

Season of *Shomu* -  
Months of  
*Pa-Khonsu* through  
*Mosu-Ra*



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# Building A Kemetic Community

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*Iiu im hotep!* Welcome to our fourth issue!

Since this is a quarterly newsletter, this means we're rounding out our first full year. Next issue will see us into another *Upet Ronpet* and Volume Two. In spite of the occasional snag or technical difficulty here or there, *Horizons* has been a definite success. I'm looking forward to growing through the next year and beyond.

I'm also delighted to share more original prayers that come from members of our Kemetic Reform Facebook group. These were originally contributed and read aloud during live-streamed rituals that we held a couple of years ago. As always, if you've written your own prayers, spells, recipes or even short rituals (think single-page length, though if you've got something longer, we could get creative), please share them! You never know who else you might inspire with your work.

Not having streamed rituals in the past couple of years has been the one shortfall I've most wanted to correct. When we've hosted them, I've always been amazed by the energy and the love that we've been able to build, even as a handful of people scattered often quite literally across the globe. Using a few cell phones and computer screens, we came together before our Gods as a congregation. (Our Fortune Cookie Divinations were always a hit, too.) That remains my goal for 2019, to make a return to live rituals.

I also have information to share in this newsletter about upcoming festivals, one of which I will be involved with in a planning capacity. Speaking as a twenty-plus-year convention veteran (in a variety of genres), cons and festivals present an unrivalled opportunity to meet,

connect, make new friends, and especially to *build a community*. Even if it's just one or two new friends at a time, that positive face-to-face connection contributes to something powerful. It perpetuates the Gods' work. Consider this: it was after attending my first Pagan Pride Day in 2007 that I was inspired to begin writing *Following the Sun*. I realized what kind of interest there was in Egyptian Paganism beyond the online confines of the House of Netjer, and I will be forever grateful for the journey that that realization set into motion, and all the friends that I've made in the process.

So if you can make it to the humble Southern town of Shreveport, Louisiana this October, please join us! But also keep an eye out for events in your own area. You could go to a Pagan festival near you thinking that you'll be the only Kemetic in attendance - only to be pleasantly surprised. Or, you may at least discover a sympathetic open circle and have a chance to contribute a little Egyptian flair. If you're an artist or artisan, you could discover a market for your talents. If there's one advantage that 'face time' will always have over online searching, it's that potential for truly spontaneous discoveries. Often it lets the Gods put blessings in our path.

As we celebrate this season of *Shomu*, then look ahead to a new Kemetic year, I hope for everyone to experience a bounty of friendship, opportunities and richness of life. The Notjeru meant for us to have all of these 'since the beginning'. See you next issue!

- Sharon LaBorde

# In Praise of Hat-Hor, Mistress of Love

## Prayer to Hathor as Goddess of Love

*By Romeo Saunders*

Hear my prayer, great mother of love  
She who watches from the heavens above  
Kiss me so I may speak as you  
So I may spread love as you do  
Touch my eyes to see the light  
That lives in all and burns so bright  
Hold my hand so I'll hold all  
To catch the beaten before they fall  
Hear me, Hathor, the mother above  
Help me spread your message of love

## Prayer to Het-hert (Hat-Hor)

*by Martin Najdovski*

*Dua Het-hert, Mut em Pet,*

Lady of the West, most gorgeous one  
There is no goddess before You  
Mother of all, netjeret of love  
Come forth mistress Het-hert,  
come forth Cow of gold, beautiful one  
Mother of peace and bringer of happiness  
May you offer me love and protection  
Lady of Ma'at, Queen of all forms of love

*Inodj-har-et Het-hert!*

*(I made a couple of very minor corrections on the Egyptian-language wording here, but left Hat-Hor's alternate spelling as Martin wrote it. Thanks again for your contributions, Martin and Romeo!)*

## Another Prayer:

*by Sharon LaBorde*

Hail, Oh Golden Lady,  
Beloved Daughter of Ra!  
Mistress of dancing and joy,  
You shine upon all peoples,  
Protected us from all evil,  
Bless us that we may prosper!

## More Egyptian-Language Titles of Hat-Hor:

*A'aht* - Great One

*Nebet Iunit* - Lady of Denderah

*Irit Ra* - Eye of Ra

*Nebet Pet* - Lady of Heaven (or the Sky)

*Nebet Notjeru Nibu* - Mistress of All the Gods



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# Kemetic Summertime

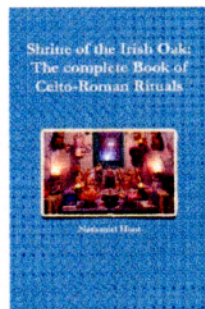
by Sharon LaBorde

If they haven't begun already, trees around us will soon be sprouting fresh leaves and flowers with the coming of spring. The pulse of the natural world around us is beginning to quicken. For our spiritual forbears, this was also a busy time; grain was ready to harvest, signaling the coming to fruition of all the hard work done during the planting times of *Poret*. At the temple of Medinet Habu (called *Djeme* by its ancient residents) the Feast of Min served as a counterpart to the earlier Feast of Sokar. While Sokar's observances reflected somberly upon death, Min's festival celebrated renewal. During the rites, Min changes from an aspect of Osiris to an aspect of Horus.

Much of the Western world associates springtime with Easter and colored eggs. Interestingly, the practice of coloring eggs and even playing games with them (if you've ever heard of 'egg pocking' or something similar) is practiced in modern Egypt as well. Go ahead and get some egg dyeing kits, and experiment with drawing Egyptian symbols on eggs to amuse - or confuse! - friends and family.

Hathor celebrates two major festivals in *Shomu*. The first is the Feast of the Valley, which honors Her aspect as Mistress of the West who, together with Amun of Thebes, brought new life to the blessed dead. Later Hathor celebrates a conjugal holiday with Horus, which combined harvest themes with love and marriage. The holidays were originally set by lunar phases, so approximate dates based on the First Quarter and Full Moon in May are used for this year's dates.

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## Prayer to Djehuty (Thoth)

by *Gleb Olkhovsky*

Wise Lord of the Sacred Word,

Djehuty, Father,

Grant me wisdom,

Grant me power,

Power to endure all hardships,

Wisdom to evolve and please You,

Help me in a time of need,

For on Your support I can only feed



*Hathor, Khonsu and Mut art this issue by  
Sharon LaBorde*

## Upcoming Feast Dates:

**Feast of Min, Khonsu and Rennutet** - April 13

**Beautiful Feast of the Valley** - April 19 (lunar) or  
April 28 (fixed solar)

**Feast of the Beautiful Reunion** - Approx. May 11- 18  
(based on lunar phases)

**Feast of Neith Who Saved Ra** - May 26

**Feast of Mut of Isheru** - June 11

**Going Forth of Isis the Brilliant** - June 14

**Feast of Seth** - June 16

## Upcoming Pagan Festivals:

*Yes, we actually have word of a few! If you know  
about any in your area, tell us!*

**Mystic South** - Atlanta, GA, July 19-21, 2019

[www.mystic-south.com/](http://www.mystic-south.com/)

**Arkansas Pagan Pride** - Hot Springs, AR

~~Second Saturday in September~~ *Oct. 26, 2019*

[arkansaspaganpride.org](http://arkansaspaganpride.org)

**Shreveport Pagan Festival** - Shreveport, LA

Saturday, October 12 (tentative), All Souls  
Unitarian Universalist Church

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