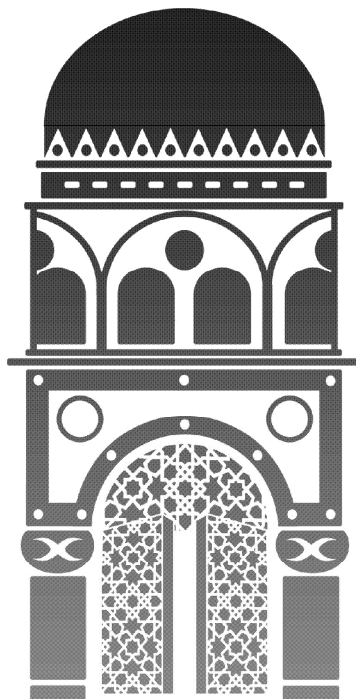


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CHOL HA-MO'ED PESACH

On the Shabbat during Passover, we are reminded of the age-old desire to know God. Moses implores God to let him see God. While God will not allow Moses to see God's face, God tells Moses, "I will make My goodness pass before you..." Perhaps we experience the divine presence through the goodness we create in the world. The Torah then sets forth the thirteen attributes of God, among them that God is compassionate, gracious, slow to anger and abounding in kindness. By emulating these very attributes, we create the goodness which allows us to know God.

PLEASE NOTE:

Our "live" streamed services will feature an up-to-date Torah reading, sermon, healing prayer and Kaddish list, but otherwise will sometimes be from a little while ago.

For that reason, you may see rabbis shaking hands with members, but please be assured this no longer takes place as everybody's safety is our number one priority.

ג וַיֹּאמֶר מֹשֶׁה אֶל־הָעָם זְכוֹר אֶת־הַיּוֹם הַזֶּה אֲשֶׁר יִצְאֲתֶם מִמִּצְרַיִם מִבֵּית עֲבָדִים כִּי בַחֲזֹק יָד הוֹצִיא יְהוָה אֶתְכֶם מִזֶּה וְלֹא יֵאָכֵל חֶמֶץ: ד הַיּוֹם אַתֶּם יוֹצֵאִים בַּחֲדָשׁ הָאֲבִיב: ה וְהָיָה כִּי־יָבִיאֲכֶם יְהוָה אֶל־אֶרֶץ הַכְּנַעֲנִי וְהַחִתִּי וְהָאֱמֹרִי וְהַחִוִּי וְהַיְבוּסִי אֲשֶׁר נִשְׁבַּע לֵאמֹר לְאַבְרָהָם לֵתֶת לְךָ אֶרֶץ זָבַת חֶלֶב וְדָבָשׁ וְעַבַדְתָּ אֶת־הָעַבְדָּה הַזֹּאת בַּחֲדָשׁ הַזֶּה: ו שִׁבַּעַת יָמִים תֹּאכַל מִצֹּת וּבַיּוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי חָג לַיהוָה: ז מִצֹּת יֵאָכֵל אֵת שִׁבַּעַת הַיָּמִים וְלֹא־יֵרָאֶה לְךָ חֶמֶץ וְלֹא־יֵרָאֶה לְךָ שְׂאֹר בְּכָל־גְּבֻלְךָ: ח וְהִגַּדְתָּ לְבִנְךָ בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא לֵאמֹר בַּעֲבוּר זֶה עָשָׂה יְהוָה לִי בְצֵאתִי מִמִּצְרַיִם: ט וְהָיָה לְךָ לְאֹת עַל־יָדְךָ וּלְזִכְרוֹן בֵּין עֵינֶיךָ לְמַעַן תִּהְיֶה תּוֹרַת יְהוָה בְּפִיךָ כִּי בִיַד חֲזָקָה הוֹצֵאֲכֶם יְהוָה מִמִּצְרַיִם: י וְשִׁמְרַתָּ אֶת־הַחֻקָּה הַזֹּאת לְמוֹעֲדָה מִיָּמִים יָמִימָה:

יב וְעַתָּה יִשְׂרָאֵל מָה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ שְׂאֵל מַעֲמֹד כִּי אִם־לִירָאָה אֶת־יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ לְלַכֵּת בְּכָל־דְּרָכָיו וּלְאַהֲבָה אוֹתוֹ וּלְעַבְדוֹ אֶת־יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ בְּכָל־לִבְבְּךָ וּבְכָל־נַפְשְׁךָ: יג לְשִׁמֹּר אֶת־מִצְוֹת יְהוָה וְאֶת־חֻקֹּתָיו אֲשֶׁר אֲנֹכִי מְצִוֶּה הַיּוֹם לְטוֹב לְךָ: יד הֵן לַיהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ הַשָּׁמַיִם וְשָׁמַי הַשָּׁמַיִם הָאֶרֶץ וְכָל־אֲשֶׁר־בָּהּ: טו רַק בְּאַבְרָהָם חָשַׁק יְהוָה לְאַהֲבָה אוֹתָם וַיִּבְחָר בְּזֶרְעָם אַחֲרֵיהֶם בְּכֶם מִכָּל־הָעַמִּים בַּיּוֹם הַזֶּה: טז וּמִלִּתֶם אֶת עַרְלַת לִבְבְּכֶם וְעִרְפְּכֶם לֹא תִקְשׁוּ עוֹד: יז כִּי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם הוּא אֱלֹהֵי הָאֱלֹהִים וְאַדְנֵי הָאֲדָנִים הָאֵל הַגָּדֹל הַגִּבּוֹר וְהַנּוֹרָא אֲשֶׁר לֹא־יִשָּׂא פָּנָיו וְלֹא יִקַּח שָׁחַד: יח עֲשֵׂה מִשְׁפָּט יְתוֹם וְאַלְמָנָה וְאַהֲבֵה גֵר לְתֵת לוֹ לֶחֶם וְשִׁמְלָה: יט וְאַהֲבַתֶּם אֶת־הַגֵּר כִּי־גֵרִים הֵייתֶם בְּאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם:

EXODUS 13:3-10 AND DEUTERONOMY 10:12-19

3 And Moses said to the people, "Remember this day, on which you went free from Egypt, the house of bondage, how Adonai freed you from it with a mighty hand: no leavened bread shall be eaten. 4 You go free on this day, in the month of Abib. 5 So, when Adonai has brought you into the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, which God swore to your ancestors to give you, a land flowing with milk and honey, you shall observe in this month the following practice: 6 "Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day there shall be a festival of God. 7 Throughout the seven days unleavened bread shall be eaten; no leavened bread shall be found with you, and no leaven shall be found in all your territory. 8 And you shall explain to your son on that day, 'It is because of what Adonai did for me when I went free from Egypt.' 9 "And this shall serve you as a sign on your hand and as a reminder on your forehead—in order that the Teaching of Adonai may be in your mouth—that with a mighty hand Adonai freed you from Egypt. 10 You shall keep this institution at its set time from year to year.

12 And now, O Israel, what does Adonai your God demand of you? Only this: to revere Adonai your God, to walk only in divine paths, to love and to serve Adonai your God with all your heart and soul, 13 keeping Adonai's commandments and laws, which I enjoin upon you today, for your good. 14 Mark, the heavens to their uttermost reaches belong to Adonai your God, the earth and all that is on it! 15 Yet it was to your ancestors that Adonai was drawn out of love for them, so that you, their lineal descendants, were chosen from among all peoples—as is now the case. 16 Cut away, therefore, the thickening about your hearts and stiffen your necks no more. 17 For Adonai your God is God supreme and Lord supreme, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who shows no favour and takes no bribe, 18 but upholds the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and befriends the stranger, providing food and clothing.—19 You too must befriend the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.

SONG OF SONGS 2:1-16

- 1** I am a rose of Sharon, a lily of the valleys.
- 2** As a lily among thorns, so is my love among the daughters.
- 3** As an apple-tree among the trees of the wood, so is my beloved among the sons. Under its shadow I delighted to sit, and its fruit was sweet to my taste.
- 4** He has brought me to the banqueting-house, and his banner over me is love.
- 5** 'Stay you me with dainties, refresh me with apples; for I am love-sick.'
- 6** Let his left hand be under my head, and his right hand embrace me.
- 7** 'I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem, by the gazelles, and by the hinds of the field, that you awaken not, nor stir up love, until it please.'
- 8** Hark! my beloved! behold, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, skipping upon the hills.
- 9** My beloved is like a gazelle or a young hart; behold, he stands behind our wall, he looks in through the windows, he peers through the lattice.
- 10** My beloved spoke, and said unto me: 'Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.'
- 11** For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;
- 12** The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing is come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land;
- 13** The fig-tree puts forth her green figs, and the vines in blossom give forth their fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.
- 14** O my dove, that is in the clefts of the rock, in the covert of the cliff, let me see your countenance, let me hear your voice; for sweet is your voice, and your countenance is comely.'
- 15** 'Take us the foxes, the little foxes, that spoil the vineyards; for our vineyards are in blossom.'
- 16** My beloved is mine, and I am his, that feeds among the lilies.