

16. Second day of Passover. Hereon the counting of the *Omer* is commenced, (Lev. xxiii. 15,) and the wave sheaf was offered up to God. 17. Ark rested on Mount Arrarat.

23. *Isru Hag*. On this day were offered all such free will offerings as had been presented during the festival, but which could not then be sacrificed. 26. Joshua died.

Between Passover and Pentecost, are read, on every Sabbath, a portion of the Ethics of the Fathers, until finished.

IYAR.

WEATHER.

Latter rains fall. Heavy dews at night. Ther. 60° a 66°, Afternoon Var. 8° a 10°. Snows on Libanus, &c., begin to thaw.

PRODUCTIONS.

Wheat, zeo or spelt, and barley ripen. Almond and Orange produce fruit. Turpentine and charnubi blossom.

2. Foundation of Solomon's Temple laid.

7. Feast for rebuilding of the walls by Jonathan and Simon. D.

10. Fast for death of Eli and taking of the Ark. 1 Sam. iv. 18. D.

13. Alcimas plagued for attacking the walls of the Temple.

14. *Pesach Sheni*, Second Passover, instituted for those who could not observe it from uncleanness, &c., in the preceeding month. Numb. ix. 9; 2 Chron. xxx. 1.

15. Quails given to the Israelites for food.

18. *Laglaomer*, or Thirty-third of the Omer. On this day the plague among the disciples of R. Akiba ceased; and it was instituted as a minor festival.

21. Second term for tithing.

23. Simon took Gaza. 1 Macc. xiii. 40. Feast. D.

26. Feast for great deliverance from the Grecians. D.

SIVAN.

WEATHER.

Summer commences. Excessive heat. Ther. 76° a 80°, Var. 6° a 9°. Winds generally from the West.

PRODUCTIONS.

Wheat, barley and rice cut down. Early apples gathered. Mandrakes, sage, rue, garden purslain, &c.

The three days preceeding Pentecost are called *Sheloshet Yemeh Hagbalah*, "three days of setting bounds," to Mount Sinai.

6. *Shebungot*, Pentecost, or Feast of Weeks, so called from its being observed after the completion of the seven weeks after Passover; also called *Yom Habikurim*, Day of the First Fruits, which were then offered of the wheat harvest, in loaves baked of the new corn. Ex. xxiii. 16, &c. This festival also commemorates the giving of the Law.

13. Feast for the victories over the Bathsurites. Macc. v. 5. D.

23. Fast because Jeroboam prevented the tribes to go up to Jerusalem with their first fruits. D.

25. Fast for murder of Simon ben Gamliel, Hananiah Hasegan, &c. D.

26. Feast because when the Egyptians desired Alexander to cause the Jews to restore the "vessels of silver, &c," they had