

# פסח

## *Pesach*



Pesach (Passover) is one of God's appointed times. Passover retells our flight from slavery in Egypt. After Moses and Aaron went time and again to tell Pharaoh to release the people of Israel, God sent one last judgement against the Egyptian people. Nine other times Pharaoh had refused to free our people but the 10th judgement was like none other. God warned His people that the *Malach Adonai*, the "Angel of the Lord," would pass through the Land of Egypt and only in the houses of those who had blood on their doorposts would their first-born son remain living.

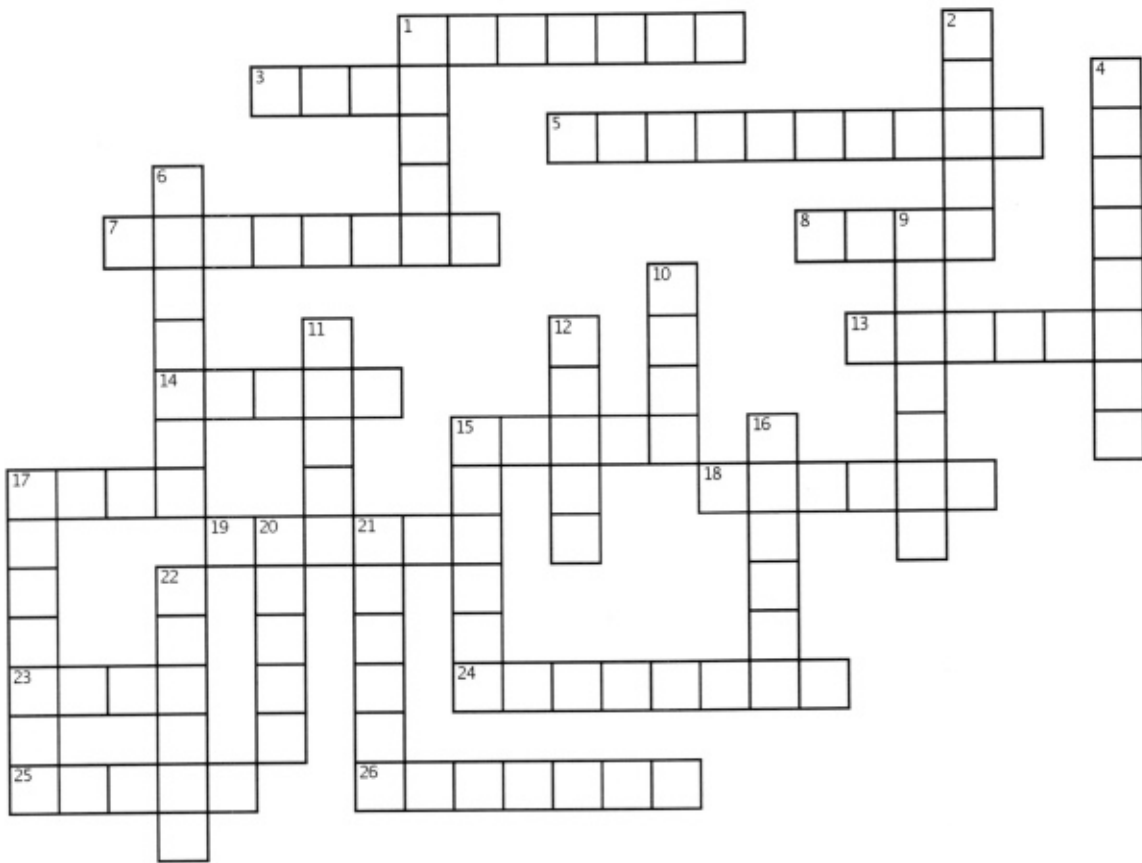
The Hebrew name for "Passover" is פסח, *Pesach*. Pesach is the name for the Lamb whose life is taken away so that the first-born son would live. Each family was commanded by HaShem to kill a lamb, roast it over a fire and eat all they could in one night. Whatever was left over was to be burned. It was the blood from this lamb that was put on the doorposts of the house marking it as "covered" and therefore protected.

On the night before the death Angel passed through the land of Egypt, the Israelites did just as Moshe had commanded them. We put the blood of the Pesach lamb on the doorposts of our houses. In the camp of Israel not one first-born son was killed, while in the homes of the Egyptians you could hear the crying of parents as one by one they found out that their oldest son had been taken. Even Pharaoh's first-born son had been taken, and so he knew Israel's God was all-powerful. He had no choice but let Israel leave. In fact, he commanded us to get out!

With no time to let our bread rise, we simply gathered everything that belonged to us and fled into the wilderness. Realizing later what he had done, Pharaoh sent his army to recapture Israel. With Pharaoh's army behind us and the Red Sea in front of us, we were trapped! It looked certain that we would become Pharaoh's slaves once again. At just the right time God miraculously opened the Red Sea, allowing all of us to pass through on dry ground. When Pharaoh and his armies tried to follow us through the divided waters, HaShem let the walls of water collapse upon them and they all were drowned in the Sea. We were free by God's mighty hand!

God commanded us to celebrate every year זמן חרותינו, *z'man charuteinu* the "time of our freedom," in celebration of the salvation He made for us.

# Pesach Crossword



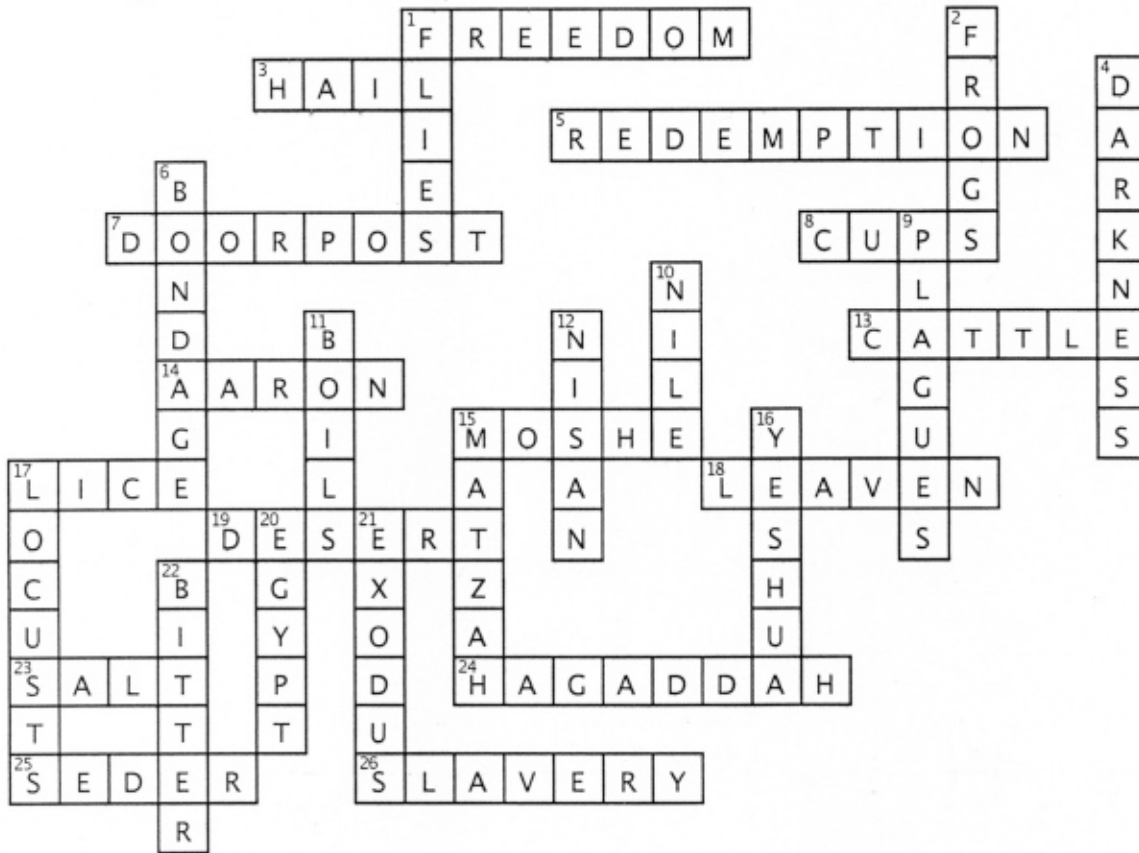
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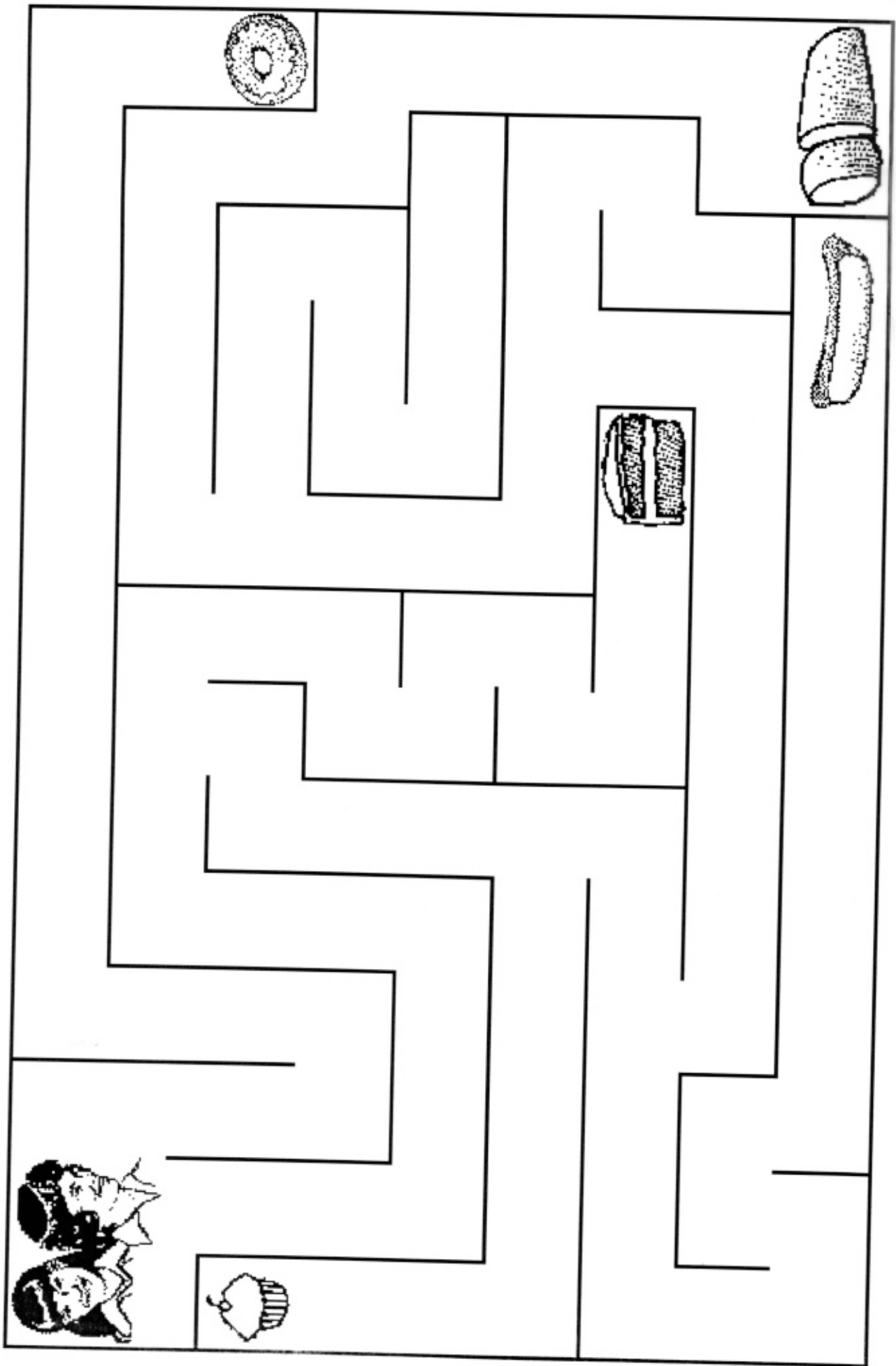
1. ANOTHER WORD FOR LIBERTY
3. FROZEN RAIN
5. TO HAVE ONE'S FREEDOM PURCHASED
7. MEZZUZAH
8. THERE ARE FOUR AT THE SEDER
13. ANOTHER WORD FOR COWS
14. MOSHE'S BROTHER
15. AARON'S BROTHER
17. INSECT THAT LIVE IN ONE'S HAIR
18. CHAMETZ
19. DRY, ARID PLACE
23. OFTEN FOUND WITH PEPPER
24. THE BOOK WE USE AT THE SEDER
25. THE MEAL AT PESACH
26. TO BE OWNED BY SOMEONE ELSE

## Down

1. FROM MAGGOTS
2. GREEN AND THEY HOP
4. OPPOSITE OF DAYLIGHT
6. BOUND WITH CHAINS
9. THE TEN \_\_\_\_\_
10. THE RIVER IN EGYPT
11. SORES ON THE SKIN
12. MONTH OF PESACH
15. UNLEAVENED BREAD
16. HIS NAME MEANS "SALVATION"
17. ANOTHER WORD FOR GRASSHOPPERS
20. LAND IN WHICH WE WERE SLAVES
21. COMING OUT OF EGYPT
22. \_\_\_\_\_ HERBS

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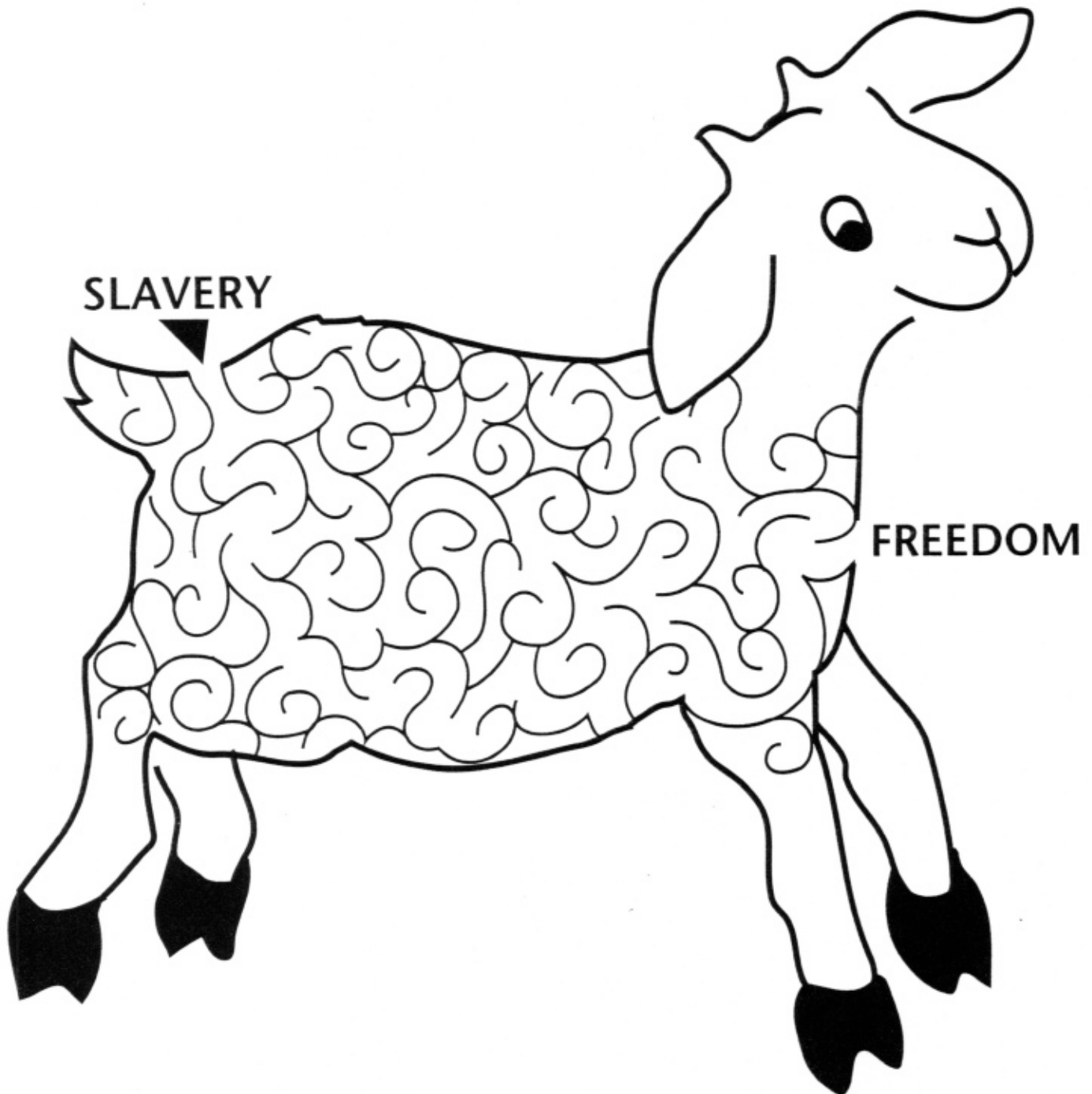


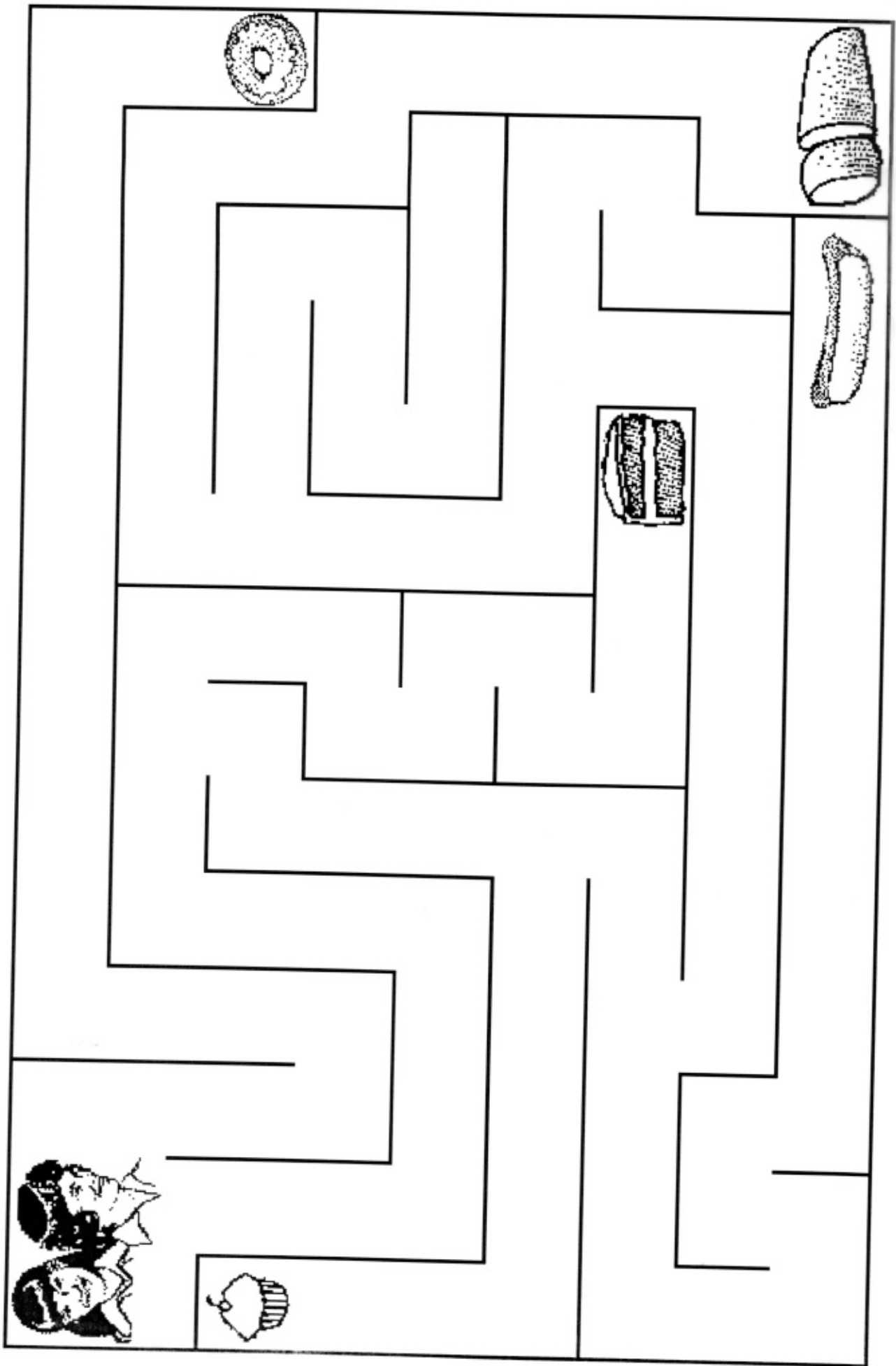
Search the House for Chametz

# Passover Lamb Maze

The lamb can help the Israelites go from slavery to freedom.

Can you find the way through the lamb's wool?





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