Torah, Passover Day 8

Deuteronomy 14:22-16:17

You shall set aside every year a tenth part of all the yield of your sowing that is brought from the field.

You shall consume the tithes of your new grain and wine and oil, and the firstlings of your herds and flocks, in the presence of your God יהוה, in the place where [God] will choose to establish the divine name, so that you may learn to revere your God יהוה forever. Should the distance be too great for you, should you be unable to transport them, because the place where your God יהוה has chosen to establish the divine name is far from you and because your God יהוה has blessed you, you may convert them into money. Wrap up the money and take it

דברים י"ד:כ"ב-ט"ז:י"ז

עַשֵּׂר הְעַשֵּׁר אֵת כְּל־הְבוּאַת זַרְעֵּהְ הַיּצֵא הַשְּׁדֶה שְׁנָה שְׁנָה: וְאָכַלְהְּ לִפְנֵי | יהוה אֱלֹהָיךּ בַּמְּקוֹם אֲשֶׁר־יִבְחַר לְשַׁכֵּן שְׁמְוֹ שְׁם מִעְשַׂר דְּגֵנְהְ תִירְשְׁהְּ וְיִצְהְלֶּהְ וּבְכֹרְת בְּקָרְהְ וְצֹאנֶהְ לְמַעַן תִּלְמַׁד לִיִראָה אֵת־יהוה אֵלֹהֵיךְ

בָּל־הַיָּמְים:

וְכִי־יִרְבֶּה מִמְּדְׁ הַנֶּרֶךְ כֵּי לָא תוּכַל שְׂאֵתוֹ כִּי־יִרְחַק מִמְּדְּ הַמְּלִוֹם אֲשֶׁר יִבְחַל יהוה אֱלֹהֶיךּ לְשִׁוּם שְׁמְוֹ שֶׁם כִּי יְבָרֶרְךָּ יהוה אֱלֹהֵיךּ: וְנְתַתָּה בַּכֶּסֶף וְצַרְתְּ הַכָּּסֶףׁ בְּיָדְדְּ וְהָלַרְתָּ אֶל־הַמְּלִוֹם אֲשֶׁר יִבְחָר יהוה אֱלֹהֶיךְ בְּוֹ:

וְנָתַתְּה הַבֶּּסֶף בְּכֹל אֲשֶׁר־תְּאַנֶּה נַפִּשְׁךָּ בַּבָּקָר וּבַצֹּאו וּבַיַּיִן וּבִשֵּׁכָּר with you to the place that your God יהוה has chosen, and spend the money on anything you want—cattle, sheep, wine, or other intoxicant, or anything you may desire. And you shall feast there, in the presence of your God יהוה, and rejoice with your household.

But do not neglect the [family of the] Levite in your community, for he has no hereditary portion as you have.

Every third year you shall bring out the full tithe of your yield of that year, but leave it within your settlements.

Then the [family of the] Levite, who has no hereditary portion as you have, and the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow in your settlements shall come and eat their fill, so that your God יהוה may bless you in all the enterprises you undertake.

וּבְכֶּל אֵשֵׁר תִּשִׁאַלְךְּ נַפִּשֵׁדְ וִאָבַלְתָּ שָׁם לִפָנֵי יהוה אֵלהֵׁידְּ וְשָׂמַחָתָּ אַתַה וּבֵיתֵּדְ: וָהַלֵּוִי אֲשֵׁר־בִּשִׁעַרֵיךּ לְא תַעַזִּבֵּנּוּ פֵּי אֵין לֵוֹ חֵלֵק וְנַחֲלֵה עִמֵּך: {ס} מָקצֵה | שַׁלִשׁ שַׁנִים תּוֹצִיא אֶת־כָּל־מַעְשֵׂר תְבוּאָתְךְּ בַּשְׁנָה בַּהָוֹא וָהִנַּחָהָ בִּשִׁעָרֵיך: וּבָא הַלַּוִי כֵּי אֵין־לוֹ חֵלֵק וְנַחַלָּה עַמָּד וְהַגָּר וִהַיָּתוֹם וְהָאַלְמָנָה אֲשֵׁר בָשִׁעַרֶּידְּ וָאַכִּלְוּ וְשַׂבֵעוּ לְמַעַן יָבָרַכִּךְּ יהוה אֵלהֵיךְ בִּכָל־מַעֲשֵׂה יַדָּךָ אֲשֵׁר תַּעֲשֵׂה: {ס} :מָקָץ שֻׁבַע־שָׁנִים תַּעֲשֵׂה שִׁמְטֵּה וָזֶה בָּבר הַשִּׁמְטַה שַׁמוֹט כַּל־בַּעַל מַשֵּׁה יָלוֹ אֲשֵׁר יַשֵּׁה בָּרֵעָהוּ לְאִדִיגָּשׁ אֱתַ־רֶעָהוּ וְאֶתַ־אֲחִיוּ בִּי־קָרָא שְׁמִטָּה לַיהוה: אַת־הַנָּכְרֵי תִּגָשׁ וַאֲשֵׁר יִהְיֵה לְדֶּ

אָת־אַחִיךּ תַשְׁמֵט יַדֵּך:

Every seventh year you shall practice remission of debts.

This shall be the nature of the remission: all creditors shall remit the due that they claim from their fellow [Israelites]; they shall not dun their fellow [Israelites] or kin, for the remission proclaimed is of יהוה.

You may dun the foreigner; but you must remit whatever is due you from your kin.

There shall be no needy among you—since your God יהוה will bless you in the land that your God יהוה is giving you as a hereditary portion—

if only you heed your God יהוה and take care to keep all this
Instruction that I enjoin upon you this day.

For your God יהוה will bless you as promised: you will extend loans to many nations, but require none yourself; you will dominate many

אֶּפֶס כֵּי לָא יְהְיֶה־בְּּךְּ אֶבְיְוֹן כִּי־בָרֵךְ יְבֶרֶכְךְּ יהוה בְּאָׁרֶץ אֲשֶׁר יהוה אֱלֹהֶיךְ נְתֵן־לְךְּ נַחֲלֶה לְרִשְׁתָּה:

רָק אִם־שָׁמִועַ תִּשְׁמַׁע בְּקְוֹל יהוה אֱלֹהֵיְדּ לִשְׁמָׂר לַעֲשׁוֹת אֶת־כְּל־הַמִּצְוָה הַוֹּאת אֲשֶׁר אָנֹכִי מְצַוְּדָּ הַיְּוֹם:

בְּייהוּה אֱלֹהֶיוּ בֵּרַכְּהְּ כַּאֲשֶׁר דְּבֶּרִ־לֶּךְ וְהַעֲבַטְיְתָּ גּוֹיָם רַבִּים וְאַתָּהֹ לָא תִעֲבֵט וּמְשׁלְנִּ בְּגוֹיִם רַבִּים וּבְךָּ לָא יִמְשׁלוּ: {ס} בְּיִיהְיֶה בְּהְּ אֶבְיוֹן מֵאַחָד אַחֶּיה בְּאַחַד שְׁעָלֶיךְ בְּאַרְיְדְּ הְאַמֵּין אֶלֹהֶיךְ נֹתַן לֶךְ לָא תִאַמֵּץ אֶלֹהֶיךְ נֹתַן לֶךְ לָא תִאַמֵּץ מֵאָחָיךּ הָאֶבְיְוֹן:

כִּי־פָּתְּחַ תִּפְתֵּח אֶת־יִדְדָּ לְוֹ וְהַעֲבֵטׂ תַּעֲבִישֶׂנּוּ דֵּי מַחְסֹרוֹ אֲצֵער יֶחְסֵר לְוֹ: nations, but they will not dominate you.

If, however, there is a needy person among you, one of your kin in any of your settlements in the land that your God הוה is giving you, do not harden your heart and shut your hand against your needy kin.

Rather, you must open your hand and lend whatever is sufficient to meet the need.

Beware lest you harbor the base thought, "The seventh year, the year of remission, is approaching," so that you are mean and give nothing to your needy kin—who will cry out to הוה against you, and you will incur guilt.

Give readily and have no regrets when you do so, for in return your God יהוה will bless you in all your efforts and in all your undertakings.

For there will never cease to be needy ones in your land, which is why I command you: open your הִּשְּׁמֶר לְּדְּׁ פֶּּן־יִהְיֵה דְבְר עִם־לְבָרְדְּׁ בְלִיַּעֵל לֵאמֹר קְרְבָּה שְׁנַת־הַשֶּׁבַע שְׁנַת הַשְּׁמִטְה וְרְעָה עֵינְךְּ בְּאָחִיךְ הְאֶבְיוֹן וְלְא תִתֵּן לְוֹ וְקָרָא עָלֶיךְ אֶל־יהוה וְהְיָה בְךָּ חטא:

נְתָּוֹן תִּמֵּן לֹּוֹ וְלֹא־יֵרֵע לְבָבְךְּ בְּתִּתְּךְּ לִוֹ כִּי בִּגְלֵל | הַדְּבְר הַזָּה יְבָרֶכְךְּ יהוה אֱלֹהֶיךְ בְּכֶל־מַעֲשֶׂךְ וּבִלָּל מִשָׁלֵח יָדֵךְ:

בֵּי לֹא־יֶחְדֵּל אֶבְיֻוֹן מִקֵּרֶב הָאָרֶץ עַל־בֵּו אָנֹכִי מְצַוְּךֹּ לֵאמֹר פְּתְּחַ תִּפְתַּח אֶת־יִדְדִּ לְאָחֵיךּ לַעֲנִיֶּךְ

וּלְאֵבִיֹנְךְּ בִּאַרָצֵדְ: {ס}

פֶּי־יִמְּבֵּר לְּךְּ אָחֵיךּ הָעִבְרִי אָוֹ הֵעִבְרִיָּה וַעֲבֵדְךָּ שֵׁשׁ שָׁגִים וּבַשְּׁנָה הַשִּׁבִילִּת הְשַׁלְּחֶנוּ חְפְשֵׁי מֵעִמֶּךְ: וְכִי־תְשַׁלְחֵנוּ חָפְשֵׁי מֵעִמֶּךְ לְא תְשַׁלְחֵנוּ רִיקָם:

הַעֲנֵיק תַּעֲנִיק לוֹ מִצְּאֹנְדְּ וּמְגְּרְנְדָּ וּמִיּקְבֶּךְ אֲשֶׁר בַּרַכְדָּ יהוה אֱלֹהֶידְּ hand to the poor and needy kin in your land.

If a fellow Hebrew man—or woman—is sold to you, he shall serve you six years, and in the seventh year you shall set him free. When you set him free, do not let him go empty-handed:

Furnish him out of the flock, threshing floor, and vat, with which your God יהוה has blessed you.

Bear in mind that you were slaves in the land of Egypt and your God יהוה redeemed you; therefore I enjoin this commandment upon you today.

But should he say to you, "I do not want to leave you"—for he loves you and your household and is happy with you—you shall take an awl and put it through his ear into the door, and he shall become your slave in perpetuity. Do the same with your female slave.

תַּתְן־לְוֹ:

וְזְכַרְהָּ כִּי עֶבֶד הָיִּיתְ בְּאֶרֶץ מִצְלַיִם וְיִּפְדְּךָּ יהוֹה אֱלֹהֶיךּ עַל־בֵּץ אָנֹכְי מְצַוְּךָּ אֶת־הַדְּבְר הַזָּה הַיְּוֹם: וְהָיָהֹ כִּי־יֹאמֵר אֵלֶידְ לָא אֵצֵא מֵעמֶדְ כִי אֲהַרְדְּ וְאֶת־בֵּיתֶדְּ כִּי־טְוֹב לְוֹ עִמֶּדְ:

וְלָקַחְתָּ אֶת־הַמַּרְצֵּעַ וְנְתַתָּה בְאָזְנוֹ וּבַדֶּלֶת וְהָיָה לְךָּ עֶבֶד עוֹלֶם וְאָף לַאֵּמַתִּךְּ תַּעֲשֵׂה־בֵּן:

לא־יִקְשֶׁה בְעֵינֶּהְ בְּשֵׁלֵחֲהְ אֹתְוֹ חְפְשִׁי מֵעִּמְּךְ כִּי מִשְׁנֶה שְׁכַר שָׂכִיר עֲבֵדְהָ שֵׁשׁ שְׁנֵים וּבֵרַכְהְּ יהוה אֱלֹהֶיךְ בְּכָל אֲשֶׁר תַּעֲשֶׂה: {פ}

בְּל־הַבְּלוֹר אֲשֶׁר יִנְלֵד בִּבְקְרְךָּ וּבְצְאנְהְ הַזְּלָר תַּקְדִּישׁ לֵיהוה אֱלֹהֶידְ לָא תַעֲבֹד בִּבְלָר שׁוֹלֶדְ וְלָא תָגִז בְּכִוֹר צֹאנֵדְ: לִפְנֵי יהוה אֱלֹהֶידְ תֹאֹכְלֶנוּ שְׁנְה

בִשַׁנַה בַּמַקוֹם אֲשֶׁר־יִבְחֵר יהוה

When you do set either one free, do not feel aggrieved; for in the six years you have been given double the service of a hired worker.

Moreover, your God יהוה will bless you in all you do.

You shall consecrate to your God יהוה all male firstlings that are born in your herd and in your flock: you must not work your firstling ox or shear your firstling sheep.

You and your household shall eat it annually before your God יהוה in the place that יהוה will choose.

But if it has a defect, lameness or blindness, any serious defect, you shall not sacrifice it to your God

Eat it in your settlements, the impure among you no less than the pure, just like the gazelle and the deer.

Only you must not partake of its blood; you shall pour it out on the ground like water. אַתָּה וּבֶיתֵּדְ:

וְכִי־יִהְיֶּה בוֹ מֹוּם פִּפֵּחַ אַוֹ עוֵּר כְּל מְוּם רֵע לָא תִזְבָּּחֶנוּ לַיהוה אֵלהֵיך:

בִּשְׁעָרֶידְּ תּאֹכְלֶנוּ הַטְּמֵא וְהַטְּהוֹר יַחִדָּו כַּצִבִי וְכָאַיֶּל:

רָק אֶת־דָּמְוֹ לְא תֹאבֵל עַל־הָאָנֶץ הִשְׁפְּבֶנוּ כַּמְּיִם: {פּ}

שָׁמוֹר אֶת־חָדֶשׁ הָאָבִּיב וְעְשִּׁיתְ פָּׁסַח לֵיהוה אֱלֹהֵיךּ כִּי בְּחָדֶשׁ הֶאָבִיב הוֹצִיאֲדְׁ יהוה אֱלֹהֶיךְ מִמִּצְרֵיִם לֵיִלָה:

וְזָבַחְתָּ פֶּסָח לַיהוה אֱלֹהֶיךּ צְּאׁן וּבָקֶר בַּפְּקוֹם אֲשֶׁר־יִבְחַר יהוה לְשַׁבֵּן שְׁמְוֹ שֶׁם:

לא־תאכל עְלְיוֹ חָמֵץ שִׁבְעַת יְמֵים תְּאַכַל־עָלְיו מַאֲוֹת לֶחֶם עִׂנִי כִּי בְחִפְּזוֹן יָצְׂאתָ מֵאֶבֶץ מִצְלַיִם לְמַעַן תִּזְכֵּר אֶת־יָוֹם צֵאתְדְּ מֵאֶבֶץ מִצְלַיִם כָּל יְמֵי חַיֶּידְ: Observe the month of Abib and offer a passover sacrifice to your God יהוה, for it was in the month of Abib, at night, that your God יהוה freed you from Egypt.

You shall slaughter the passover sacrifice for your God יהוה, from the flock and the herd, in the place where יהוה will choose to establish the divine name.

You shall not eat anything leavened with it; for seven days thereafter you shall eat unleavened bread, bread of distress—for you departed from the land of Egypt hurriedly—so that you may remember the day of your departure from the land of Egypt as long as you live.

For seven days no leaven shall be found with you in all your territory, and none of the flesh of what you slaughter on the evening of the first day shall be left until morning.

You are not permitted to slaughter the passover sacrifice in any of the וְלְאֹ־יֵרָאֶה לְךְּ שְׁאֶׁר בְּכְל־גְּבֻלְךְּ שִׁבְעַת יָמֶים וְלֹא־יָלֵין מִן־הַבְּשָׁר אֲשֶׁר תִּזְבָּח בְּעֶרֶב בַּיִּוֹם הָרִאשׁוֹן לַבְּקֶר:

לָא תוּכָל לִוְבָּחַ אֶת־הַפֶּסַח בְּאַחַד שְׁעָלֶידְ אֲשֶׁר־יהוֹה אֱלֹהֶידְּ נֹתֵן לְדְּ: פִּי אָם־אֶל־הַפְּלְוֹם אֲשֶׁר־יִבְחַׁר יהוֹה אֱלֹהֶידְּ לְשַׁבֵּן שְׁמֹוֹ שֶׁם תִּוְבַּח אֶת־הַפֶּסַח בְּעֶרֶב כְּבְוֹא הַשֶּׁמֶשׁ מוֹעֵד צֵאתְדְּ מִמִּצְרְיִם: וּבִשַּׁלְתְּ וְאָכַלְהְּ בַּמְּלְוֹם אֲשֶׁר יִבְתַר יהוֹה אֱלֹהֶידְ בִּוֹ וּפְנִיתְ בַבֹּקֶר וְהְלַכְהָּ לְאֹהְלֵידְ:

שֵׁשֶׁת יָמִים תּאֹכַל מַצְוֹת וּבַיִּוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִּי עֲצֶּבֶת לַיהוה אֱלֹהֶיךּ לְא תַעֲשֵׂה מִלָאכַה: {ס}

שִׁבְעָה שָׁבֻעִּת תִּסְפְּר־לֵךְ מֵהָחֵל חֶרְמֵשׁ בַּקּמְה תְּחֵל לִסְפֿר שִׁבְעָה שָׁבָעִוֹת:

וְעָשִּׁיתָ חָג שָׁבָעוֹת לַיהוה אֱלֹהֶּיף מִפֶּת נִדְבָת יָדְךָּ אֲשֶׁר תִּתֻּן כַּאֲשֶׁר settlements that your God יהוה is giving you;

but at the place where your God יהוה will choose to establish the divine name, there alone shall you slaughter the passover sacrifice, in the evening, at sundown, the time of day when you departed from Egypt.

You shall cook and eat it at the place that your God יהוה will choose; and in the morning you may start back on your journey home.

After eating unleavened bread six days, you shall hold a solemn gathering for your God יהוה on the seventh day: you shall do no work. You shall count off seven weeks; start to count the seven weeks when the sickle is first put to the standing grain.

Then you shall observe the Feast of Weeks for your God יהוה, offering your freewill contribution יְבָרֶכְךָ יהוה אֱלֹהֶיף: וְשָׁמַחְתְּּ לִפְנֵי | יהוה אֱלֹהֶידְ אַהְּה וּבִנְךְ וּבִתֶּרְ וְעַבְדְּךְ וַאֲמְתֶּדְ ׁוְהַלֵּוי אֲשֶׁר בִּשְׁעְבֶּידְ וְהַגְּר וְהַיְּתְוֹם וְהָאַלְמְנָה אֲשֶׁר בְּקִרְבֶּדְ בַּמְּלִוֹם אֲשֶׁר יִבְחַר יהוה אֱלֹהֶידְ לְשַׁבֵּן שְׁמְוֹ שֶׁם:

> וְזָכַרְהָּ כִּי־עֵבֶד הָיֶיתְ בְּמִּצְרֵיִם וְשָׁמַרְתָּ וְעָשִּׁיתָ אֶת־הַחָקִים הַאֵּלֵה: {פּ}

חָג הַסָּכָּת תַּעֲשֶׂה לְךָּ שִׁבְעַת יָמֵים בְּאָסְפְּּדְּ מְגְרְנְךָּ וּמִיִּקְבֶּדְ:

וְשְׂמַחְתֶּ בְּחַגֶּדְ אַתְּה וּבִנְדְּ וּבִתֶּרְ וְעַבְדְּדְ וַאֲמְתֶּדְ וְהַלֵּוִי וְהַגֵּר וְהַיְּתְוֹם וְהַאֵּלְמַנָה אֵשֵׁר בִּשִׁעַרֵיך:

שִׁבְעַת יָמִים תָּחֹג לַיהוה אֱלֹהֶיף בַּמְּקוֹם אֲשֶׁר־יִבְחַר יהוה כִּי יְבָרֶכְף יהוה אֱלֹהֶיךּ בְּלָל תְּבוּאֲתְךּ וּבְלֹל מַעֲשֵׂה יָדֶידְ וְהָיִיתְ אַדְּ שֹׁמח: according as your God יהוה has blessed you.

You shall rejoice before your God יהוה with your son and daughter, your male and female slave, the [family of the] Levite in your communities, and the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow in your midst, at the place where your God יהוה will choose to establish the divine name.

Bear in mind that you were slaves in Egypt, and take care to obey these laws.

After the ingathering from your threshing floor and your vat, you shall hold the Feast of Booths for seven days.

You shall rejoice in your festival, with your son and daughter, your male and female slave, the [family of the] Levite, the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow in your communities.

You shall hold a festival for your God יהוה' seven days, in the place שׁלְוֹשׁ פְּעָמִים וּ בַּשִּׁנְה יֵרְאֶה כְלֹּיזְכוּרְךְּ אֶת־פְּנִי וּ יהוה אֱלֹהֶיךּ בַּמְּקוֹם אֲשֵׁר יִבְחָׁר בְּחַג הַמַּצְוֹת וּבְחַג הַשְּׁבָעוֹת וּבְחַג הַסָּכְּוֹת וְלְא יֵרְאֶה אֶת־פְּנֵי יהוה רֵיקְם: אֶישׁ כְּמַתְּנַת יְדִוֹ כְּבִרְכַּת יהוה אֱלֹהֶיךּ אֲשֶׁר נְתַוֹילֶךְ: {ס} that ההה will choose; for your God ההה will bless all your crops and all your undertakings, and you shall have nothing but joy.

Three times a year—on the Feast of Unleavened Bread, on the Feast of Weeks, and on the Feast of Booths—all your males shall appear before your God ההה in the place that [God] will choose. They shall not appear before יהוה empty-handed, but each with his own gift, according to the blessing that your God יהוה has bestowed upon you.