

# THE TEN MINUTE SEDER

## Haggadah by Rabbi Yonah Bookstein

### LEADER

Welcome to our interactive Seder! We are going to go through the essence of the Seder: Kiddush, Four Cups of Wine, Four Questions, We Were Slaves, Four Children, Plagues, Dayeinu, Pesach, Matzah, Maror and Hallel—all in around 10 minutes. Hold on to your Matzahs! Now we are going to bless the holiday of Passover together:

### PARTICIPANTS SAY TOGETHER

Blessed is the maker of the fruit of the vine! *Baruch Ata Adonai Eloheinu Melech ha olam, borei pri hagafen.* Thank you for God for giving us festivals and seasons to rejoice, and this Festival of Matzot to commemorate the Exodus from Egypt. You have made us and our seasons of joy holy! [ 🍷 **Drink first cup of grape juice / wine** ]

### LEADER

Let us recite the Shehechyanu prayer thanking God that we have come together for this Seder:

### PARTICIPANTS SAY TOGETHER

Thank you God for bringing us to this time and place! *Baruch Ata Adonay Eloheinu Melech Ha olam, She-hechyanu, V'kimanu, V'heegianu, La'zman hazeh.*

### LEADER

[ 🍞 **Holding matzah high** ] This is the bread of poverty that our ancestors ate in the land of Egypt. All who are hungry, come and eat, all who are in distress, come share Passover with us! This year we are here, next year let's celebrate in Jerusalem. This year we are slaves, next year may we be free! [ **Break matzah - put half aside as Afikoman** ]  
Now, I have four questions:

### PARTICIPANTS SING TOGETHER THE FOUR QUESTIONS

*Ma nishtanah halailah hazeh mikol haleilot?*

*Sheb'khol haleilot anu okhlin hametz umatzah; halailah hazeh [x2], kuloh matzah. [x2]*

*Sheb'khol haleilot anu okhlin sh'ar y'rakot; halailah hazeh [x2], kulo maror. [x2]*

*Sheb'khol haleilot ein anu matbilin afilu pa'am ehat; halailah hazeh [x2], shtei f'amim. [x2]*

*Sheb'khol haleilot anu okhlin bein yoshvin uvein m'subin; halailah hazeh [x2], kulanu m'subin. [x2]*

### PARTICIPANT

1) What's up with the matzoh? 2) What's the deal with horseradish? 3) What's with the dipping of the herbs?  
4) What's this whole "chill'n" at the table business?

### PARTICIPANTS SAY TOGETHER

We were slaves in Egypt. God lifted us out with awesome miracles. Had God not taken us out of Egypt, then what? We, and our children, and our children's children would still be slaves in Egypt! Therefore, even if we were all wise people of understanding, all elders well-versed in the Torah, we would still be commanded to tell about the Exodus from Egypt. All people who discuss the story of Passover at length are praiseworthy

### LEADER

The Torah reflects upon four types of kids: One Wise, One Evil, One Simple, and One Who Doesn't Know How To Ask. **GUIDE** the wise one through the obligations of Passover. **TELL** the Evil One, we need you to be part of our people. **EXPLAIN** to the Simple One, "with a strong hand God brought us out of Egypt." **ENGAGE** the one who doesn't know how to ask, make that child feel comfortable, and tell them about the Exodus.

### PARTICIPANTS SAY TOGETHER

[ 🍷 **Take a drop of juice/wine from your cup for each plague**] There are ten plagues which God brought upon the Egyptians: Blood — frogs — Lice — Wild Beasts — Disease — Boils — Hail and fire — Locusts — Darkness — Death of the first born.

### LEADER AND PARTICIPANTS SING DAYEINU

♪♪ Dei, Deiyenu x 4

♪ If God had taken us out of Egypt and not punished our enemies, it would've been enough. If God punished our enemies and not parted the Red Sea, it would've been enough. If God brought us to Sinai and gave us the Torah, but not brought us to Israel, it would have been enough! If God brought us to Israel, but didn't build a Temple, it would have been enough.

### LEADER

Rabbi Gamliel would say: Whoever does not discuss three things on Passover has not fulfilled their obligations:  
**Pesach, Matzah and Maror.**

### PARTICIPANTS SAY TOGETHER

[ 🍖 **Point to the shank-bone** ] **PESACH** is the sacrifice our ancestors would eat during the time of the Temple, because God passed over the houses of our ancestors in Egypt.

### PARTICIPANTS SAY TOGETHER

[ 🍞 **Point to matzah** ] This is **MATZAH**. Because the dough of our ancestors did not have time to rise before God redeemed them from Egypt.

### PARTICIPANTS SAY TOGETHER

[ 🌿 **Point to Maror** ] This is **MAROR** - why do we eat it? Because the Egyptians oppressed our ancestors in Egypt, they made their lives bitter with hard labor, with mortar and bricks, and other hardships.

### LEADER

Friends, in every generation we need to feel like WE had left Egypt. So now we need to thank and praise God for the miracles of the Exodus. Halleluyah! Thank you God for everything!

### PARTICIPANTS SAY TOGETHER

Blessed is the maker of the fruit of the vine! [ 🍷 **Hebrew version of blessing above — Drink the Second Cup**]

### LEADER

Blessed is the maker of bread. Blessed is God who commanded us to eat Matzah! *Baruch Ata Adonai Eloheinu Melech ha olam, ha motzi lechem min haaretz, Baruch Ata Adonai Eloheinu Melech ha olam Asher kidshanu b mitzvotav v tzivanu al achilat matzah.*

[ 🍞 **Everyone eat matzah** ]

Blessed is God who commanded us to eat Maror! *Baruch Ata Adonai Eloheinu Melech ha olam Asher kidshanu b mitzvotav v tzivanu al achilat maror*

[ 🌿 **Everyone eat the Maror — grated horseradish or Romain lettuce** ]

Rabbi Hillel would combine the Passover offering, the Matzah and Maror together in a sandwich and eat them to fulfill the words of the Torah "They shall eat it with Matzah and bitter herbs."

[ 🍞🌿 **Make a sandwich from matzah and Horseradish dipped in charoset** ]

[ 🍷 **EAT the Passover meal - Finish with the Afikoman** ]

### PARTICIPANTS SAY TOGETHER

Thank you God for this awesome meal! Blessed is the maker of the fruit of the vine!

[ 🍷 **Hebrew version above — Drink the Third Cup - Open Door for Elijah the Prophet - Sing Eliyahu Hanavi** ]

[ 🎵 **Sing together a mini-Hallel** ] *Oseh Shalom bimromav, Who Ya'aseh shalom aleinu, v al Kol Yisrael, v'imru, amen! Yaaseh shalom, yaaseh shalom, shalom aleinu, v al Kol Yisrael. x 2*

[ 🌍 **Say together** ] God, quickly bring peace to the Jewish People, and peace and healing to the entire world!

Blessed is the maker of the fruit of the vine! [ 🍷 **Hebrew version above — Drink the Fourth Cup** ]

### EVERYONE TOGETHER

**NEXT YEAR IN JERUSALEM! SHANA HABA B' YERUSHALAYIM**