

# Welcome to our Seder!!

**Reader:** Now the LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, "This month shall be the beginning of months for you; it is to be the first month of the year to you. Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying, 'On the tenth of this month they are each one to take a lamb for themselves, according to their fathers' households, a lamb for each household. Now if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his neighbor nearest to his house are to take one according to the number of persons in them; according to what each man should eat, you are to divide the lamb. Your lamb shall be an unblemished male a year old; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month, then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel is to kill it at twilight. Moreover, they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses in which they eat it.'" (Exodus 12:1-7)



**Reader:** "They shall eat the flesh that same night, roasted with fire, and they shall eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled at all with water, but rather roasted with fire, both its head and its legs along with its entrails. And you shall not leave any of it over until morning, but whatever is left of it until morning, you shall burn with fire. Now you shall eat it in this manner: with your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it in haste--it is the LORD'S Passover. For I will go through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments--I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live; and when I see the blood I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. Now this day will be a memorial to you, and you shall celebrate it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations you are to celebrate it as a permanent ordinance. (Exodus 12:8-14)



**Reader:** Clean out the old leaven so that you may be a new lump, just as you are in fact unleavened. For Messiah our Passover also has been sacrificed. Therefore let us celebrate the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. (1 Corinthians 5:7-8)



**Leader:** Thousands of years ago, the children of Israel were living in the land of Egypt. The Israelites were strong and multiplied greatly, which worried the Egyptians. Pharaoh was afraid of the Israelites because they were so strong, so he decided to enslave them. As the years went by, the work became harder and harder until the children of Israel cried out to the God of their fathers: the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Adonai heard their cry, had pity on them, and brought them out of Egypt with signs and wonders.

Just like the Israelites of old, we too find ourselves in slavery to sin. We also cry out to God for salvation, to be saved from the life of bondage to sin. Also like them, we can be delivered from bondage by the blood of the Lamb. On a night such as this they celebrated the first Passover feast. Now we too celebrate the Passover feast to remember what Adonai did for them so long ago, remembering also how He sent His Salvation (Yeshua) to set us free as well. God commands us to remember what He did for us, both then and now.

**Tonight we celebrate their freedom and ours!!**



## The Blessing and Lighting of the Candles

**Reader:** Again therefore Yeshua spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the light of life." - John 8:12

**Leader:** Just as Yeshua, the light of the world, was born into the world by a woman, the Passover meal now begins with a woman lighting the two candles to set apart the evening as a celebration before God.

*(Mother now lights the candles and recites the blessing)*



Baruch ata Adonai Eloheynu Melech Ha-Olahm A-sher Kid-sha-nu  
Al Y'dey emu-nah B'Yeshua HaMoshiach Or Ha-Olam Uvishmo  
Madikim Ha-nair Shel Pesach.

Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the Universe who has sanctified us by Your word and has given us Yeshua the Messiah, the Light of the world and it is in His Name we kindle the Passover lights.

*(All recite the blessing below.)*

Baruch ata Adonai Eloheynu Melech ha'olam she'asa nisim la'avoteinu b'yamim ha'heym b'zman hazeh.

Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has performed miracles for our ancestors, in those days, in this season.

## The Seder Plate

*(Each person at the table tells about one part.)*



Z'ro'a (a roasted bone) On the afternoon before Passover the Pesach offering was made. An unblemished male lamb was sacrificed, roasted whole and eaten by all. This was done at the temple in Jerusalem. Since we no longer have the temple, we are unable to offer this sacrifice. The roasted bone is to remind us of this offering.



Baytzah (roasted egg) The second offering given at Passover was sacrificed on the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread and could be a sheep, lamb, goat or oxen and could be male or female. This is a freewill offering of something that is not already dedicated to Adonai, and was also done at the temple in Jerusalem. The egg is a traditional symbol of mourning. Since we mourn the loss of the temple, the egg reminds us of this offering, and our sorrow that we can no longer offer this sacrifice.



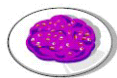
Marror (horseradish) - Bitter herb

As the bitterness of the horseradish brings tears to our eyes, we are reminded of the tears shed by all of the children of Israel who are experiencing the bitterness of slavery in Egypt.



Chazeret (lettuce) - Bitter herb.

Adonai commanded in Exodus 12:8 - "They shall eat the flesh in that night, roasted with fire, and matzah. They shall eat it with bitter herbs." We also eat the Chazeret to remind us of the bitterness of our slavery in Egypt.



Charoset - This is a mixture of apples and other fruits, nuts, cinnamon and other spices with red wine or grape juice. Charoset is symbolic of the mortar used to make the bricks and a remembrance of the hard work done in the Egypt.



Karpas - A green vegetable. Celery, parsley or potatoes are most often used. Karpas is symbolic of the hyssop used to put the blood of the lamb upon the doorframes on the first Passover. The karpas is dipped in salt water during our Seder to remind us of the tears shed when Israel cried out to Adonai in Egypt and also represents the Red Sea, which Adonai split for us as we escaped from bondage.

# The Kiddush Cup

**Leader:** Tonight we will drink four cups of wine (grape juice.) The fruit of the vine is a symbol of joy and life. Each of the four cups reminds us of the first four "I will" in Exodus chapter 6.



**Reader:** "Therefore tell the children of Israel, 'I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you out of their bondage, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm, and with great judgments: and I will take you to me for a people, and I will be to you a God; and you shall know that I am the LORD your God, who brings you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.'" Exodus 6:6-7



**Leader:** The first cup is the Cup of Sanctification. Through the Exodus out of Egypt, Adonai set the nation of Israel apart forever to be holy people unto Him by the blood of the lamb.

**Reader:** "What fruit, therefore, were you having then in the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and enslaved to God, you have your fruit unto sanctification, and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Messiah Yeshua our Lord." Romans 6:21-23

**Leader:** (*lifts up cup and recites blessing*)

Baruch ata Adonai Eloheynu Melech Ha-Olam Borey P'ree Hagafen



Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the Universe, Who creates the fruit of the vine. Amen (*All drink*)

# Urchats – Washing of Hands



**Leader:** This part of the Seder is a symbolic act in imitation of the priest who had to wash his hands and his feet in the laver before he offered the sacrifices or entered into the Holy Place. It was at this time during the Passover meal that Yeshua washed the feet of his disciples. As we wash our hands, let us each remember to ask God to cleanse our hearts.

*(Listen to Psalm 24 while all wash their hands.)*

The earth is the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods. Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation. This is the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, O Jacob. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory.

(Psalms 24:1-10)

## Karpas



**Leader:** The greens remind us of the spring season, and the renewal of life. They also remind us of the hyssop used to place the blood of the lamb on the doorposts of Egypt. When we dip it in the salt water, we are reminded again of the tears shed in Egypt because of the suffering. Tears were part of the redemption story in Egypt and it will be so as well in the last days.



**Reader:** "It happened in the course of those many days, that the king of Egypt died, and the children of Israel sighed because of the bondage, and they cried, and their cry came up to God because of the bondage. God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. God saw the children of Israel and God was concerned about them." (Exodus 2:23-25)

**Reader:** "With weeping they will come, and by supplication I will lead them; I will make them walk by streams of waters, on a straight path in which they will not stumble; for I am a father to Israel, And Ephraim is My firstborn." (Jeremiah 31:9)

**Leader:** Let us dip the greens in the salt water and say the blessing together.

**All:** Baruch ata Adonai Eloheynu Melech Ha-Olam  
Borey P'ree Ha-Adamah.



Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the Universe,  
Who creates the fruit of the earth. Amen (*All eat*)

## Breaking the Middle Matzah



**Leader:** For at least one thousand years before Yeshua was born, the sages instructed us to take three matzahs and wrap them in linen.

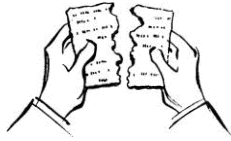
*(Leader holds up the linen holding the Matzah.)*

There are three sheets of matzah in this compartment that is called Unity. *(Leader removes middle matzah and holds it up.)* In this part of the Passover Seder, we remove the middle matzah from the linen. The matzah is a clear picture of Messiah, for like Yeshua it is pierced, bruised, and striped.

**Reader:** And he is pierced for our transgressions, bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace is on him, and by his stripes we are healed. (Isaiah 53:5)

**Leader: (With Matzah lifted.)** Baruch ata Adonai Eloheynu Melech Ha-Olam Ha-Motzee Lechem meen Ha-Arez

Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the Universe, Who brings forth bread from the earth.



We now break this middle matzah in half. The pieces are called the *lachma anya*, meaning "bread of affliction" and the *Afikomen* which literally means, "I came!" This is the bread that Yeshua offered to his disciples.

**Reader:** I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread which comes down out of heaven, that anyone may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread which came down out of heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. Yes, the bread which I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." John 6:48-51

**Leader: (Holds up lachma anya)** This is the bread of affliction, which our forefathers ate in Egypt.



**Reader:** "You shall not eat leavened bread with it; seven days you shall eat with it unleavened bread, the bread of affliction (for you came out of the land of Egypt in haste), so that you may remember all the days of your life the day when you came out of the land of Egypt." Deuteronomy 16:3



**Leader:** The Afikomen is wrapped in a white napkin (*wrap Afikomen*) and hid away. This reminds us of how Yeshua was wrapped in a linen cloth and buried for three days.

**Reader:** When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who himself had also become a disciple of Yeshua. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Yeshua. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock; and he rolled a large stone against the entrance of the tomb and went away. Matthew 27:57-60



*(Listen to Isaiah 53 while leader goes and hides the Afikoman... children... don't look!)*



Who hath believed our report? And to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed? For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment: for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken. And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth. Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors. (Isaiah 53:1-12)





## The Four Questions

**Reader:** "And when your children say to you, 'What does this rite mean to you?' you shall say, 'It is a Passover sacrifice to Adonai who passed over the houses of the sons of Israel in Egypt when He smote the Egyptians, but spared our homes.'" And the people bowed low and worshiped. Exodus 12:26-27

**Question:** On all other nights we eat both leavened bread and unleavened bread; why on this night do we eat only unleavened bread?

**Question:** On all other nights we eat all kinds of herbs; why on this night do we eat especially bitter herbs?

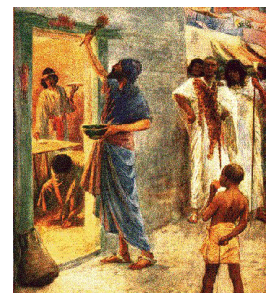
**Question:** On all other nights we do not usually dip our foods even once; why on this night do we dip twice?

**Question:** On all other nights we eat while sitting up straight; why on this night do we recline?

**Leader:** Now let us answer these questions in the telling of the Passover Story.



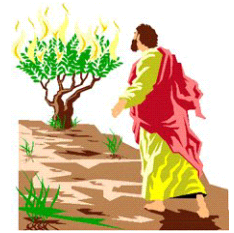
## The Passover Story



**Reader:** Long ago our ancestors were slaves in Egypt. The Egyptian Pharaoh was very cruel to the Israelites, making them work long and hard. He was afraid of the Israelites, so he ordered that all male babies be thrown into the river Nile. One baby was hidden for three months and then placed into a basket and put into the river. Pharaoh's daughter found the baby, took pity on him, and raised him as her own son, naming him Moses.

**Reader:** When Moses grew to adulthood, he saw the way his brethren were being treated by the Egyptians and it made him very angry. One day, while

visiting his people, Moses saw an Egyptian beating an Israelite slave. Moses killed the Egyptian and then fled from Egypt to the land of Midian. There he worked as a shepherd for 40 years. One day while tending the flock, Moses saw a bush burning, yet it was not consumed. When he approached to investigate, Adonai spoke to him from the bush.



**Reader:** The LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of My people who are in Egypt, and have given heed to their cry because of their taskmasters, for I am aware of their sufferings. So I have come down to deliver them from the power of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanite and the Hittite and the Amorite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite. Now, behold, the cry of the sons of Israel has come to Me; furthermore, I have seen the oppression with which the Egyptians are oppressing them. Therefore, come now, and I will send you to Pharaoh, so that you may bring My people, the sons of Israel, out of Egypt." Exodus 3:7-10



**Reader:** So Adonai sent Moses back to Egypt to tell Pharaoh to let the Israelites go. But Pharaoh's heart was hardened, so he would not let them go. One by one, Adonai sent plagues upon the Egyptians, judging the gods of Egypt. Each of these plagues fell upon the Egyptians but the children of Israel, God's chosen people, were not affected. Still, Pharaoh would not let His people go.



**Reader:** "Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying, 'On the tenth of this month they are each one to take a lamb for themselves, according to their fathers' households, a lamb for each household. Now if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his neighbor nearest to his house are to take one according to the number of persons in them; according to what each man

should eat, you are to divide the lamb. Your lamb shall be an unblemished male a year old; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month, then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel is to kill it at twilight. Moreover, they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the flesh that same night, roasted with fire, and they shall eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Exodus 12:3-8



**Reader:** "For I will go through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments—I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live; and when I see the blood I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. Now this day will be a memorial to you, and you shall celebrate it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations you are to celebrate it as a permanent ordinance. Exodus 12:12-14



**Leader:** We cried out to God for help and God heard our plea, saw our suffering and responded to our oppression. God remembered the Covenant with our ancestors Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. When Pharaoh refused to let us go free, God brought Ten Plagues to the land of Egypt: blood, frogs, lice, wild beasts, cattle diseases, boils, flaming hail, locusts, darkness and the slaying of the first-born sons of the Egyptians. When Pharaoh's own son died he finally agreed to let us go. Since we are no longer slaves, we recline when we eat our meal, just like the Egyptians did.



## The Second Cup – Judgment

**Leader:** At this time in the Seder we recount the Ten Plagues that came upon Egypt.

**Reader:** When men defy the will of God, they bring pain and suffering upon themselves. Egypt received the judgment of God for defying God's command.

**Reader:** We also know that the plagues demonstrated the defeat of the false gods of Egypt for these gods were meant to protect Egypt from these plagues.

**Reader:** Because all people are created in God's image, we mourn for the destruction they suffered. We mourn for all who, in turning from Adonai's ways, reap the sad fruit of destruction and loss.

**Leader:** The Psalmist said, "My cup overflows." A full cup symbolizes fullness of joy; but when people turn from God, as Pharaoh did, we can't be full of joy. Therefore, our joy is diminished as we recall the plagues God used for our freedom. We will now dip a finger in the fruit of the vine and place a drop on our plates for each plague. Let's all say them together. *(Do not drink cup yet)*

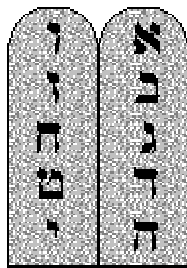






**Reader:** The Israelites left Egypt at midnight in such a hurry that they did not have time to let their bread rise. They baked it immediately and it came out flat and hard - the first matzah.

**Reader:** They escaped to the Red Sea with the Egyptians in hot pursuit. When it seemed like all was lost, Adonai told Moses to lift up his staff. When he did, Adonai caused the sea to part and the Israelites passed through on dry land.



**Reader:** From the Red Sea, our people traveled on to Mount Sinai where God gave them the Torah. At Sinai, we entered into our covenant with God, which sustains us to this day and teaches us to cherish a vision of the world free of Pharaohs, slavery and plagues.

**Leader:** Adonai did many wonderful things for us. He brought us out of Egypt, gave us the Shabbat, gave us Torah and brought us into the Land of Israel. Any one of these would have been enough. Therefore we sing *Dayenu*, which means "it would have been enough."

*(Leader reads verses; all respond Dayenu.)*

Had God brought us out of Egypt and not divided the sea for us,

**Dayenu!**

Had God divided the sea and not permitted us to cross on dry land,

**Dayenu!**

Had God kept us for forty years in the desert and not fed us with manna,

**Dayenu!**

Had God fed us with manna and not given us the Sabbath,

**Dayenu!**

Had God given us the Sabbath and not led us to Mount Sinai,

**Dayenu!**

Had God led us to Mount Sinai and not given us the Torah,

**Dayenu!**

Had God given us the Torah and not led us into the Land of Israel,

**Dayenu!**

Had God led us into the Land of Israel and not built for us the Temple,

**Dayenu!**



Had God built for us the Temple and not sent us prophets of truth,

**Dayenu!**

Had God sent us prophets of truth and not made us a holy people,

**Dayenu!**



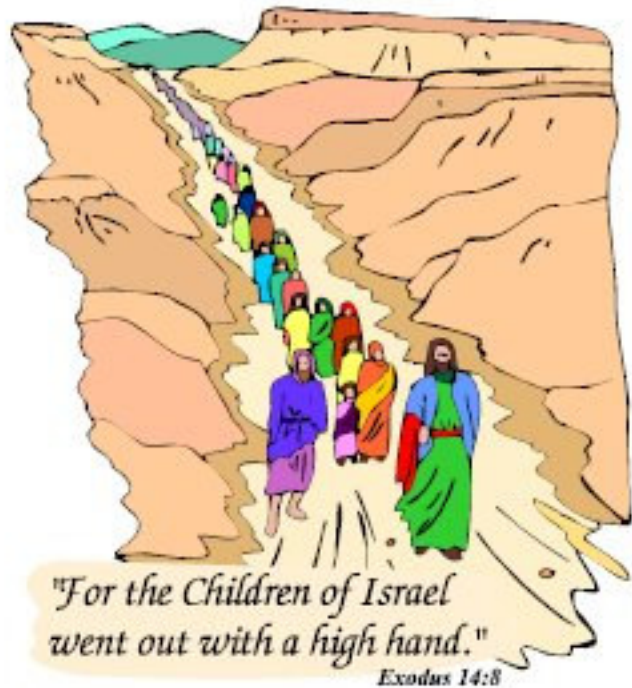
**All sing:** Dayenu

Ilu ho-tsi, ho-tsi-o-nu,  
Ho-tsi-onu mi-Mitz-ra-yim  
Ho-tsi-onu mi-Mitz-ra-yim  
Da-ye-nu

*CHORUS*

Da-da-ye-nu,  
Da-da-ye-nu,  
Da-da-ye-nu,  
Da-ye-nu,  
Da-ye-nu,  
(repeat)

Ilu na-tan, na-tan-la-nu,  
Na-tan-la-nu To-rat e-met,  
To-rat e-met na-tan-la-nu,  
Da-ye-nu  
(repeat)  
(*CHORUS*)



**(The second cup is raised and all recite the following)**

**All:** Baruch ata Adonai Eloheynu Melech Ha-Olam Borey P'ree Hagafen.  
Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the Universe, Who creates the fruit of the vine.

**Leader:** Truly we can say HalleluYah for the great redemption that Adonai has wrought on our behalf. For Israel, redemption came at the price of Egypt's firstborn, but for us, the death of the firstborn of all creation, Yeshua. (*All drink*)

# Three Ancient Symbols: The Lamb, Matzah and Maror

**Leader:** The Apostle Paul was a student of Rabbi Gamaliel. Gamaliel taught that lamb, matzah and bitter herbs must be mentioned in order to teach the meaning of Passover. Let us now review these three elements.



**Reader:** The pesach (Passover lamb) symbolizes the blood of the paschal lamb used to signify Israelite homes so that God "passed over" their houses.



**Reader:** The matzah (unleavened bread) recalls the hasty flight from Egyptian bondage - when the Israelites' bread was not given sufficient time to rise.

**Leader:** (*Lifts up the remaining matzah from the linen.*)

Baruch ata Adonai Eloheynu Melech Ha-Olam Asher k'dshanu b'mitz-vo-tav v'itzee-vanu al akhee-lat matzah.

Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the Universe, Who made us holy with His commands and commanded us to eat unleavened bread.

(*Give each person a piece of the top matzah, which they now eat.*)



**Reader:** The marror (bitter herb) symbolizes the bitterness of life under the Egyptian taskmasters and the bitterness of slavery as we read, "The Egyptians compelled the sons of Israel to labor rigorously; and they made their lives bitter with hard labor in mortar and bricks and at all kinds of labor in the field, all their labors which they rigorously imposed on them." Exodus 1:13-14

**Leader:** (*Lifts up the marror.*) Baruch ata Adonai Eloheynu Melech Ha-Olam Asher k'dshanu b'mitz-vo-tav v'itzee-vanu al akhee-lat marror.

Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the Universe, Who made us holy with His commands and commanded us to eat the bitter herbs.

(*All eat a piece of matzah with marror.*)

**Leader:** In every generation, each person should feel as though he or she went forth from Egypt, as our Torah teaches: "You shall tell your son on that day, saying, 'It is because of what the LORD did for me when I came out of Egypt.'" Exodus 13:8

## Charoset The Mortar of Affliction



**Leader:** (*Holding up charoset.*) This is the symbol of affliction. It reminds us of the labor with which we toiled in Egypt and that we now have rested from our labor. In Messiah, we also have rested from our labor in sanctifying ourselves to God. For through His blood, Messiah Yeshua has done all the work required.

*(Leader now gives each person a piece of the bottom matzah.)*

**Leader:** During the time of the temple, Rabbi Hillel put matzah and bitter herbs together in the form of a sandwich. He did this in order to fulfill literally the words of the Torah.

**Reader:** "They shall eat the flesh that same night, roasted with fire, and they shall eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs." Exodus 12:8

**Leader:** Let us now make our Hillel sandwich and dip it in the charoset. This is the dish that Judas dipped into with Yeshua on the night he betrayed Him.

## Shulchan Orech The Passover Meal

*(The seder plate is removed from the table and the meal is served.)*



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