

פֶּסַח

שְׂדֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ אוֹכְלִים בְּזֶמַן שְׂבִית הַמִּקְדָּשׁ הָיָה קַיִם, עַל שׁוֹם מָה? עַל שׁוֹם שֶׁמֶסַח הַקָּדוֹשׁ בְּרוּךְ הוּא עַל בְּתֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ בְּמִצְרַיִם, שֶׁנֶּאֱמַר: וְנִאֲמַרְתֶּם זָבַח פֶּסַח הוּא לַיהוָה, אֲשֶׁר פֶּסַח עַל בְּתֵי כְּבִי יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּמִצְרַיִם בְּנֹגְפוֹ אֶת מִצְרַיִם, וְאֵת בְּתֵינִי הִצִּיל, וַיִּקַּד הָעָם וַיִּשְׁתַּחֲוּוּ.

What is the reason for the Pesach sacrifice that our ancestors would eat while the Temple stood? It is because The Holy One, blessed be He, passed over our ancestors' houses in Egypt, as it is written, "You shall say, 'It is a sacrifice Passover sacrifice for the Lord, for He passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when He vanquished the Egyptians, while our houses He saved.' And the people bowed their heads and worshiped." (Exodus 12:27)

מְרָאָה אֵת הַמִּצַּח לְמַסְבִּים וְאוֹמֵר:

מִצָּה

זוֹ שְׂאֵב אוֹכְלִים, עַל שׁוֹם מָה? עַל שׁוֹם שֶׁלֹּא הִסְפִּיק בְּצִקָּם שֶׁל אֲבוֹתֵינוּ לְהַחְמִיץ עַד שֶׁנֶּגְלָה עֲלֵיהֶם מֶלֶךְ מַלְכֵי הַמַּלְכִּים, הַקָּדוֹשׁ בְּרוּךְ הוּא, וְנֶאֱמַר, שֶׁנֶּאֱמַר: וַיֹּאפֹּי אֶת הַבֶּצֶק אֲשֶׁר הוֹצִיאוּ מִמִּצְרַיִם עֵגֶת מִצּוֹת, כִּי לֹא הָמַץ, כִּי גִרְשֵׁי מִמִּצְרַיִם וְלֹא יָכְלוּ לְהַתְּחַמֵּה, וְגַם צָדָה לֹא עָשׂוּ לָהֶם.

(The leader shows everyone the uncovered matzah)
What is the reason for this matzah that we eat? It is because our ancestors' dough did not have time to rise before the King of Kings, blessed be He, revealed Himself to them and redeemed them, as it is written, "And they baked unleavened cakes of the dough which they brought forth out of Egypt, for it was not leavened, because they were driven out of Egypt, and could not wait; nor had they prepared any nourishment for themselves." (Exodus 12:39)

מְרָאָה אֵת הַמַּרּוֹר לְמַסְבִּים וְאוֹמֵר:

מַרּוֹר

זֶה שְׂאֵב אוֹכְלִים, עַל שׁוֹם מָה? עַל שׁוֹם שֶׁמֶרְרוּ הַמִּצְרַיִם אֶת חַיֵּי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ בְּמִצְרַיִם, שֶׁנֶּאֱמַר: וַיִּמְרְרוּ אֶת חַיֵּיהֶם בְּעִבְדָּה קָשָׁה, בְּחֵמָר וּבִלְבָנִים וּבְכָל עֲבָדָה בְּשָׂדֵה אֶת כָּל עֲבָדָתָם אֲשֶׁר עָבְדוּ בָהֶם בְּסִינַי.

(The leader shows everyone the maror)
What is the reason for this maror that we eat? It is because the Egyptians embittered the lives of our ancestors in Egypt, as it is written, "And they made their lives bitter with hard labor, with mortar and bricks and every type of field labor. For all their labor, they worked them ruthlessly." (Exodus 1:14)

