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## Taanit B'chorim Fast of the First Born

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On Thursday, April 17, 2008, *Taanit B'chorim*, Fast of First Born Sons, is held to commemorate their deliverance from death during the tenth plague in Egypt. It is customary for first-born sons to participate in the meal served in celebration of a *mitzva*, such as a *Brit Mila* (circumcision) or *siyum* (e.g. the completion of a tractate of the Talmud). Those who attend one of these events on erev Passover celebrate with the partaking of refreshments and are then exempt from this fast.

