

As we are currently in the days of Chol HaMoed [intermediate days of Pesach], Shabbos Chol HaMoed and Shviyi & Achron Shel Pesach, we must dwell on these great days and utilize them to their full potential. As we already were Zocheh [merited] to celebrate the first days of Pesach, we must realize and utilize what we have obtained. We now have the asset of the first days of Pesach. We can greatly expound on what we have attained, as the Yom Tov and the Mitzvos we kept shall accompany us throughout the year, a greatness that need not be elaborated. The Gemoroh Says "Kizasoh Pischoh ViHilluloh Pokah Igroh" [The portions of Matzoh, Korbon Pesach and Hallel would hurl the roof]. The Sanzer Rov would say after the Holy Seder night, "Uhn gepakt der boch mit Mitzvos" [filled the stomach with Mitzvos]

And so too the beginning of Chol HaMoed, Rav Shimon bar Yochai tells us of its greatness, just as Shabbos and Yom Tov which are Heilige [holy], but before and after are not holy, Chol HaMoed which before and after are Heilige, surely it has a Holiness [to its extent]. The Chidushei HaRim further expounds on the greatness of Shabbos Chol HaMoed. Every Shabbos during the year has its greatness of Issur Milochoh [prohibition of doing acts of labor] and Mitzvoh [commandment] of Shviesoh [rest] and unique Kedushoh [Holiness] as commanded in the Torah HaKedoshoh. Surely a Shabbos of an encompass of the Holy days of Yom Tov, have a unique Kedushoh.

The Sefas Emes further expounds on the greatness of Shviyi Shel Pesach. Shviyi shel Pesach is the day of Kriyas Yam Suf [the splitting of the Red Sea] when the Yidden left Mitzrayim [Egypt], but it has an (continued)

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And they believed in Hashem, and in Moshe His servant. - Then they sang...

Then, only then - after they believed in Hashem and Moshe, His servant were they - מסוגל - appropriate and able to sing the Shiroh, song to Hashem:

- Rav Aharon of Sadiguroh

(continued) added uniqueness. It is the Shabbos of Pesach - A Day of Yom Tov symbolizing the seventh day of Pesach. So not only do we have the greatness of Kriyas Yam Suf, the Shiras Hayam, and the great Nissim [wonders] that Klall Yisroel experienced on that day at the Yam Suf, to which we mark with Shiroh [song] to Hashem on the great miracles. It is also a day of a Yom Tov symbolizing a week of Pesach.

The Alshich speaks about the greatness of Achron Shel Pesach, the eighth day of Pesach in Chutz Lo'Oretz [out of Eretz Yisroel]. As it takes seven days for food to fully digest, on Achron shel Pesach we are "Kulo Matzoh" - totally Matzoh!

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