



הַלְכָה of the Week

~ זִמְזָן ~

~ בָּרָכַת הַמְזֹון (recited in a group) ~

Three or more men over the age of thirteen who ate a meal together that included bread are obligated to recite בָּרָכַת הַמְזֹון as a group. This is called "זימזון". One of the men recites a passage inviting the others to join him in reciting בָּרָכַת הַמְזֹון. The others recite another passage in response.

If ten or more men ate together they add the word אַלְקִיָּה when reciting the passage.

The text of זימזון is printed in the סידור before בָּרָכַת הַמְזֹון, as well as in small printed copies of בָּרָכַת הַמְזֹון.

The leader recites the first בָּרָכה of בָּרָכַת הַמְזֹון aloud while the others recite the בָּרָכה quietly, word by word. They end the בָּרָכה before the leader does, and answer אָמֵן to his בָּרָכה. It is proper that the rest of בָּרָכַת הַמְזֹון be recited in the same way.

Among Sephardi Jews everyone ends the בָּרָכה together.



פָּרָקִי אֲבוֹת of the Week

פרק ד

טו' רבי אלעזר בן שמעון אומר, יהי כבוד תלמיד חביב לך כשלך,
ובכבוד חביב כמורה לך, ומורה לך כמורה שמים:

Rabbi Elozor Ben Shamua says:

- let the honour of your student be as dear to you as your own;
- honour your friend as much as you respect your teacher,
- and the respect you have for your teacher should be just as great as your fear of Heaven.
