

April 2023

Calendar of Observances

April is National Minority Health Awareness Month

This month observes the importance of improving the health of racial and ethnic minorities and reducing health disparities.

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Palm Sunday

Observed the Sunday before Easter/Pascha to commemorate the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.

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Pesach Begins

The eight-day "Feast of the Unleavened Bread" celebrates Israel deliverance from Egyptian bondage.

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Theravada New Year

In Theravada countries the New Year is celebrated on the first full moon day in April.

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Good Friday

Commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus on the Friday before Easter/Pascha.

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Easter

Known as Pascha in Eastern Christianity, it celebrates the resurrection of Jesus.

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Baisakhi (Vaisakhi)

Festival which celebrates the founding of the Sikh community as the Khalsa (community of the initiated.) Sikhs gather and celebrate at their local Gurdwaras (house of worship).

Pesach Ends

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Day of Silence

Students take a day-long vow of silence to protest the actual silencing of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender students (LGBT) students and their heterosexual allies due to bias and harassment.

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Yom HaShoah

Also known as Holocaust Remembrance Day, this is a memorial day for those who died in the Shoah.

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Lailatul Qadar

Most likely to be on the 27th night of Ramadan. The Holy Quran was first sent down from heaven on this night.

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First Day of Ridvan

Annual festival commemorating the 12 days when Baha'u'llah, the prophet-founder of the Baha'i Faith, resided in a garden called Ridvan (Paradise) and publicly proclaimed His mission as God's messenger for this age.

Eid al Fitr

The first day of the month of Shawwal (Islamic Calendar) and marks the end of Ramadan and the beginning of a feast that breaks the fast.

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Yom HaAtzmaut

Israeli Independence Day

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Ninth Day of Ridvan

On April 29, 1863, the flooding of Tigris receded enough so that Baha'u'llah's family could cross the river and join him on the island.

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