



Passover 2027: About the Holiday



Passover, or Pesach, is a Jewish holiday that remembers the Israelites' freedom from slavery in ancient Egypt. Families gather for the seder, a special meal where the story of the Exodus is retold. During the holiday, matzah is eaten in place of bread.

In 2027, Passover begins at sundown on Wednesday, April 21, and ends at nightfall on Thursday, April 29 outside Israel (nightfall April 28 in Israel). It runs from 15 to 22 Nisan 5787.

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- Passover begins on the 15th of the Hebrew month of Nisan.
- Passover lasts eight days outside Israel and seven days in Israel.
- The name Pesach means to pass over, from the story of the Exodus.
- The seder is a family meal held on the first night, and on the first two nights outside Israel.
- The Haggadah is the book read at the seder that tells the Passover story.
- Matzah, a flat unleavened bread, is eaten in place of bread during Passover.
- Before Passover, families remove chametz, foods made with leavened grain, from their homes.
- Bitter herbs called maror recall the bitterness of slavery.
- Four cups of wine or grape juice are part of the seder.
- At the seder, the Four Questions are traditionally asked by the youngest child.
- Children often search for the afikoman, a hidden piece of matzah, near the end of the seder.