



Easter, Passover, Ramadan  
celebrated via flash mobs

## Description

# Holidays of the three major monotheistic religions coincide in April

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Nowhere in the old testament, the new testament, nor the Koran – the key books for the three major monotheistic religions – is it written, “Go thou and assemble yon onlookers to joyously dance in praise of us.”

Yet, the passage of thousands of years and the advent of modern technology has resulted in the emergence of public “flash mobs” for all three.

As this year marks the coincidence of all three celebrating overlapping major holidays during April, it seems a propitious time to sample each.

The Muslim holiday of **Ramadan** takes place during the **whole month of April**, ending with Eid on April 30. Witness this Coca-Cola flash mob in Cairo, Egypt:

The Jewish holiday of **Passover** takes place from the **evening of April 15 to the evening of April 23** (8 days). Witness this Matzoh dancing Salsa in Paris, France:

The Christian holy week of **Easter** begins with **Palm Sunday on April 10** and culminates on **Easter Monday, April 18**. Witness this three-in-one trinity of groups in Houston (Texas), Bern (Switzerland) and Berdychif (Ukraine):

Most of all, in witnessing, do not confuse solemnity with profundity. Profundity can also be found in enjoyment. So... enjoy!



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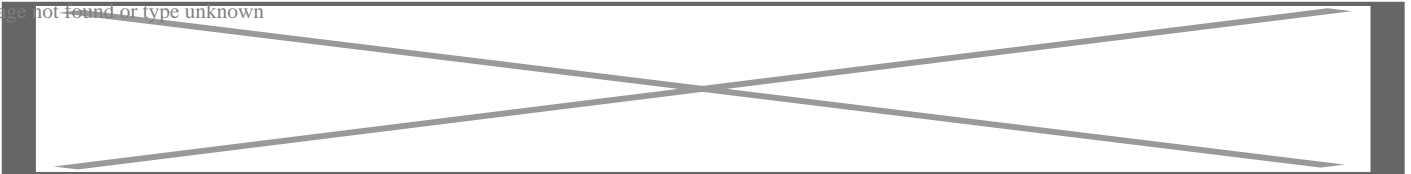
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