

Eating Korban Pesach

Ref: *Sefer Korbanot, Hilchot Pesach, Chapters 8–10*



To eat of the *Korban Pesach* on the night of the 15th of Nissan together with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. (matzah and bitter herbs not essential part of this mitzvah)

To eat of the Pesach sheni on the night of the 15th of Iyar with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.⁶ (*matzah* and bitter herbs not an essential part of this *mitzvah*)

Not to eat *Pesach* Offering raw or boiled.⁷ (must be roasted)

Factors

- Should be eaten when already satisfied. i.e. *Korban Chagigah* and main *Yom Tov* meal should be eaten before *Korban Pesach*.
- Fulfills *mitzvah* with at least 1 *kezayit*
- Has to be roasted with fire
 - May not roast on stone or metal utensil (has to be direct fire)
 - Spit may not be metal – because spit will cook the meat where it touches and it must be roasted with direct fire
 - A wooden spit is used (pomegranate wood). This is pierced from mouth through to anus.
 - Not to roast 2 animals together
 - May not be cooked in any liquid but one can apply oil or honey or wine or fruit juice etc to meat
- Punishment for cooked (*mevushal*) or slightly roasted (*na*) is *malkot*. If completely raw, no *malkot*.
- Must be eaten at night



Deoraita can be eaten until dawn but we do not eat *Korban Pesach* after midnight, *Derabanan*.

- *Hallel* is recited while eating *Korban Pesach*

Chavurah (Group)



Not to remove meat of the *Korban Pesach* outside of the “house” (i.e. group) in which eaten⁸

The eating of *Korban Pesach* took place in groups.

One could only eat with that group.

If one removed meat from one group to another, on the night of 15th *Nissan*, he is liable for *malkot*.

If meat is removed it becomes disqualified.

If 2 groups are eating *Korban Pesach* in one house, they have to either

- Set up a partition between themselves, or,
- One group faces in one direction and the other faces in a different direction

The *Korban Pesach* may not be eaten if the groups are not separated.

At least 3 members of *chavurah* have to be there for starting but for finishing anyone may leave at any time.

⌘ | No *mumar* (apostate) shall eat of *Korban Pesach*,⁹ No resident alien or hireling shall eat of *Korban Pesach*,¹⁰ No uncircumcised person shall eat of it.¹¹

Punishment for giving 1 *kezayit* to a *mumar* or a *ger toshav* or a Gentile is not *malkot* but *makat mardut* (he only gave it to them and did not eat it for them).

The punishment if an uncircumcised person ate *Korban Pesach*, is *malkot*.

Bones of *Korban Pesach*

⌘ | Not to break a bone of *Korban Pesach*¹², Not to break a bone of *Pesach Sheni*¹³.

Punishment for breaking a bone of the *Korban Pesach* is *malkot*. This applies even after several days.

For this reason, the bones of the *Korban Pesach* are burnt with the remainder of its meat.

One has to be careful with young tender bones.

Bones may be cut off at joints.

⚠ | *Mipi Hashmuah*, the breaking of bones of *Korban Pesach* only applies when it is pure. If not then one would not be liable for breaking a bone.

When a person eats the *Korban Pesach*, he should cut off the meat from the bones and organs.

When reaching *gid hanasheh* (sciatic nerve), it should be removed (note that with other meat, this is removed before cooking) This is because *Korban Pesach* should be roasted whole.

⌘ | Nothing of *Korban Pesach* should remain until the morning¹⁴, Nothing of *Pesach sheni* should remain until morning¹⁵.

Not liable for *malkot*, for leaving over, because it can be corrected by the positive *mitzvah* (applying to all sacrifices) 'To burn what remains' (and because there is no action involved in leaving it over).