

## Table Set-Up:

### **THE SEDER TABLE**

The seder table is different from our regular supper table. There are **three pieces of matzah** covered with a pretty cloth, a **bowl of salt water**, an **extra cup of wine** for Elijah, a **seder plate** with special foods:

A bone	An egg
Bitter Herbs	Parsley
Charoset	Chazeret

Why do we have all these things on the table?  
How is the seder different from a regular supper meal?

The central object of every Passover Seder table is the Seder plate which consists of a variety of symbolic foods:

**ROASTED LAMB BONE:** This represents the lamb that was sacrificed in the Holy Temple in Jerusalem. Such a sacrifice was made on the eve of the Exodus from Egypt, and the blood was used to mark the doorposts of the Israelites.

**ROASTED EGG:** Another sacrificial offering, the egg represents the most humble of the festival offerings. It is also the symbol of rebirth whose round form reminds us of the perpetual cycle of life.

**GREENS:** Sprigs of parsley or a celery top symbolizes spring and rebirth.

**BITTER HERBS:** A piece of fresh ground horseradish reminds us of the bitterness of slavery.

**CHAROSET:** A mixture of chopped apples or fruits, nuts, wine and spices, represents the mortar or clay that Hebrew slaves used for making bricks for Pharaoh.

**CHAZERET:** A bitter lettuce that also represents the bitter lives of the slaves.

## Getting Ready -

### Day before your Seder:

- Make charoset
- If you want to have chicken soup, make it today.
- If you can, set the table, get everyone involved.

### Day of your Seder:

- Make dinner whatever your menu will be :)
- Dress up: Nice clothes, PJ's, all in one color, use sheets and dress like the Jews leaving Egypt - whatever you wear - have fun with your Seder attire
- Put Salt Water on the table
- Fill Elijah's Cup
- Put a box of matza on the table
- Fill out your Seder plate



# The night of the Seder - gather your family around the table, begin with lighting candles - Hadlakat Nerot

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה	Blessed are You,
אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם	our God, Creator of time and space,
אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו	who enriches our lives with holiness,
וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר	commanding us to kindle
שֶׁל (שַׁבָּת וְשָׁל) יוֹם טוֹב.	the (Shabbat and) holiday lights.

*Barukh Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melekh ha'Olam asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu  
l'hadlik ner shel (Shabbat v') yom Tov.*

*We add this blessing on the First night:*

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהָיִינוּ וְקִיְּמָנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזִמְן הַזֶּה  
*Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu melech ha-olam,  
she'hecheyanu v'ki'manu v'higi-anu laz'man hazeh.*

Praised are you *Adonai* our God, who rules the universe, who has given us life,  
who has sustained us, and who has enabled us to reach this season.

# The Order of the Seder

- 1** **Kadesh**  

- 2** **Urhatz**  

- 3** **Karpas**  

- 4** **Yahatz**  

- 5** **Magid**  

- 6** **Rachtzah**  

- 7** **Motzi Matzah**  

- 8** **Maror**  

- 9** **Korech**  

- 10** **Shulchan Orech**  

- 11** **Tzafun**  

- 12** **Barech**  

- 13** **Hallel**  

- 14** **Nirtzah**  


# *1. Kadesh - Kiddush -*

We sing Kiddush, the blessing over the wine.

In the Pesach story, we are told four times that God promised freedom to our people.  
(During the Seder we drink 4 glasses of wine. This is the first glass.)

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*Barukh Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melekh ha'Olam borei p'ri hagafen*

*בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר בָּחַר בְּנוּ מִכָּל עַם וְרוֹמְמָנוּ מִכָּל לְשׁוֹן וְקִדְּשָׁנוּ  
בְּמִצְוֹתָיו. וְתַתֵּן לָנוּ יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ בְּאַהֲבָה (שְׁבֻתוֹת לְמִנוּחָה ו) מוֹעֲדִים לְשִׂמְחָה, חַגִּים וְזִמְנִים  
לְשִׂשׁוֹן, אֶת יוֹם (הַשְּׁבֻת הַזֶּה וְאֶת יוֹם) חַג הַמִּצּוֹת הַזֶּה, זְמַן חֲרוּתֵנוּ (בְּאַהֲבָה), מִקְרָא קִדְּשׁ,  
זְכָר לְיִצְיַאת מִצְרַיִם. כִּי בָנוּ בְּחִרְתָּ וְאוֹתָנוּ קִדְּשָׁתָּ מִכָּל הָעַמִּים, (וְשֻׁבֵּת) וּמוֹעֲדֵי קִדְּשׁךָ  
(בְּאַהֲבָה וּבְרַצוֹן), בְּשִׂמְחָה וּבְשִׂשׁוֹן הַנְּחַלְתָּנוּ. בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, מִקְדֵּשׁ (הַשְּׁבֻת ו) יִשְׂרָאֵל  
וְהַזְּמַנִּים*

*Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu melech ha'olam, asher bachar banu mikol'am,  
v'rom'manu mikol-lashon, v'kid'shanu b'mitzvotav, vatiten-lanu Adonai  
Eloheinu b'ahavah (shabatot limnuchah u) moadim l'simchah, chagim  
uz'manim l'sason et-yom (hashabat hazeh v'et-yom) chag hamatzot hazeh.  
Z'man cheiruteinu, (b'ahavah,) mikra kodesh, zeicher litziat mitzrayim. Ki  
vanu vacharta v'otanu kidashta mikol ha'amim. (v'shabat) umo'adei  
kod'shecha (b'ahavah uv'ratzon) b'simchah uv'sason hinchaltanu. Baruch  
atah Adonai, m'kadeish (h'shabbat v') Yisrael v'hazmanim.*

*Praised are you, Adonai, Lord our God, Ruler of the universe, Who has chosen  
us from among all people, and languages, and made us holy through Your  
mitzvot, giving us lovingly [Shabbat for rest] festivals for joy, and special  
times for celebration, this [Shabbat and this] Passover, this [given in love]  
this sacred gathering to commemorate the Exodus from Egypt. You have  
chosen us, You have shared Your holiness with us among all other peoples.  
For with [Shabbat and] festive revelations of Your holiness, happiness and  
joy You have granted us [lovingly] joyfully the holidays. Praised are you,  
Adonai, Who sanctifies [Shabbat], Israel and the festivals*

*If you did not say she'hecheyanu after candle lighting, you say it now:*

*בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שְׁהַחַיְנוּ וְקִיְמָנוּ וְהַגִּיעָנוּ לְזֶמַן הַזֶּה*

*Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu melech ha-olam,*

*she'hecheyanu v'ki'manu v'higi-anu laz'man hazeh.*

*Praised are you, Adonai, Lord our God, Ruler of the universe,  
who has sustained us, maintained us and enabled us to reach this moment  
in life.*

## *2. Urchatz - Washing Hands -*

*We wash our hands, but do not make a blessing.*

*As we feel the water run through our fingers, it wakes up our minds and opens our  
senses.*

## *3. Karpas - Dipping Greens -*

*We dip a vegetable(Parsley) other than the bitter herbs into salt water.*

*The karpas is dipped to show freedom; slaves did not dip their vegetables. Salt water reminds  
us of our salty tears and sweat when we were slaves in Egypt.*

*בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא פְּרִי הָאֲדָמָה*

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ha'adama.*

## *4. Yachatz - Breaking the Middle Matzah*

*We take the middle of the three matzot and break it into two.*

*We put the larger part away for our dessert. This is called the afikomen.*

*We hide it carefully, so we can find it after the meal.*

## 5. *Maggid* - Telling the Story -

The youngest person at the Seder asks the Four Questions.

We answer by telling the story of Pesach. This is the night we express the very meaning of our existence as a Jewish people.

### THE FOUR QUESTIONS

מה נִשְׁתַּנָּה הַלַּיְלָה הַזֶּה מִכָּל הַלַּיְלוֹת?

*Mah nish-ta-na ha-lai-lah ha-zeh mikol ha-lei-lot?*

Why is this night of Passover different from all other nights of the year?

שֶׁבֶכֶל הַלַּיְלוֹת אָנוּ אוֹכְלִין חֲמִץ וּמַצָּה, הַלַּיְלָה הַזֶּה - כּוּלוֹ מַצָּה

*She-b'chol ha-lei-lot anu och'lin cha-meitz u-matzah. Ha-laylah hazeh kulo*

matzah.



On all other nights, we eat either leavened or unleavened bread, why on this night do we eat only matzah?

שֶׁבֶכֶל הַלַּיְלוֹת אָנוּ אוֹכְלִין שָׂאֵר יִרְקוֹת, - הַלַּיְלָה הַזֶּה מְרוֹר

*Sheb'chol ha-lei-lot anu och'lin sh'ar y'rakot. Ha-lai-lah h-azeh maror.*

On all other nights, we eat vegetables of all kinds, why on this night must we eat bitter herbs?

שֶׁבֶכֶל הַלַּיְלוֹת אֵין אָנוּ מְטַבֵּילִין אֶפְּלוֹ פֶּעַם אַחַת, - הַלַּיְלָה הַזֶּה שְׁתֵּי פְּעָמִים

*Sheb'chol ha-lei-lot ein anu mat-beelin afee-lu pa-am echat. Ha-lai-lah hazeh*



*sh'tei p'ameem.*

On all other nights, we do not dip vegetables even once, why on this night do we dip greens into salt water and bitter herbs into sweet haroset?

שֶׁבֶכֶל הַלַּיְלוֹת אָנוּ אוֹכְלִין בֵּין יוֹשְׁבֵין וּבֵין מְסֻבִּין, - הַלַּיְלָה הַזֶּה כָּלְנוּ מֹסֵ

*Sheb'khol ha-lei-lot anu och-leem bein yo-shveen u-vein m'su-been, ha-lailah hazeh kulanu m'subeen.*

On all other nights, everyone sits up straight at the table, why on this night do we recline and eat at leisure?

Fill the 2nd cup of wine, but don't drink it yet.

## The Ten Plagues

This is your chance to liven things up. **Frogs** can be thrown or you can all ribbit. Small marshmallows can be **hail**, or cotton balls.

Turn the water red with food coloring in a bowl for your kids to be amazed!

### ONE MORNING

One morning when Pharaoh awoke in his bed,  
There were frogs in his bed and frogs on his head,  
Frogs on his nose and frogs on his toes,  
Frogs here, frogs there,  
Frogs were jumping everywhere.

Blood | *Dom* | דָּם  
Frogs | *Tzfardeyah* | צְפַרְדֵּי  
Lice | *Kinim* | כְּנִים  
Beasts | *Arov* | עֲרוֹב  
Cattle Plague | *Dever* | דְּבַר  
Boils | *Sh'chin* | שְׁחִין  
Hail | *Barad* | בָּרָד  
Locusts | *Arbeh* | אֲרֵבָה  
Darkness | *Choshech* | חֹשֶׁךְ  
Slaying of First Born | *Makat Bechorot* | מַכַּת בְּכוֹרוֹת

And the story continues...

### THROUGH THE RED SEA (TUNE OF "UNDER THE SEA")

Our people were running quickly  
Not stopping to even bake.  
They dreamed about a new homeland  
Not simply for their own sake.  
They saw what must lay before them  
The red sea, they could not pass.

They all turned to look at Moses  
He needed to move quite fast.

Through the Red Sea, through the Red Sea  
Clearing a pathway, it was a great day,  
Take it from me.

Yes, a miracle this may be  
You can tell from all the glee  
Quickly they scampered, couldn't be hampered  
Through the Red Sea.

Egyptians followed behind them.  
And into the path they go  
But no sooner were they in there  
That G-d did close down the show.  
Egyptians were not so lucky  
They drowned on the water's floor  
Such wonderful thing did happen  
What more could we ask G-d for?

Under the sea, under the sea  
That's where Egyptians are having conniptions  
Now we are free.

Yes, it's a miracle that this may be  
You can tell from all the glee  
We were all saved there  
That's why you should care  
'Bout the Red Sea.

Say the Blessing and drink the 2nd cup of wine here -

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## 6. *Rachtzah* - Washing Hands

*Wash hands while reciting the traditional blessing for washing the hands:*

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ עַל נְטִילַת יָדַיִם.  
*Baruch atah Adonai Eloheinu melech ha-olam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav, v'tzivanu al n'tilat yadayim.*

Praised are you, Adonai, Lord our God, Ruler of the universe, who has taught us the way of holiness through commandments, commanding us to wash our hands.

## 7. *Motzi* - Bracha Over the Bread -

Raise remaining matzot and recite two blessings - - the motzi (thanking God for the food we eat) and the special matzah blessing.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם הַמוֹצִיא לֶחֶם מִן הָאָרֶץ  
*Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu melech ha-olam, hamotzi lechem min ha-aretz.*

Praised are you, Adonai, Lord our God, Ruler of the universe, who provides sustenance from the earth.

## 8. *Matzah* - Bracha Over the Matzah

Another blessing over the Matzah emphasizing eating matzah as a Passover ritual act.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ עַל אֲכִילַת מַצָּה  
*Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu melech ha-olam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu al achilat matzah.*

Praised are you, Adonai, Lord our God, Ruler of the universe, who has taught us the way of holiness through commandments, commanding us to eat matzah.

## 9. *Maror* – Bracha Over the Bitter Herb –

Dip the bitter herb in charoset.

The **bitter herb** reminds us of the bitterness of slavery.

The **charoset** looks like mortar and reminds us of the hard work that the slaves did.

We say a **blessing** and we eat them.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ עַל אֲכִילַת מָרוֹר.  
*Baruch atah Adonai Eloheinu melech ha-olam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu al achilat maror.*

Praised are you, Adonai, Lord our God, Ruler of the universe, who has taught us the way of holiness through commandments, commanding us to eat the bitter herb.

## 10. *Korech* – Hillel Sandwich –

It is time to eat a matzah sandwich!

Take 2 pieces of the bottom matzah and place a spoonful of maror (horseradish) and some charoset on it. Eat like a king or queen, reclining to the left.

Why the sandwich? Rabbi Hillel, the head rabbi during Temple times, did this, so we do too!

## 11. *Shulchan Oreych* – The Festive Meal

## 12. *Tzafun* – Find and Eat the Afikomen – (like Hide and Seek)

The Afikomen helps us to remember what seems lost may be recovered.

What seems broken may be repaired.

Fill the 3rd cup of wine.

### 13. *Barech* -

## Recite the Birkat Hamazon The Blessing After the Meal

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*Thank you Adonai. Thank you for the food we eat. Thank you for our parents who make life so sweet.*

*Blessing for the wine is said here, and drink the 3rd cup.*

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## Cup for Elijah, The Prophet

Fill an extra cup of wine for Elijah, open the front door, and invite him in.

*14. Hallel* ■ Praise God who performed these miracles for us and for God's kindness to us.

4th cup of wine

*בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם בּוֹרֵא פְּרֵי הַגֶּפֶן*

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# 15. Nirtzah - The Seder is Over -

*Next year may we celebrate our Seder with family and friends, in Jerusalem in peace.*

לְשָׁנָה הַבָּאָה בִּירוּשָׁלַיִם  
*L'shana Haba'ah b'Y'rushalayim*  
Next Year in Jerusalem!

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Have a nice evening together with your family and stay healthy everyone.

Hag Sameach, A Joyous Holiday!  
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