

בס"ד

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## (Shabbat HaChodesh)

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#### שמות י"ג:ג-ד'

(ג) וַיֹּאמֶר מֹשֶׁה אֶל־הָעָם זָכוֹר אֶת־הַיּוֹם הַזֶּה אֲשֶׁר יִצְאֲתֶם מִמִּצְרַיִם מִבֵּית עַבְדִּים כִּי בְחֹזֶק יָד הוֹצֵיא יְהוָה אֶתְכֶם מִצִּיּוֹן וְלֹא יֵאָכֵל חֶמֶץ: (ד) הַיּוֹם אַתֶּם יֹצְאִים בְּחֹדֶשׁ הָאָבִיב:

#### Exodus 13:3-4

(3) And Moses said to the people, “Remember this day, on which you went free from Egypt, the house of bondage, how YHWH 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 Aviv**.

#### שמות כ"ג:ט"ו

(טו) אֶת־חֶג הַמִּצּוֹת תִּשְׁמֹר שִׁבְעַת יָמִים תֹּאכַל מִצּוֹת כֶּאֱשֶׁר צִוִּיתְךָ לְמוֹעֵד חֹדֶשׁ הָאָבִיב כִּי־בֹ יִצְאֲתָ מִמִּצְרַיִם וְלֹא־יֵרָאוּ פָנַי רִיקָם:

#### Exodus 23:15

(15) You shall observe the Feast of Unleavened Bread—eating unleavened bread for seven days as I have commanded you—at the set time in the **month of Aviv**, for in it you went forth from Egypt; and none shall appear before Me empty-handed;

#### שמות ל"ד:י"ח

(יח) אֶת־חֶג הַמִּצּוֹת תִּשְׁמֹר שִׁבְעַת יָמִים תֹּאכַל מִצּוֹת אֲשֶׁר צִוִּיתְךָ לְמוֹעֵד חֹדֶשׁ הָאָבִיב כִּי בְחֹדֶשׁ הָאָבִיב יִצְאֲתָ מִמִּצְרַיִם:

#### Exodus 34:18

(18) You shall observe the Feast of Unleavened Bread—eating unleavened bread for seven days, as I have commanded you—at the set time of the month of Aviv, for in the **month of Aviv** you went forth from Egypt.

**דברים ט"ז:א'**

(א) שְׁמוֹר אֶת-חֹדֶשׁ הָאָבִיב וְעָשִׂיתָ פֶּסַח לַיהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ כִּי בְחֹדֶשׁ הָאָבִיב הוֹצִיאָךְ יְהוָה  
אֱלֹהֶיךָ מִמִּצְרַיִם לַיְלָה:

**Deuteronomy 16:1**

(1) Observe the month of Aviv and offer a passover sacrifice to YHWH your God, for it was in the **month of Aviv**, at night, that YHWH your God freed you from Egypt.

**שמות מ':ב'**

(ב) בְּיוֹם-הַחֹדֶשׁ הָרִאשׁוֹן בְּאֶחָד לַחֹדֶשׁ תִּקְוִים אֶת-מִשְׁכַּן אֹהֶל מוֹעֵד:

**Exodus 40:2**

(2) On the first day of the **first month** you shall set up the Tabernacle of the Tent of Meeting.

(Reading for Shabbat Vayakhel-Pekudei)

**ילקוט שמעוני על נ"ך קפ"ד:ב'****Yalkut Shimoni on Nach 184:2**

Rabbi Chanina said: on the twenty-fifth of Kislev the work of the tabernacle was completed, but it was left folded up until Nisan, as it is written, "On the day of the first month, on the first of the month, you shall set up the Tabernacle of the Tent of Meeting." (Exodus 40:2) Israel were murmuring against Moses saying, "why wasn't it erected immediately, maybe some flaw happened to it?" The Holy One intended to mingle the joy of the tabernacle with the month in which Yitzchak was born, as it says "...knead and make cakes," (Genesis 18:6) and they said to him "...at the appointed time, I will return to you, at this time next year..." (Genesis 18:14) Now because of this the month of Kislev, in which the work of the tabernacle was completed, lost out. The Holy One said "it is incumbent upon Me to make restitution." What restitution did the Holy One make? The rededication of the Temple by the Hasmoneans; and so too the Holy One will compensate Mar-cheshvan in the future.

**שמות י"ב:א'-ב'**

(א) וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל-מֹשֶׁה וְאַל-אֲהַרֵן בְּאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם לֵאמֹר: (ב) הַחֹדֶשׁ הַזֶּה לְכֶם רִאשׁוֹן

## חֲדָשִׁים רִאשׁוֹן הוּא לָכֶם לְחֹדְשֵׁי הַשָּׁנָה:

(יה) בְּרִאשׁוֹן בְּאַרְבַּעָה עָשָׂר יוֹם לְחֹדֶשׁ בְּעֶרְב׃ תֹּאכְלוּ מִצֶּדֶד יוֹם הָאֶחָד וְעֵשְׂרִים לְחֹדֶשׁ בְּעֶרְב׃: (יט) שְׁבַעַת יָמִים שְׂאֹר לֹא יִמָּצֵא בְּבֵיתְכֶם כִּי ׀ כָּל־אֲכֹל מִחֻמֶּצֶת וְנִכְרְתָהּ הַנֶּפֶשׁ הַהוּא מֵעֵדֶת יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּגֵר וּבְאֶזְרַח הָאָרֶץ: (כ) כָּל־מִחֻמֶּצֶת לֹא תֹאכְלוּ כְּכֹל מוֹשְׁבֵי־כֶם תֹּאכְלוּ מִצֹּת: (פ)

### Exodus 12:1-20

(1) YHWH said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: (2) **This month shall mark for you the beginning of the months; it shall be the first of the months of the year for you.**

18) In the first month, from the fourteenth day of the month at evening, you shall eat unleavened bread until the twenty-first day of the month at evening. (19) No leaven shall be found in your houses for seven days. For whoever eats what is leavened, that person shall be cut off from the community of Israel, whether he is a stranger or a citizen of the country. (20) You shall eat nothing leavened; in all your settlements you shall eat unleavened bread.

(Maftir for Shabbat HaChodesh)

### שמות רבה ט"ו:א'

(א) וַיֹּאמֶר ה' אֶל מֹשֶׁה הַחֹדֶשׁ הַזֶּה לָכֶם רִאשׁוֹן חֲדָשִׁים [...] שְׁנֵאַמֵּר (ישעיה מד, ו): אֲנִי רִאשׁוֹן וְאַנִּי אַחֲרוֹן. וְצִיּוֹן נִקְרָא רִאשׁוֹן, שְׁנֵאַמֵּר (ירמיה יז, יב): כֹּסֵא כְבוֹד מְרוֹם מְרִאשׁוֹן מְקוֹם מְקֻדְשָׁנוּ. וְעֵשׂוֹ נִקְרָא רִאשׁוֹן, שְׁנֵאַמֵּר (בראשית כה, כה): וַיֵּצֵא הָרִאשׁוֹן וְגו'. וּמֹשֶׁה נִקְרָא רִאשׁוֹן, שְׁנֵאַמֵּר (ישעיה מא, כז): רִאשׁוֹן לְצִיּוֹן הִנֵּה הֵנָּם. יְבוֹא הַקְּדוֹשׁ בְּרוּךְ הוּא שְׁנֵאַמֵּר רִאשׁוֹן, וְיִבְנֶה בֵּית הַמִּקְדָּשׁ שְׁנֵאַמֵּר רִאשׁוֹן, וְיִפְרַע מִן עֵשׂוֹ שְׁנֵאַמֵּר רִאשׁוֹן, וְיָבֵא מֹשֶׁה שְׁנֵאַמֵּר רִאשׁוֹן, בְּחֹדֶשׁ הָרִאשׁוֹן, שְׁנֵאַמֵּר: הַחֹדֶשׁ הַזֶּה לָכֶם רִאשׁוֹן חֲדָשִׁים וְגו'.

### Shemot Rabbah 15:1

(1) And YHWH said to Moses, “to you it shall be the first” (Exodus 12:2) [...] This is referring to the Holy One who is called first, as it says, “I am first and I am last...” (Isaiah 44:6) And Zion is called first, as it says, “As a Throne of Glory, exalted from the beginning, so is the place of our Sanctuary.” (Jeremiah 17:12) And Esau is called first, as it says, “And the first one emerged ruddy...” (Genesis 25:25) The Messiah is called first, as it says, “The first one to Zion, behold, behold them...” (Isaiah 41:27) Let the Holy One, who is called first, come and build the Holy Temple which is called first, and exact retribution from Esau who is called first. And let the Messiah, who is called first, come in the first month, as it says “This month shall be to you the head of the months...” (Exodus 12:2)



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