

## **INTERFAITH CALENDAR FOR APRIL 8-14, 2021<sup>i</sup>**

One of the initiatives of the Interfaith Coalition of Washington County is a weekly Interfaith calendar - a listing of upcoming events and commemorations from religions around the world. The listing is for the week ahead -- Thursday to the following Wednesday – to raise awareness of what is going on with practices in the many faiths of our world. For suggestions or additional input, contact Ed Poling at [elpoling1@gmail.com](mailto:elpoling1@gmail.com)

### **Thursday, April 8**

**Jalal** (Glory)—(BAHA’I’)—the second Baha’i’ month.

**Buddha’s birth date**—(BUDDHISM)—anniversary of the historical Buddha’s birth. (Mahayana) (Japan, North America)

**Yom HaShoah**—(JUDAISM)—a day of remembrance for the six million Jews who died as victims of Nazi atrocities (World War II).

### **Tuesday, April 13**

**Navvarsha** (New Year’s Day)—(HINDUISM)—Bikarami Samvat 2078 begins.

**Ramayana Week begins** nine days before Ramanavami, the birth day of Lord Rama. Fasting during this period is considered highly auspicious.

**Ramadan begins**—(ISLAMIC)--First day of the holy month of Ramadan, the month of fasting (ending with Id al-Fitr on May 13 at sunset) during which physically able Muslims do not eat or drink from the first sign of dawn until sunset. A time of self-examination and religious devotion. (Observance begins at sunset of the previous day, but special worship and prayers begin on April 13.)

### **Wednesday, April 14**

**Vaisakhi**—(HINDUISM)—first day of the solar year, celebrates the harvest. It is especially important in North India.

**Vaisakhi** (Anniversary of the birth of the Khalsa)—(SIKHISM)— On this day in 1699, Guru Gobind Singh Ji, the tenth Guru, removed the clerical system for Sikhism. Thus, he reaffirmed the direct connection between Sikhs and the Divine. He also created the Khalsa Panth, the fellowship of the Pure. Khalsa brothers are given the name Singh (Lion), and sisters are named Kaur (Princess or Lioness).

### **Month of April**

**Sxanel (The Bullhead Moon)**—(ABORIGINAL SPIRITUALITY)—This moon represents the visibility of Sxanel or what westerners call Orion's Belt (Coast Salish).

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