

UNDERSTANDING OUR FAITH

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MATZAH: THE FOOD OF FAITH

Why do we eat this matzah? Because the dough of our fathers did not have time to become leavened before the King of kings, the Holy One, blessed be He, revealed Himself to them and redeemed them. (Hagadah)

We eat matzah to commemorate the Jewish People leaving Egypt in such haste that their bread had no time to rise. However, this was not the first time that the Jewish People ate matzah. Already in Egypt, G-d commanded them to eat matzah with their Pascal lamb as part of the first Pesach seder.

Yet, we do not eat matzah at our seder to commemorate the seder of the Jews in Egypt; instead, we eat matzah to commemorate that G-d revealed Himself to the Jews.

These two types of matzah represent two modes of faith.

The first matzah represents faith that stems from human effort and understanding. The second is faith that springs from G-d Himself. G-d chose us and is revealed in our soul; we cannot help but have faith in G-d.

To bring Moshiach, we do not labor to believe in something beyond us but to reveal that which is in us.

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