

Obligations of the Holiday- Pesach, Matzah, Maror (Translation)

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Rabban Gamliel would teach that all those who had not spoken of three things on Passover had not fulfilled their obligation to tell the story, and these three things are:

Pesah [Paschal Lamb], Matzah and Maror [Bitter Herb].

Point to the shank bone

The Pesah which our ancestors ate when the Second Temple stood: what is the reason for it? They ate the Pesah because the holy one, Blessed be He "passed over" the houses of our ancestors in Egypt, as it is written in the Torah: "And You shall say, 'It is the Passover offering for Adonai, who passed over the houses of the Israelites saving us in Mitzrayim but struck the houses of the Egyptians.'"

Point to the matza

Matzah - what does it symbolize in the Seder? There was insufficient time for the dough of our ancestors to rise when the holy one, Blessed be He was revealed to us and redeemed us, as it is written in the Torah: "And they baked the dough which they brought forth out of Egypt into matzah – cakes of unleavened bread – which had not risen, for having been driven out of Egypt they could not tarry, and they had made no provisions for themselves."

Point to the maror

Why do we eat Maror? For the reason that the Egyptians embittered the lives of our ancestors in Mitzrayim, as the Torah states: "And they embittered

their lives with servitude, with mortar and bricks without straw, with every form of slavery in the field and with great torment."