

PASSOVER: CHOL HAMOED AND ENDING DAY(S): PRAYERS AND BLESSINGS

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Matza Brei Blessing

The blessing on matza brei is mezonot, as long as the pieces of matza are smaller than 1.3 fl. oz. (39 ml, or 1/6 cup) each. If even one of the pieces is larger than 1.3 fl. oz., wash your hands and say ha'motzi before eating it.

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Do not say she'hecheyanu when lighting candles or saying kiddush on the last two days of *Passover* outside of Eretz Yisrael or the last day of *Passover* in Eretz Yisrael.

NOTE These are the only Jewish festival days on which she'hecheyanu is not said.

PASSOVER: CHOL HAMOED AND ENDING DAY(S): HALLEL

Shortened Hallel on Seventh Day of Passover

We omit parts of two of hallel's psalms on *chol ha'moed* and the seventh (and eighth) day(s) of *Passover*.

REASON The Egyptians drowned on the seventh day. We thus dampen our celebration of God's saving us because we feel sorry that people had to die, even though they were evil.

NOTE Since chol ha'moed is less important than the final days of *Passover*, we diminish hallel on chol ha'moed by omitting the same passages.