

In *Pesukei de'Zimra* recite *Mizmor le'Todah* (60/120) and the selections usually reserved for *Shabbat* and *Yom Tov* [Psalms 19, 34, 90, 91, 135, 136, 33, 92, 93 (60-78/87-95)] then continue as usual on weekdays from *Yehi Khevod* (80/20) through the *Amidah* [Note: We DO NOT include *Nishmat*.] In the *Amidah* ADD *Al ha'Nissim*

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(118/42). **OMIT Tahnanun.** Recite whole *Hallel* (380/50) and the abbreviated *Kaddish* (122/56). For the Torah reading for *Yom ha'Atzma'ut* we read Deut. 7:12-8:18 (three *aliyyot* 7:12-21; 7:22-8:6; and 8:7-18). The third *aliyyah* is also *Maftir*. The *Haftarah* is Isaiah 10:32-12:6. The blessings before the *Haftarah* are the same as for *Shabbat*. After the *Haftarah* recite the first three blessings only, through *Magen David* (410/74). Recite *Tefillah li'Shelom ha'Medinah* (416/75). The Torah is returned to the ark (150/76). We continue with *Ashrei* (152/78). **OMIT la'Menatzeah** (Psalm 20). Continue with *U'va le'Tziyon* (156/80); full *Kaddish* (158/82); *Aleinu* (160/83); and Mourner's *Kaddish* (162/84). Recite the daily psalm (30/85) and Mourner's *Kaddish* (52/100).

MINḤAH. In the *Amidah* **ADD** *Al ha'Nissim* (182/129). **OMIT Tahnanun.**

10 Iyyar

SHABBAT PARASHAT AHAREI MOT - K'DOSHIM

Friday Evening
April 23

KABBALAT SHABBAT AND MA'ARIV. As usual. Count *Omer* (236/55) before *Aleinu*.

Saturday
April 24

SHAḤARIT

Torah: Annual, Leviticus 16:1 - 20:27

Triennial, Leviticus 19:15 - 20:27

(I) 19:15-19:18 (II) 19-22 (III) 23-32 (IV) 33-37 (V) 20:1-20:7 (VI) 8-22 (VII) 23-27

(M) 20:25-20:27

Haftarah: (a) Amos 9:7-15 (s) Ezekiel 22:2-20

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Tuesday
April 27

MINḤAH. Omit *Tahnanun*.

14 Iyyar

PESAḤ SHENI

This day has little import except that we **OMIT Tahnanun**. In the Torah it provided a second opportunity to share in the *Pesah* sacrifice for those who were unable to eat it on *Pesah*. Some have a *minhag*, custom, to eat a piece of *matzah* at a meal on this day.

Wednesday
April 28

SHAḤARIT AND MINḤAH. As usual but **OMIT Tahnanun**.

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SHABBAT PARASHAT EMOR

Friday Evening
April 30

KABBALAT SHABBAT AND MA'ARIV. As usual. Count *Omer* (236/55) before *Aleinu*.

Saturday
May 1

SHAHARIT

Torah: Annual, Leviticus 21:1 - 24:23

Triennial, Leviticus 23:23 - 24:23

(I) 23:23-23:25 (ii) 26-32 (iii) 33-44 (iv) 24:1-24:4 (v) 5-9 (vi) 10-12 (vii) 13-23

(m) 24:21-24:23

Haftarah: Ezekiel 44:15 - 31

MINHAH. As usual. **OMIT** *Tzidkat'kha Tzedek*.

18 Iyyar

LAG BA'OMER

Sunday
May 2

A semi-festive day. There is no special ritual or liturgy; however, it is customary to go on outings and picnics on *Lag ba'Omer*. All semi-mourning practices observed during the counting of the *Omer* are suspended on this day. It is thus customary to get a haircut, perform weddings and schedule other communal celebrations. We omit *Tahanun* at *Shaharit* and *Minhah* on *Lag ba'Omer*.

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SHABBAT PARASHAT B'HAR - B'HUKKOTAI

Friday Evening
May 7

MEVAREKHIM HA'HODESH

KABBALAT SHABBAT AND MA'ARIV. As usual. Count *Omer* (237/55) before *Aleinu*.

Saturday
May 8

SHAHARIT

Torah: Annual, Leviticus 25:1-27:34

Triennial, Leviticus 27:1 - 27:34

(I) 27:1-27:4 (II) 5-8 (iii) 9-15 (iv) 16-21 (v) 22-25 (vi) 26-28 (vii) 29-34

(m) 27:32-27:34

Haftarah: Jeremiah 16:19-17:4

At the completion of the reading of each book of the Torah, the congregation stands and says, "*Hazak, hazak, venithazek!*" ("May we all be strengthened again!")

MEVAREKHIM HA'HODESH (418/150). After Torah reading but before returning the Torah to the ark, announce *Rosh Hodesh*, the beginning of the new month of *Sivan* which begins *ba'yom ha'shishi* (Thursday night and Friday).

ADD *Av ha'Rahamim* (420/151) even in synagogues whose tradition it is, generally, not to recite this.

