

➤ It is now time to partake of the Passover Meal. After the meal, the Seder continues...

➤ Leader shares the Afikomen and says: "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me." (Luke 22:19)

J *The third cup of wine is poured, the cup of Redemption.* Leader says: "This cup which is poured out for your is the new covenant in My blood." (Lk 22:20).
➤ Lift up Elijah's cup and open the door for him (Mal 4:5; Luke 1:17; Matt 11:14).

J Leader pours and lifts up *the fourth cup of wine, Praise*, and says: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

All: His love endures forever.

Leader: Give thanks for the Lord of lords.

All: His love endures forever.

Leader: To Him who alone does great wonders,

All: His love endures forever.

Leader: Who by His understanding made the heavens,

All: His love endures forever.

Leader: Who spread out the earth above the waters,

All: His love endures forever.

Leader: Who made the great lights,

All: His love endures forever.

Leader: The sun to govern the day,

All: His love endures forever.

Leader: The moon and stars to govern the night,

All: His love endures forever.

Leader: To Him who struck down the firstborn of Egypt,

All: His love endures forever.

Leader: And brought Israel out from their midst,

All: His love endures forever.

Leader: With a strong and an outstretched arm,

All: His love endures forever.

Leader: To Him who divided the Red Sea asunder,

All: His love endures forever.

Leader: And brought Israel through the midst of it,

All: His love endures forever.

Leader: But He overthrew Pharaoh and his army in the Red Sea,

All: His love endures forever.

Leader: To Him who led His people through the wilderness,

All: His love endures forever.

Leader: Give thanks to the God of Heaven!

All: His love endures forever.

(Psalm 136: 1-16, 26)

Leader: Lift the cup of Praise and bless the name of the Lord!

All say: Next year in Jerusalem! It is finished!

CELEBRATING OUR HEBREW MESSIAH PASSOVER HAGGADAH



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☞ **Pesach - The Festival of Freedom:** Pesach is a feminine word meaning, to skip over, to pause or hover over, even as a hen hovers over her chicks.

☞ **The Search for Leaven:** Leaven swells, puffs up, and permeates, it serves as a symbol for sin. On the 13th of Abib, Jewish fathers begin with a ceremonial search for leaven called bedikat chametz (Ex 12:15). They lead the children in a candlelight search using a feather, wooden spoon, and rag or bag. The crumbs (some have been knowingly hidden), feather, spoon and rag then are ceremonially burned.

☞ **The Haggadah:** Haggadah means “the telling, or showing forth.” Haggadah books often become family heirlooms. They are based on answering the “What does this rite mean to you?” question that is to be asked by the youngest child (Ex 12:26-27).

☞ **The Seder Table:** The table is often adorned with a Menorah and a traditional Passover plate on which we find a lamb shank-bone, roasted egg, bitter herbs, horseradish, parsley and charoset (mix of chopped apples, nuts, raisins, cinnamon and wine.)

☞ **On the table we also find:** A dish filled with salt water (for dipping), a wine cup, a cup for Elijah, covers for the matzoth (the three pieces of unleavened bread), afikomen (half of the one broken and hidden matzoth), and a bowl for washing, with a towel for drying, plus a pillow for leaning. Each of these Passover element pieces may be plain or elaborate.

☞ **The Four Cups:** According to the Rabbinic tradition four cups of wine are drunk at the Seder to represent the four expressions of redemption: “I will free you,” “I will deliver you,” “I will redeem you,” “I will take you” (Ex 6:6-7). These cups are called: Sanctification, Plagues, Redemption and Praise.

The Seder (Order):

JThe head of the house says the Kiddish (blessing over the wine) and all drink *the first cup of wine, called the cup of Sanctification.*

- The lady of the house takes the bowl around for washing of the hands.
- All dip karpas (parsley: a reminder of the springtime deliverance) in the salt water (reminder of the tears shed in slavery and of the sea of deliverance), then eat it.
- Leader raises the matzah, all recite over the Bread of Affliction: “This is the bread of affliction, the poor bread which our fathers ate in the land of Egypt. Let all who are hungry come and eat. Let all who are in need come and share in the hope of Passover.”
- Leader breaks the middle matzah in two, wraps one half in the afikomen bag and then hides it. Later, the children try to find it. Leader redeems it from the child who finds it, and they get a reward at Shavuot (Pentecost).
- The Four Questions are asked by the youngest child:
 - “On all other nights we bread or matzah. On this night why do we eat only matzah?”

“On all other nights we eat all kinds of vegetables. On this night why do we eat only bitter herbs?”

“On all other nights we do not dip our vegetables even once. On this night why do we dip them twice?”

“On all other nights we eat our meals sitting or reclining. On this night why do we eat only reclining?”

- Leader begins to answer the questions, first explaining and distributing the other half of the broken, “striped and pierced” matzah (Is 53:5).
- All take a piece of matzah with maror (horseradish: a reminder of the bitterness of slavery in Egypt (Ex 1:12-15) - called a “Hillel Sandwich” after the great Rabbi.
- Second dipping: All take a piece of matzoth with maror, and dip it into the sweet charoset (apple and wine) mix, as a reminder that even the most bitter of circumstances are sweetened by hope in our God.

J*Second cup of wine, Plagues*, is poured and Leader tells the Passover story. When the ten plagues are recited - blood, frogs, vermin, mixture, pestilence, boils, hail, locusts, darkness, slaying the firstborn - for each plague, a drop of wine (taken from the cup) is sprinkled on the plates. At the end of the story the second cup of wine is drunk.

- Leader reclines on pillow, saying, “The first Passover was celebrated by a people enslaved.”
- All say, “Once we were slaves, but now we are free!”
- Leader holds up the khagigah, or egg, stating that it reminds us of new birth and eternal life for it has no beginning nor end (may be eaten later with the meal).
- The Dayenu: Dayenu means, “It would have been sufficient.”

Leader: If the Lord had merely rescued us, but had not judged the Egyptians,

All: Dayenu!

Leader: If He had only destroyed their gods, but had not parted the Red Sea,

All: Dayenu!

Leader: If He had only drowned our enemies, but had not fed us with manna,

All: Dayenu!

Leader: If He had only led us through the desert, but had not given us the Sabbath,

All: Dayenu!

Leader: If he had only given us the Torah, but not the Land of Israel,

All: Dayenu!

Leader: But, the Holy One, blessed be He, provided all these things, and many more, for our forefathers - and so He will provide for us - for we are their children!

All: Blessed are You, O Holy One, for You supply all our needs!