The mitzvah of the Korban Pesach was among the very first mitzvos which the Jews were commanded as a nation. As such, we should realize that within it were embodied fundamental elements and essential steps which assisted them along their journey in becoming the newly established “chosen nation”. What can we learn from this mitzvah which defines our mission and sets forth our destiny?

In Ateres Mordechai, Rabbi Mordechai Rogow introduces the Midrash which tells us that when Hashem told Moshe (v. 12): “Draw out and take for yourselves a lamb according to your families”, Moshe asked for a clarification. “Master of the world”, he asked, “it is well known that the Egyptians worship the sheep. I even petitioned to Pharaoh that we not remain in Egypt for our holiday of worship, as I pointed out (8:22): ‘Shall we sacrifice the idol of Egypt before their eyes, and they will not stone us?’” Hashem reassured Moshe and said, “Indeed, the Jews will not leave until they slaughter the sheep before the eyes of the Egyptians. This will demonstrate that the god of the Egyptians is nothing.”

By taking the lambs and designating them for slaughter, the Jews put themselves in mortal danger. Yet, they availed themselves of and were willing to fulfill the mitzvah. This gesture demonstrated their commitment to sacrifice to the point of self-endangerment in order to defend their convictions and beliefs. This was a major feature which was thereby ingrained into the very soul of the Jewish psyche. The trait of selfless devotion - לְפִנּוֹת נַפֶּשׁ - was firmly rooted within them from the outset.

Chazal tell us that Yitzchak Avinu was born on Pesach (Rosh HaShana 10b). Yitzchak is the paradigm of the attribute of mesiras nefesh. Chazal are telling us that we too can acquire this trait, which was demonstrated at the Akeida, by means of the mitzvah of Korban Pesach, which also came about due to the devoted and selfless efforts of our ancestors.

The verse concludes by promising that this observance will be a statute for us and for our children for all generations. The blood of the Korban Pesach is still recognizable upon our doors. Our homes are stations of holiness and decency, and our places of business are examples of honesty and integrity. When our doors can testify to these standards and the Shabbos observance is being faithfully maintained, in spite of all the difficulties which may be involved, then Hashem can promise that He will cause all harm and destruction to pass beyond us, and our homes and livelihoods will be protected from all evil.

PROUDLY REFLECTING UPON THE MIRACLES

In his text of the Haggadah which appears at the end of Hilchos Chametz U’Matzah, Rambam has a slightly different wording in this phrase. Our text reads “לְפִנְי אֶל ${אֵל}$ ‘the one who lengthens the story’ - is more praiseworthy. What can we learn from this nuance?

Rabbi Yosef Tzvi Dushinsky (Ma’haritz) explains that lengthening the story...
might very well refer to extending the discussion and talking about the ultimate goal and purpose for which the Exodus was aimed. Not only did the Jews achieve a release from their state of servitude to the cruel Egyptians, but they also set forth to arrive at Har Sinai to receive the Torah. Moshe Rabbeinu clearly told Pharaoh in the name of Hashem: “Send My people out that they shall serve Me.” The mission was never simply to escape from Egypt merely to be free and unencumbered for its own sake. Rather, the Jews were destined for their encounter with Hashem and for the purpose of experiencing the Revelation.

The discussions which elaborate upon the myriad of miracles and wonders which Hashem performed for our sake should result in impressing upon our hearts a sense of devotion and commitment. This is accomplished when the story is lengthened and applied to the subsequent receiving of the Torah. When this connection is established, we then fulfill the complete mitzvah of conveying to our children the entire message of the Exodus from Egypt.

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CONSTANT CARE FROM ABOVE

Rabbi Moshe Feinstein points out that generally no overt reason is given for a mitzvah, and even when it is given it is incumbent upon us to realize that it is not the sole motivation for the mitzvah. For example, the Mishnah (Brachos 5:4) says: “If one says, ‘up to the bird’s nest Your mercy reaches’, he is to be removed [as Sh’liach Tzibbur]”, since he attributes a meaning to the mitzvah of sending the mother bird away, when this is not the true motivation for the mitzvah. Still, Rabban Gamliel points out that in the case of these three mitzvos, which are the central motifs of the Seder, one has not fulfilled one’s obligation unless he has drawn appropriate lessons from them.

The holiday of Pesach reminds us that Hashem’s hashgacha pratis - His careful watching and overseeing the needs of each Jew - abides with us the entire year. Just as the Pesach offering reminds us that the houses of the Jews were skipped over on the night of Pesach in Egypt, so too, it should remind us that we are watched over the entire year, especially when life seems to go on as usual. We often do not realize that an ordinary day, when nothing untoward happens, is actually an indication of how Hashem removes from us many potential difficulties without our knowing of them. The matzah reminds us that just as the Jews left so suddenly that their dough did not have time to rise, so too, the course of events, particularly for the Jewish people, can change in a moment. Finally, the maror reminds us that, particularly in the exile, what may be sweet for the moment can become very bitter, and within every bitter situation lie the seeds of redemption. According to Rabban Gamliel, these timely lessons are not to be missed on the night we celebrate the holiday of freedom.

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A CALMING LESSON

One of the reasons given for the strictness of the prohibition of chometz is that it symbolizes Avodah Zara. An interesting take on this is apparent from the following story. The Apter Rav was very meticulous about the matzos he used for Pesach. He personally supervised their baking and they were stored in a special place. One year, during the hectic pre-Pesach preparations, a pauper knocked on the Rav’s door requesting matzah for Yom Tov. The Rebbetzin asked a maid to please give him from the supply of community-baked matzos.

When the time came to set the table for the Seder, the Rebbetzin realized that a terrible mistake had been made and the maid had given away the tzaddik’s special matzos. Not wishing to cause her husband anguish, she did not tell her husband what happened and simply set the table with regular matzos. No comment was made by the Rav and everyone thought the switch had gone unnoticed. A few days after Pesach a couple came to the Rav, with the wife complaining that she could not tolerate living with a husband so lax in keeping the custom of not eating ‘gebrokts’, about which her father had been very strict. The Rav asked his Rebbetzin to come into the room and relate what had happened at their Seder. The Rebbetzin, realizing that her husband had

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noticed the switch, repeated the whole story. The Rav then told the couple that chometz is prohibited because it symbolizes Avoda Zara. The Zohar tells us that when one gets angry, it is as if he actually serves Avoda Zara. Expressing anger and bickering over these things was definitely not in order.

WHO KNOWS ONE?

This song, whose author is unknown, is said to have been found in the Beis HaMidrash of Rav Elazar Rokeach in Worms. In various communities it was sung at wedding meals and it does not have any obvious connection with the Seder. It has been suggested that it is included here because the loving enumeration of the basic elements of our faith expresses our affection for the commandments and observances of the Torah. At the same time it serves to keep the children awake.

However, others have found in it allusions to Pesach. Thus it has been suggested that we ask here, “Who knows why we were redeemed from Egypt?” The thirteen replies can all be seen as answers to this question. For example, it speaks of Himself, our future acceptance of the Torah, the merit of our Patriarchs and Matriarchs, the Shabbos that our fathers kept in Egypt, and circumcision.

The various replies given also serve as an answer to anybody who might ask what good the deliverance from Egypt did us. After all, we are all in exile again. This is true enough; but as a result of the Exodus we have acquired national treasures that will forever keep us alive as servants of God. Actually, all thirteen responses could have been stated at once, rather than individually. However, whether they represent the factors through which we merited redemption, or the treasures which we acquired, enumerating them one by one brings their message home to us more clearly. The Chidushei HaRim stresses that any effort to advance in our service of God must go step by step – and it must start with our awareness of God.

Halachic Corner

In consonance with the theme of Cheirus, matzo eaten for the mitzvah of Pesach must be eaten while reclining (יושב יושב). Matzah and other foods served during the dinner segment of the Seder – חלה, need not be eaten while reclining, although doing so is commendable. רכוב על כיסא is a vital part of the mitzvah of האכילה. If one failed to recline (i.e. to recline in a halachically acceptable manner), he must repeat the mitzvah, i.e. eat the shiur of matzah again (without a bracha). This rule does not apply to the Afikomen. Also, if one forgot to recline at the second of the Arba Kosos, he must drink it again.

The halachically correct reclining posture is leaning on one’s left side (thus leaving his right hand free). To lean on one’s right side is not the correct manner of recline, and is halachically invalid. In addition to being incorrect, reclining on the right side is also hazardous, as it leave one susceptible to choking on his food. (When leaning to the right side, the opening of the trachea, which is ordinarily protected by the epiglottis, is unsafely exposed towards the right bronchus while food is being swallowed. This can cause choking.) Therefore, most poskim rule that, due to the danger of choking, the halacha applies to a left-handed person as well.

While reclining, one places his left elbow on the arm of his chair, or on the table, while crossing one foot over the other leg. One should lean his torso and head while reclining. The reclining position should be at a gentle incline that is comfortable for normal eating and drinking, as this lends to the image of luxury and royalty. It is unnecessary, and perhaps of questionable validity, to lean at an extreme incline, which is neither normal nor comforable for eating.

If possible, one should prepare a comfortable and elegant chair or couch for the Seder. In any case, one should preferably lean on a pillow or cushion when reclining, as this signifies royalty. However, the רכוב על כיסא is valid even when leaning on a hard bench without any cushions.

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Questions for Thought and Study

1. Which words in the Seder indicate a change in our policy towards guests at the Seder since the destruction of the Beis HaMikdash? Why?

See Menachem Tzion footnote to Ta’amei Minhagim

2. During the plague of wild animals, how did Pharaoh get a messenger to Moshe and
Aharon without his being torn apart? See Rokeach on Shemos 8:21
3. Which food at the Seder indicates how many people left Egypt? See Ta'amie Minhagin
4. Besides the firstborns, who were killed as an indirect consequence of the plague of the firstborn? How many people were killed? See Tosfos Shabbos 87b
5. What type of horse did Pharaoh ride to battle Hashem at Yam Soif? Why? See Midrash HaGadol Shemos 14:23
6. Which word in לְכֹל indicates that our praise of Hashem is greater than the praise offered by the other nations? See Maharal

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Yachad’s Juniors Division had a fun and interactive Model Seder event this past Sunday. We went through an adorable Haggadah where the kids expressed their thoughts about Pesach through drawing pictures. Visit our website at Yachad.org/Chicago or email cohene@ou.org for information about our upcoming events in May and June. #BecauseEveryoneBelongs

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In loving memory of our beloved sister and aunt, Sema Chaimovitz Menora (Sema bas Yehuda Leib), ה"וי, on the occasion of her 5th yahrtzeit on 17 Nissan. - By Philip & Chana Kovalsky, Elchanon & Sara Slomianski, and Rochel & Dovid Nussbaum.

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By Morton Stern and family, Dorothy Starr & Baruch Aplebaum and family, and Lillian & Howard Stern and family, in loving memory of our mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Goldie Stern, ה"וי, on the occasion of her twenty-fifth yahrtzeit on 17 Nissan.

By the Karesh, Robinson, Amster and Saltzman families in loving memory of our mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Charlotte Karesh, ה"וי, on the occasion of her 8th yahrtzeit on the 2nd day of Chol HaMoed Pesach. May her memory be for a blessing.

By Miriam & Gery Schreiber, Estie & Benji Israel, Chumie & Baruch Redfern, and Bracha & Shuly Lichner and family and Sema Menora, ה"וי, on the occasion of Sema Menora, ה"וי, our beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, on the occasion of her 5th yahrtzeit, 1st day of Chol HaMoed Pesach, 17 Nissan.

By Jack & Marilynn Barrish, grandchildren and great-grandchildren (U.S. and Israel), in memory of their beloved father, grandfather and great-grandfather, Leon Barrish, ה"וי, on the occasion of his thirty-third yahrtzeit on 16 Nissan. He is forever in our hearts. May his memory be for a blessing.

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1. Currently, we say "לך выпол יישע" - "whoever is hungry, come and eat." - as we want to share the Seder with those in need. In the time of the Beis HaMikdash this was not said, as a Korban Pesach could only be shared with those who were designated for it.
2. Pharaoh sent a Jewish messenger, who would not be attacked by the animals.
3. The letters of the word ת"ר(ס)כ can be rearranged and read as י"ש (Samech - 60) then י"ר ("hard work"). There were 60 י"ש (60,000) which equals 600,000 - the number of men who worked and left Egypt.
4. When the firstborns heard about the threat of the plague, they begged their fathers and Pharaoh to let Bnei Yisrael go. Pharaoh refused, so the firstborns turned on their own fathers and killed 600,000 of them.
5. Pharaoh tried to ride a mare, as he had a vision of Hashem riding a stallion. He also tried a red, black, or white horse to counteract the color of Hashem’s horse with a different color.
6. The Maharal says that the word י"ש represents something that is “high” up in heaven but not connected to the ground. When we say י"ש/csv we are saying that the nations praise Hashem but only in heavenly matters. Bnei Yisrael use the term י"ר ("great”), which indicates Hashem’s greatness in all earthly and heavenly matters.

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