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Chol Ha-Moeid Pesach

Rabban Gamliel's Three Things (Haggadah)

רַבֵּן גַּמְלִיאֵל הָיָה אוֹמֵר: כָּל שֶׁלֹּא אָמַר שְׁלֹשָׁה דְבָרִים אֵלוּ בַּפֶּסַח, לֹא יֵצֵא
יְדֵי חוּבָתוֹ, וְאֵלוּ הֵן: פֶּסַח, מַצָּה, וּמְרֹר

Rabban Gamliel was accustomed to say, Anyone who has not said these three things on Pesach has not fulfilled his obligation, and these are them: the Pesach sacrifice, matzah and *maror*.

פֶּסַח שֶׁהָיוּ אֲבוֹתֵינוּ אוֹכְלִים בְּזִמְנֵן שְׁבִית הַמִּקְדָּשׁ הָיָה קַיָּם, עַל שׁוּם מָה? עַל
שׁוּם שֶׁפֶּסַח הַקָּדוֹשׁ בְּרוּךְ הוּא עַל בְּתֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ בְּמִצְרַיִם, שֶׁנֶּאֱמַר: וְאִמְרַתֶּם
זִבַּח פֶּסַח הוּא לִי, אֲשֶׁר פֶּסַח עַל בְּתֵי בְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּמִצְרַיִם בְּנִגְפוֹ אֶת־מִצְרַיִם,
וְאֶת־בְּתֵינוּ הִצִּיל וַיִּקַּד הָעָם וַיִּשְׁתַּחוּוּ.

The Pesach [passover] sacrifice that our ancestors were accustomed to eating when the Temple existed, Holy Blessed One," **PASSACH'd**" the homes of our ancestors in Egypt, as it is stated (Exodus 12:27); "And you shall say: 'It is the passover sacrifice to the ETERNAL, for that He "**PASSACH'd**" the homes of the Children of Israel in Egypt, when He plagued the Egyptians, and our homes he saved.' And the people bowed the head and bowed down."

Exodus 12:23 (KJV - 1611):

וְעָבַר יְהוָה, לְנִגְף אֶת־מִצְרַיִם, וְרָאָה אֶת־הַדָּם עַל־הַמַּשְׁקוּף,
וְעַל שְׁתֵּי הַמְּזוּזוֹת; וּפָסַח יְהוָה, עַל־הַפֶּתַח,
וְלֹא יִתֵּן הַמַּשְׁחִית, לָבֹא אֶל־בְּתֵיכֶם לְנִגֹּף

For the LORD will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the LORD will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you.

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Other appearances of nos/p-s-ch in the Bible

Isaiah 31.5

כְּצִפְרִים עֹפֹת כֹּן יִגֵּן יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת עַל-יְרוּשָׁלַם גָּנוּן וְהִצִּיל פָּסַח וְהִמְלִיט:

Like the birds that fly, so will the ETERNAL of Hosts shield Jerusalem, shielding and saving, "PASSACH-ing" and rescuing.

2 Sam. 4.4

וְלִיהוֹנָתָן בֶּן-שָׁאוּל בֶּן נֹכַח רַגְלָיִם בֶּן-חֲמִשׁ שָׁנִים הָיָה בְּבֹא שְׁמֵעַתְּ שָׁאוּל וְיְהוֹנָתָן מִיִּזְרְעֵאל וַתִּשָּׂאָהּ אִמּוֹתּוֹ וַתָּנֶס וַיְהִי בַּחֲפָזָה לָנוּס וַיִּפֹּל וַיִּפְסַח וַשְּׁמוֹ מִפִּיבֹשֶׁת:

Jonathan son of Saul had a son whose feet were disabled. He was five years old when the news about Saul and Jonathan came from Jezreel, and his nurse picked him up and fled; but as she was fleeing in haste, he fell and was "PASSACH'd" [verb]. His name was Mephibosheth.)

2 Sam 9.13

וּמִפִּיבֹשֶׁת יָשַׁב בִּירוּשָׁלַם כִּי עַל-שִׁלְחַן הַמֶּלֶךְ תָּמִיד הוּא אֵכֵל וְהוּא פָּסַח שְׁתֵּי רַגְלָיו:

Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem, for he ate regularly at the king's table. He was "PASSACH'd" [noun] in both feet.

— > ...Given this context, how would you translate "Pasach?"

Babylonian Talmud, Pesachim 109b:

אָמַר רַב נַחֲמָן, אָמַר קָרָא: "לַיַּל שְׁמוֹרִים" — לַיַּל הַמְּשׁוּמָר וּבָא מִן הַמַּזִּיקִין.

Rav Nahman said that the verse said: "It was a night of watching to the Lord" (Exodus 12:42), which indicates that Passover night is a night that remains guarded from demons and harmful spirits of all kinds. Therefore, there is no cause for concern about this form of danger on this particular night.