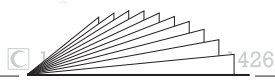


# 23

SATURDAY

- ✦ Erev Passover  
Passover eve
- ✦ Lazarus Saturday  
Commemoration of Jesus' raising His friend Lazarus from the dead.
- TR 23 April Children's Festival  
National holiday in Turkey dedicated to children.
- ✦ Taanit Behorot  
The Fast of the Firstborn, 14 Nisan, is a fast observed only by firstborn males, commemorating the fact that they were saved from the plague of the firstborn in Egypt. It is observed on the day preceding Passover.
- 🌐 Saint George's Day  
The charismatic soldier and martyr of the fourth century, St George is one of the most legendary saints of the Eastern Church. The Catalanian tradition of presenting a rose and a book to the loved ones on this day led UNESCO to declare 23 April as the International Day of the Book.

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### 23 April Children's Festival

The founder of the Turkish Republic, Atatürk, dedicated 23 April, the opening day of the Turkish Grand National Assembly, to the children of the country. Every year, the children in Turkey celebrate this 'Sovereignty and Children's Day' as a national holiday. Schools participate in week-long ceremonies marked by performances in all fields in large stadiums watched by the entire nation. Over the last two decades, Turkish officials have been working hard to internationalize this day. Their efforts have resulted in a large number of world states' sending groups of children to Turkey to participate in the festivities.

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15 Rabi al-Awwal 1426 ☾  
15 Nissan 5765 ☼

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### Passover

Honours the mass departure of the Israelite Jews from Egypt, and is celebrated by the Seder ritual and the eating of matzoth. Celebrated for eight days by Orthodox and Conservative Jews outside Israel, and for seven days by Reform Jews and Jews in Israel. In the Hebrew Bible it is stated that Moses and Aaron conveyed ten plagues upon Egypt, where the firstborn son of every family was put to death by God. The Israelites were saved from this torment as the Lord would literally 'pass over' them. The holiday is named after the 'Lord's Passover', or 'Pesach' in Hebrew.

# 24

SUNDAY

- ✦ Palm Sunday  
Sunday before Ascension Day
- ✦ Passover – Pesach (to 1 May)
- ✦ Buddha Day – Vesak  
Full moon day of the sixth lunar month. This is the day the Buddha was born, attained enlightenment, and passed away. As such, its observance encompasses joy and sorrow at one and the same time. So although there are candles and lights to symbolize the enlightenment the Buddha brought to the world, people dress simply and without adornment, as if in mourning. Alternatively, some Buddhists will observe this day on 24 May for this year.
- ✦ Hanuman Jayanti  
Commemorates the birth of Hanuman Ji, the monkey god widely venerated throughout India.
- ✦ Lunar Eclipse  
The passage of the Moon into the shadow of the Earth.

*When He giveth quietness, who then can make trouble? and when He hideth [His] face, who then can behold Him?*

Job 34:29