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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.

### PASSOVER: ENDING DAY(S): SHEHECHEYANU

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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.