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The Essential Haggadah



This Haggadah will help you conduct a basic Seder, in the comfort of your home.

Kadesh

Fill a cup with Kosher wine/grape juice, raise it and recite the following blessing:

*Boruch A-toh Ado-nai Eh-lo-hay-noo
Meh-lech Hah'oh-lam Bo-ray P'ree
Ha'gah-fehn.*

Blessed are you, G-d, Our L-rd, King of the universe, who has chosen us from among all nations, raised us above all tongues, and made us Holy through His commandments. And You, L-rd our G-d, have given us in love, festivals for rejoicing, holidays and seasons for gladness, this day of the Festival of Matzot, and this festival of holy assembly, the season of our freedom, a holy assembly, commemorating the exodus from Egypt. For you have chosen us and sanctified us from among all nations, and your holy festivals, in joy and gladness, You have given us as a heritage. Blessed are You, L-rd, who sanctifies Israel and the festive seasons.

Blessed are you, L-rd, our G-d, King of the universe, who has granted us life, sustained us, and enabled us to reach this occasion.

Drink the first of the four cups of wine, **reclining** to your left side.

Urchatz

Using a different cup, wash your hands by pouring water three times on the right hand and then three times on the left hand.

No blessing is recited at this time.

karpas

Take a piece of ready-to-eat vegetable, and dip it into saltwater. Recite the flowing blessing before eating (and have in mind that this blessing includes the *Maror* which will be eaten later):

Boruch A-toh Ado-nai Eh-lo-hay-noo Meh-lech Hah'oh-lam Bo-ray P'ree Ha'ah-dah-mah.

Yachatz

Break off a piece of matzah (at least a 1/2 of a round Matzah – and set it aside for later use as the *Afee-ko-man*).

Maggid

Fill your cup with the second cup of wine/grape juice and tell the story of the exodus of Egypt. This can be found in the standard Haggadah in greater detail. At the very least, recite the following:

Ma Nishtana - *Why is this night different from all other nights?*

- *On all other nights we are not accustomed to dip even once, on this night we dip twice.*
- *On all other nights, we eat chometz or matzah. On this night, only matzah.*
- *On all other nights we eat any type of vegetables. On this night Maror.*
- *On all other nights we eat either sitting upright or reclining. On this night we all recline.*

We were slaves to Pharaoh in Egypt, but G-d, our L-rd, brought us out from there with a strong hand and outstretched arm. Had the Holy one, blessed be He, not taken our ancestors out from Egypt then we, our children, and our grandchildren, would still be enslaved to Pharaoh in Egypt. Therefore, even if we were all wise, all men of understanding, all well-versed

in Torah, we would still be commanded to tell about the exodus from Egypt. Whoever tells about it at length is worthy of being praised.

These are the ten plagues which the Holy One, blessed be He, brought upon the Egyptians in Egypt: They are: **Blood, Frogs, Lice, Wild Beasts, Epidemic, Boils, Hail, Locusts, Darkness, Slaying of the firstborn.**

Raban Gamliel would say: Whoever does not discuss the following three things on Passover has not fulfilled his obligation: They are **Pesach** - The Passover sacrifice our ancestors would eat during the time of the Holy Temple, **Matzah** – the unleavened bread our ancestors baked as they were rushed to leave Egypt, **Maror** - the bitter vegetable which we eat to remind us of how the Egyptians embittered the lives of our ancestors in Egypt.

In every generation, a person is obligated to regard himself as if he had left Egypt, as implied by the verse: "And you shall tell your son on that day, saying: 'It is because of this that G-d acted on my behalf when I went out of Egypt.'"

It was not only our ancestors whom the Holy One, blessed be He, redeemed from Egypt; He redeemed us as well as implied by the verse: "He brought us out from there, so that He might bring us to the land He swore to our fathers, and give it to us."

Raise the second cup of wine and recite the following blessing, and then drink while **reclining** to the left side:

Boruch A-toh Ado-nai Eh-lo-hay-noo Meh-lech Hah'oh -lam Bo-ray P'ree Ha'gah-fehn.

Rachtza

Using a cup, wash your hands as before, three times on the right and three times on the left, then recite the following blessing:

Boruch A-toh Ado-nai Eh-lo-hay-noo Meh-lech Hah'oh -lam Ah-sheer Kee-de-sha-noo Be'mitz-vo-tav Ve'tzee-vah-noo Ahl Neh-tee-lat Yah-da'yeem.

Motzi - Matzah

Hold the matzah and recite the following two blessings:

A) *Boruch A-toh Ado-nai Eh-lo-hay-noo Meh-lech Hah'oh-lam Ha-motzee Leh-chem Meen Ha-ah-retz.*

B) *Boruch A-toh Ado-nai Eh-lo-hay-noo Meh-lech Hah'oh-lam Ah-sheer Kee-de-sha-noo Be'mitz-vo-tav Ve'tzee-vah-noo Ahl Ah-chee-lat Matzah.*

Eat approximately 3/4 of a round matzah **reclining** to your left side.

Maror

Dip the *Maror* (lettuce and horseradish) into the *Charoset* (a brown sweet mixture of ground apples, nuts and wine) and recite the following blessing:

Boruch A-toh Ado-nai Eh-lo-hay-noo Meh-lech Hah'oh -lam Ah-sheer Kee-de-sha-noo Be'mitz-vo-tav Ve'tzee-vah-noo Ahl Ah-chee-lat Maror.

The *Maror* is eaten without reclining.

Korech

Once again dip the *Maror* (lettuce and horseradish) in the *charoset*, and place it between two pieces of matzah, forming a sandwich. Recite the following:

When the holy Temple was standing, Hillel would do as follows: He would combine the Passover sacrifice, matzah, and Maror in a sandwich and eat them together, in order to fulfill the instruction: "They shall eat it with matzos and bitter vegetables."

Eat the sandwich reclining to your left side.

Shulchan Orech

We enjoy a festive Kosher-for-Passover meal.

Tzafun

After the meal, take the matzah which was set aside at the beginning of the seder, and eat it **reclining** to your left.

Bay-rach

Fill the third cup with wine/grape juice and recite the Grace after Meals:

Blessed are you G-d, our L-rd, King of the universe who, in His goodness, nourishes the entire world with grace, kindness, and mercy. He gives food to all flesh, for His kindness is eternal. Continuously through His great goodness to us, we do not lack food; and may we never lack it for the sake of His great name. Because He is G-d, who nourishes and sustains all, who does good to all, and who prepares food for all His creatures which He has created, as is stated: "You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living being." Blessed are You, G-d, who provides food for all.

We thank You, G-d, our L-rd, because You have given our ancestors a precious, good, and spacious land as a heritage; for Your covenant, Your Torah and for the food which You constantly provide, and sustain us with everyday. For all this, G-d, our L-rd, we thank You. Blessed are You, G-d, for the land and for the sustenance.

Have mercy, G-d, our L-rd, on Israel Your people, on Jerusalem Your city, on Zion the dwelling of Your glory, on the Kingship of the house of David Your anointed, and remember us on this day of the feast of Matzot, and rebuild Jerusalem, the holy City speedily in our days. Blessed are You, G-d, who rebuilds Jerusalem in His mercy. Amen.

Blessed are you, G-d, our L-rd, King of the universe, the G-d who is our Father, our King, the King who is good and acts beneficently to all. He who makes peace in the heights, may He make peace for us and for all Israel. Let us say: Amen.

Raise the third cup of wine and recite the following blessing, then drink while **reclining** on the left side:

Boruch A-toh Ado-nai Eh-lo-hay-noo Meh-lech Hah'oh -lam Bo-ray P'ree Ha'gah-fehn.

Hallel

Fill the fourth cup of wine/grape juice.

At this point we welcome the prophet Eliyahu who visits every Seder. It is customary to take a few moments to pray to the Al-mighty for all our needs and especially for the final redemption with the coming of Moshiach.

The whole 'Hallel' can be found in the Haggadah. At the very least recite the following:

You are my G-d and I thank you; my G-d, I will exalt You; Thank G-d for He is good; His kindness is everlasting.

All Your works shall praise you, G-d, our L-rd. Your pious ones- the righteous who carry out Your will and all Your people, the House of Israel- with joyous song will give praise, bless, praise, glorify, exalt, revere, sanctify, and crown Your Name, our King. For it is good to thank You, and it is pleasant to sing praise to Your Name, for from [the highest] world to [the lowest] world You are G-d.

Raise the fourth cup of wine and recite the following blessing, then drink while **reclining** on the left side:

Boruch A-toh Ado-nai Eh-lo-hay-noo Meh-lech Hah'oh -lam Bo-ray P'ree Ha'gah-fehn.

Nirtzah

Proclaim out loud:

**Le-shah-nah Hah-bah-ah
Bee-yeh-roo-shah-lah-yim!
Next Year in Jerusalem!**