

In days of old, when a Jewish Temple stood on Mount Moriah in Jerusalem, Passover was a holiday of sacrifice. People brought their paschal lambs, which had to be without spot or blemish, to the altar in the only city where God had chosen to place His name. Passover was one of three holidays requiring Jewish people to go up to Jerusalem. The others were the Feast of Weeks (Pentecost, *Shavuot* in Hebrew) and Tabernacles (*Sukkot* in Hebrew). Perhaps the fields in those days looked something like our cover by Israeli photographer Hanan Isachar. A shepherd tends his flock of sheep and goats in Israel's Sharon region. (Hanan Isachar/Hanan Isachar Photography)

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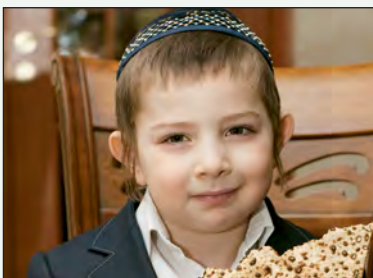
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