**PESACH/PASSOVER**

**AS HEARD FROM RABBI AVIGDOR MILLER ZT'L**

The most basic idea of Passover is that Hashem took Us, His Nation, out of 210 years of bondage in Egypt. As the pasuk states "Asher hotzetechame’eretzmitzrayim".

However the pasuk continues “lehiyotlachemLelokim", which means, in order that you will serve Me.

From this we see clearly that Hashem took us out of slavery from Egypt in order to serve Him.

The primary lesson and yesod (foundation) which manifests itself on Pesach and on which our Torah is built is Gratitude, HakaratHatov. Recognizing and acknowledging all of the tremendous gifts of kindliness that Hashem is bestowing upon us and our families.

This underlying principle is realized right in the first of the Ten Commandments which was heard by our Nation directly from Hashem. "I am Hashem your G-d that took you forth from Egypt from the house of slaves."

The question is asked, why didn't Hashem introduce Himself as "the Creator of heaven and earth"?

Because the Bnei Yisrael did not witness the Creation of the Universe.  We did experience slavery and brutal treatment at the hands of the Egyptians for 210 years. The scars were still fresh on our backs and on our children.

It is for these reasons, and in order to teach us the great principle of feeling Gratitude to the Benefactor who has redeemed us, that Hashem connects the time of the birth of our Nation and our redemption from Egypt to the First Commandment.

*HakaratHatov, Gratitude, is at the root of all true service of Hashem.*

Just keep in mind that your body, your mind, your parents & children & wife, all of your possessions, the ability to make a living and your soul/life have all been given to you as a gift from Hashem.

For the purpose of recognizing these special gifts, scrutinizing them as you would any diamond.

Now you are ready to Thank Hashem every day for 120 years in many ways, the minimum being through observance of His Torah &Mitzvot.

Pesach (the Passing-Over) symbolizes the eternity of the loyal Jewish people whose progeny will continue until the end of days and whose souls are rewarded forever. Thus the miracle of the Pesach was not only for this occasion, but it teaches that Hashem will *always* cause the Destroyer to pass over His loyal ones in all generations.

The Pesach-offering symbolizes Israel’s unfailing loyalty to Hashem and His Torah.

Chad Gadyah: The Am Yisroel is symbolized by that One Gedi. Hakadosh Baruch Hu has announced that there is an Am Echad. There is only one nation in the world. “MiK'amchaYisroel Goy EchadB'aretz”, only one nation in the world. It's very important for us to think about that. Hakadosh Baruch Hu has announced, of all the nations, not only the nations! everything in the world, is nothing compared to the Am Yisroel. “HenLashemElokechaHashamayimU'shmeiHashamayim’”, Hashem owns the skies and the skies above the skies. All the world and all therein. But “RakB'avotechaChashak Hashem’”, only our forefathers did Hashem love. Now, Choshak is a special word like Chashukim, loops,we're attached, Hashem is attached to us, a permanent love, Choshak means attached to us, forever and ever.

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**“Avadeemhayeenul’pharohb’misrayeem”*We were slaves to Pharaoh in Misrayeem*(Pesach Haggadah)**

The son has just completed asking the four questions and now the father begins his obligation to tell the Haggadah to his children.

“My son, you are asking, why we do certain things?”  Now this question is not only four questions, it’s 613 questions.  Why we do all the laws of the Torah and in each law there are many questions.  And there is one answer to all of them.

“We were slaves to Pharaoh in Misrayeem and when they gave us any orders we couldn’t ask questions why we have to do this.  If you asked a question they knocked out your teeth.  And then Hashem took us out .

And so, we exchanged one master for another.  Instead of being forced to do things which are not for our benefit, now you are being forced to do what is for your benefit.  All the Misvot are for your benefit.

Although the obeying of Misvot is not contingent upon knowing reasons, however there is a reason: the reason for everything is “We were slaves to Pharaoh in Misrayeem” and Hashem took us out.

Because of that we are so full of love to Hashem. We are so grateful to Him, that we’ll do whatever He’ll tell us.  So, the reason we do Misvot is because Hashem took us out of Misrayeem.  That’s the basic fundamental reason for obeying the Torah. When Hashem began speaking to us on Har Sinai He said, “I am Hashem your G-d Who took you out of Misrayeem.”

He brought us out with a Mighty Arm, which means that Hashem turned all of nature upside down for us by bringing Ten Plagues on Misrayeem.  There never was such a time and there will never be such a time until the end of days.

A person must obey the dictates of a decent conscience.  And a decent conscience says ‘be grateful’.  You have to be grateful to everybody, if not you are lacking in the attributes of humanity.

Gratitude to Hashem supersedes every other form of gratitude.

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**Reminder for your entire family to put a coin in the Kuppa by their bedside before retiring. Extra Misva**

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**“Tam ma huomer?” (Pesach Haggada)**

**What does the Simple Son say?**

He is a straight boy, doesn’t know much, but he is a sensible boy. He says, “what is this? Ma Zot?”.

He wants to know. He is not eager to know Halachot or Talmud, but he is a straightforward fellow.

There are a lot of straightforward Jews. What do you tell them?

You should say, “ that Hashem took us out of Mitzrayim with a strong hand”.

Now pay attention to these words, what are you telling him?

We say to this son, “My son, you must know, what happened to us never happened to any nation before. When Hashem demonstrated His Presence in the events of YetziatMitzrayim it was something that never was permitted to take place before, and never again.

Why did it take place then?

For all future history, as Hashem says, “I’m doing this for the purpose that you should talk about it”;

In order that you will tell it to your children.

The reason for the miracles of Mitzrayim is not because they were necessary, we didn’t need miracles to go out of Mitzrayim. When Pharoah was pursuing us to bring us back into slavery, he could have caught pneumonia, and they could have gone back again and let us go on. We could have been saved by

natural means.

Why did Hashem have to split the sea, and drown Pharaoh and his army in the sea?

Only for one purpose: That we should have something to talk about.

So my son, you should know, Hashem took us out of Mitzrayim with a strengthened hand.

It made such a supernatural demonstration, once and forever, for all generations to talk about.

That, my son, you should know, is the entire reason for our being Jews.

The entire Torah stems on that greatness that Hashem showed us at that time.

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**"Shehechianu"**

The happiness of being Alive.

It's so important from time to time to remind yourself how good it is to be alive.

It is a tragedy that people spend their lives thinking what's going to be.

Someday I will be rich. Someday I will be successful.

We are rich right now.

To be alive is an extremely great happiness

and therefore from time to time

we make a bracha-shehechianu

You gave us life to this day!

Its a pleasure to be able to see, to breathe, to think.

We have to remind ourselves once in a while and the best time to remind ourselves is at the Seder table.

This joy will contribute to the simcha of the mitzvah.

-Rabbi Avigdor Miller ZT'L

Wish you a very happy and kosher holiday!