

The Modern Passover Seder



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Introduction

This Haggadah is the 2nd edition of "The Family Haggadah." It came about because the traditional Passover Haggadah, and the seder, became a yearly chore to our children, grandchildren, and guests. If the primary purpose of the seder is to teach our children about our Exodus from Egypt, what could be the harm of having everyone look forward to re-enacting it each year because it was fun?

Yes, it felt sacrilegious to think about changing the Haggadah - until our Orthodox Rabbi informed us many people had written their own. Now we had a license.

We took the existing haggadah, one page at a time, and outlined the ideas and the actions. The outline showed a methodology and a powerful symbolism. However, judging it as a story to be read out loud, it needed to have a greater understanding of the pressure that flat chairs can exert upon young round tuchuses. Children must feel involved, or they leave the table ... or worse, stay and cry.

The story of Exodus in the Torah is rich in human terms. The 10 plagues and the interactions between God, Moses and Pharaoh are dramatic. We used that to ignite the imaginations of our young Jews. We added more questions for the children and a dialogue between Moses and Pharaoh that was acted out by the adults. Our goal was to get everyone at the seder table involved - all the adults and all the children.

Some directing guides: The Leader can be anyone who enjoys teaching children. The Children parts can be read together by the children, or by one child at a time. (In our family, it is very important to have the children sitting next to their parents, rather than together with other children, to maintain order.) The Adult parts can also be read together, or by one adult. Moses and Pharaoh can be read by adults or children, using accents. We found laughter helped during the readings, as long as it did not detract from teaching about the Exodus, and the holiness.

Please accept "The Modern Passover Seder" with our love of Judaism and Torah. The Jewish religion reveres both tradition, and change, as long as the intention is to remain holy. That intention is imbued in "The Modern Passover Seder."

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List of Components

Seder Table

Wine and Grape Juice

Wine Glasses

At least 3 Matzahs and Matzah plate

Napkin to cover Afikomen

Bowl of water

Salt

Karpas (celery or boiled potatoes)

Charoset (mixture of fruit and nuts)

Jar of Horseradish or raw horseradish

Tomato juice - small can

Clear glass pitcher filled with water

Optional - traditional Plates with hard boiled egg, celery, horse radish, charoset, and roast shank bone

For Children

Animal masks

Little cotton balls for lice

Paper reinforcements with sticky back for boils and blisters

Optional - rubber frogs, locusts, wild animals, large cotton balls for hail

For Adults

Pillow for leader of seder

Small towel for Pharaoh

Staff for Moses

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[All the glasses around the table are filled with wine or grape juice. The person who is leading the Seder, stands, raises his glass and says:]



LEADER

Blessed are You, oh Lord, our God, King of Universe, creator of fruit of the vine.

Everyone Repeats the Above

[The leader drinks a half of the glass, as do all others]

LEADER

Children, as you can see, we are celebrating something special tonight. Together, I would like you to ask us the following question:

CHILDREN

Why is this night different from all other nights?

LEADER

This night is different because we are gathered here to tell you the story of our Exodus, or leaving, from Egypt. It is about the first time in the history of the world when three million people experienced God together. Three million people! With their own eyes, they saw God create great miracles, and they received the ten commandments and the Bible from Him at Mount Sinai.



God has commanded the adults sitting here today to tell you, our children, about this Exodus. This Passover Seder is our way of telling you that story.

[The leader, still standing, raises his glass and says:]

Blessed are You, Lord, our God, King of Universe, who gave us Festival days.

Everyone Repeats the Above



[The leader drinks the final 1/2 of the glass, as do all others. The leader now sits down, leans against a pillow, and asks the children to say:]

CHILDREN

Why are leaning against a pillow on your chair?

LEADER

If a child did not know, there would be five different ways of finding out, depending on the type of child. A wise **child** would say:

CHILDREN

I don't know why you are laying back on pillows, but I would like to learn.

LEADER

And we will teach the wise child. A **simple child** would say:

CHILDREN

What's going on here? Are you talking to me?

LEADER



And we will teach the simple child. If a **child who doesn't even know how to ask a question** was there, the child would say:

CHILDREN

Ah ... ah ... Huh ... duh?

LEADER

And still, we will teach the child who doesn't even know how to ask the question. A **rebellious child** would say:

CHILDREN

Leave me out of this. I didn't want to be here in the first place.

LEADER

And still, we will try to teach the rebellious child, if that child will agree to sit still and learn. We will also caution the rebellious child that this kind of attitude separates them from the people that love them.

There was a wise man who added that there was still another child, a **fifth child**, who is not even here at the seder. To those fifth children, we would say:



CHILDREN

Please come to our seder, and be a part of it. It's fun!

LEADER

And we will try to teach the fifth child, if that child will also agree to sit still and learn along with us. We will also caution this kind of attitude separates them loved ones.

ALL ADULTS

Listen, children, and learn. If you have questions, ask, and we will answer.

LEADER

I am laying back now on pillows to celebrate the fact that all of us here are free people. We are not slaves. **Everyone please close your haggadahs now.**

[Call on the youngest child, and then go around the table and ask all the children:]

Do any of you children know what we mean by a slave?

Adults, what you think?

Okay, you can open your haggadahs again. Children, please read.



CHILDREN

A slave is a person who is bought and sold, like an animal. A slave is a person who belongs to another person and is ordered what to do each day. A slave is a person with no freedom.

LEADER

Is there anyone who would choose to be a slave?

CHILDREN

It feels like being a child is like slavery. Someone is always telling us what to do.

LEADER

Yes, I felt that way too, when I was a child. But if you were really a slave, no one would take care of you, feed you, and give you shelter, like a parent. You would have to take care of yourself, which you are not able to do just yet.



We are lucky today in that everyone here is a free person, but this was not always the case. More than 3,000 years ago, our forefather, Jacob, was living in Israel where there was no rain. Without rain, his family couldn't grow food. They were starving. The Pharaoh, the ruler of Egypt, asked Jacob to bring his family to Egypt, because Joseph, one of Jacob's sons, was a good friend of Pharaoh. Jacob and his family came down to Egypt and there was plenty of food, like today.

[The leader uncovers the three matzahs, holds them up, and says:]



Let all those who are hungry enter and eat with us. Let all those that are in distress, come and celebrate Passover with us.

Everyone Repeats the Above

[The leader puts down the matzahs, takes the middle one, breaks it in half, puts one half back between the two matzahs, and wraps the other half in a napkin, now called the **Afikomen**. The leader stands and holds up the Afikomen and says:]

LEADER

Children, this is the Afikomen, a special matzah. I am going to hide it during this seder. The child who finds it at the end of the seder, will have to negotiate with me for a reward, a reward I will give to all of you children for its return.

[The leader sits down and continues reading:]



But now let us return to the story of our Exodus where the Jewish people were prospering in the land of Goshen. They grew from a family of 70, into thousands, and then became millions. New Pharaohs arose who did not like the Jewish people, and they turned us from free people into slaves. Jews were forced to work all day long building cities for the Pharaohs, and if they

complained, they were beaten. We were given little food to eat. We cried about our slavery to God. For hundreds of years, we cried to God like this:

ALL ADULTS CRYING

Help us, God! Please, God, help us! Take us out of this terrible land, away from these cruel Pharaohs. We want to be free again!



LEADER

[The leader prepares the saltwater and Karpas, and then says:]

I put water in a bowl and added salt to it. I am going to dip a vegetable, which we call Karpas, into the salt water, and pass it out to everyone here.

Blessed are You, oh Lord, our God, King of Universe, Creator of the fruits of the earth.

Everyone Repeats the Above and eats the Karpas

CHILDREN

Why did we just dip the vegetable in salt water and then eat it?

LEADER

Because the vegetable reminds us that Spring is here and new life will grow. The salt water reminds us of the tears our people cried when they were slaves.



[The leader raises up the bitter herbs, the Maror, and says:]

These are bitter herbs, which are the only herbs we will eat tonight.

CHILDREN

Why on other nights do we eat any kind of herb, but on this night, we eat only bitter herbs?

LEADER

Because God commanded us to eat bitter herbs on Passover, to remind us of our bitter slavery under the Egyptians.

[The leader raises up the charoset and says:]

I am going to mix the bitter herbs with charoset, a mixture of fruit and nuts now.

CHILDREN

Why are you doing that, mixing those things?

LEADER

I am doing this to remind us of how we mixed the clay to make the bricks used in the Pharaoh's cities, and how hard we slaved in Egypt. We will eat the bitter herbs and charoset between two matzahs (which I will explain later) like a little sandwich.

[The leader makes up little charoset sandwiches for everyone and passes them around]



Blessed are You, oh Lord, our God, King of Universe, who has sanctified us by Your commandments and commanded us to eat bitter herbs.

Everyone Repeats Above and then eats sandwich

LEADER

Now, we will return to our story.



God heard the cries of the Jewish people, and He recalled the **promise** He made to Abraham, Jacob's grandfather, and to Jacob's father, Isaac, and to Jacob himself, that he would always help their children.

God sent Moses and his brother, Aaron, to talk to Pharaoh, the ruler of Egypt. Pharaoh was a powerful man, who thought he was a God. I will appoint someone now to read for Moses, and someone to read for Pharaoh.



[The leader appoints two adults, or older children, to speak for Moses and Pharaoh. Moses should speak with humility, and hold a shepherd's staff, while Pharaoh should speak with arrogance and wear a small towel around his head. If there are more than two adults, they should be switched when noted. The leader continues:]



LEADER

Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh's palace and spoke to him.

MOSES:

God sent me to you, and told me to tell you, "Let my people go."

PHARAOH:

No way. They will serve me.

MOSES:

If you don't listen, then God will take the water in the River and change it to blood.

PHARAOH:

I don't care. I'm Pharaoh, Ruler of all Egypt, and I don't listen to your God.

LEADER

Moses and Aaron left, and God told them to take the staff and stretch it out over the waters of Egypt. When they did this, all the water turned to blood.

[The leader now has a child pour tomato juice into a clear glass picture of water]



CHILDREN

God said, "Turn the Egyptian water to blood."

ALL ADULTS LIKE EGYPTIANS:

Look, the river is red and the fish are dying. Ugh! It tastes bad!

LEADER

The River became foul and the Egyptians could not drink from it. This was the 1st plague and miracle. Moses waited seven days, then he went back to Pharaoh.

MOSES:

God has sent me to you, and told me to tell you, "Let my people go!"

PHARAOH:

Look, I already told you. No way. They are going to be my slaves and serve me.

MOSES:

If you don't listen to God this time, He's going to make the River swarm with frogs. Billions of them. They're going to jump out from the River.

PHARAOH:

Hey, watch your mouth and don't threaten me. I am Pharaoh, Ruler of all Egypt. I don't listen to any God but myself. I AM GOD!



LEADER

So God told Aaron to stretch out his staff over the waters of Egypt.

CHILDREN

God said, "Frogs, cover the land." Rib it - rib it!
[The children make loud froggy noises]

ALL ADULTS LIKE EGYPTIANS:

There are frogs all over the kitchen! They are covering our beds! They're slimy!

LEADER

Frogs were the 2nd plague and miracle. After it, Pharaoh summoned Moses.

PHARAOH:

Tell your God to get rid of these frogs. If He does, I will let the Jewish people go.

MOSES:

I cannot TELL God to do anything, but I will ASK him to send out the frogs.

LEADER

The next day, all the frogs died, except in the River. The Egyptians piled them up into heaps. Pharaoh was glad, but he did not keep his word to let the Jewish people go. God now told Aaron to take his staff and strike the dust of the land.

[The leader has children take a few tiny cotton balls and put them on the hair of the adults]

CHILDREN

God made the dust turn into lice. They lice crawled over Egyptian men and beasts.

ALL ADULTS LIKE EGYPTIANS:

Hey, why am I so itchy? What is that in my hair? Get it out! Get it out!

[The leader has children remove the tiny cotton balls from the hair of the adults]

LEADER

This was the 3rd plague and miracle. God removed all the lice, but still Pharaoh still did not let the Jewish people go. So God told Moses to go back to Pharaoh.

MOSES:

God sent me again, and told me to say, "Are you going to let my people go now?"

PHARAOH:

NO! NO WAY! NO HOW! They are my slaves and I won't ever let them go!

MOSES:

I'm warning you, if you don't listen to God, then He is going to send wild beasts to the houses of Egypt. There will be no swarms in the land of Goshen, and you will see that God distinguishes between the Jewish people and Egyptians.



PHARAOH:

Go away and stop bothering me. I'm boss, not you.

LEADER

So the next day, God sent wild swarms of beasts to the house of Pharaoh and of his servants, and the land of Egypt was being ruined by the swarms.

The children put on masks of animals and make animal sounds!

CHILDREN

Growl ... growl ... snort ... snort ...

ALL ADULTS LIKE EGYPTIANS:

Why is there an elephant in my kitchen, and a gorilla in my bathroom? Get out!

LEADER

This was the 4th plague and miracle. Pharaoh summoned Moses again.

[If there are more than 2 adults, the leader can switch Pharaoh and Moses.]

PHARAOH:

Okay, already! If you stop the swarms of these wild beasts, the Jewish people can go and bring offerings to your God, but you must be back in 3 days.

MOSES:

I will ask God to stop the swarms of wild animals.

LEADER

The next day, God stopped the swarms. But Pharaoh again changed his mind, and would not let the Jewish people leave. God sent Moses to Pharaoh again.

MOSES:

God has sent me to you, again, demanding, "Let my people go so they may serve Me."

PHARAOH:

DEMANDING?! No one makes demands of ME! NO! THEY WILL STAY HERE!

MOSES:

If you don't listen to God this time, then He's going to bring an epidemic and all the livestock of Egyptians will die - including donkeys and camels.

PHARAOH:

Yeah, right! I am Pharaoh, Ruler of Egypt. Go away and stop bothering me.



LEADER

The next day, God killed all the livestock of Egypt, but not one animal died that belonged to the Jewish people.

CHILDREN

Look at all the dead cows. That's terrible! And what a smell!

ALL ADULTS LIKE EGYPTIANS:

Why are all my cattle dead? Who did this? What am I going to do?

LEADER

This was the 5th plague and miracle. Still, Pharaoh did allow the Jewish people to leave. So God told Moses and Aaron to take handfuls of furnace soot and hurl it heavenward in front of Pharaoh. God made the soot into dust that settled over the land of Egypt, and boils and blisters erupted on man and beast.



[The leader has the children take little white sticky things and stick them on the back of adults' hands.]

CHILDREN

Look at all those boils and blisters. That's disgusting!

ALL ADULTS LIKE EGYPTIANS:

What's this boil doing on my hands? Where did this blister come from? Get them off of me!

The leader has the children take little white sticky things off the back of adults' hands.

LEADER

This was the 6th plague and miracle. Still, Pharaoh did not allow the Jewish people to leave. So God once again sent Moses to Pharaoh.

MOSES:

God sent me again to tell you, "Send out my people so they may serve Me."

PHARAOH:

NO MEANS NO! They will not serve your God. They will serve me!

MOSES:

God said He could have obliterated you and all of Egypt, but He allowed you to live to show you His strength, so that you will know there is none like Him in all the world. You are not God, He is, and if you do not listen to God and let the Jewish people leave, then He has commanded that there will be a heavy hail.

PHARAOH:

So what? I am Pharaoh, Ruler of all Egypt, and I do not listen to your God.

LEADER

The next day, God told Moses to stretch out his staff, and God sent thunder.

The leader and all the children slap their hands on the table to make sounds of thunder.

God rained huge hail down upon Egypt. Anything that was in the fields was killed.

CHILDREN

Look at all the size of those hail stones. They are the size of basketballs!

ALL ADULTS LIKE EGYPTIANS:

Ow! That hail stone hit me in the head! Ow! That hurts! Look at the size of them!

LEADER

All the trees and grasses were smashed by the hail and burned. This was the 7th plague and miracle. Only in the land of Goshen was there no hail, where the Jewish people were. Pharaoh sent for Moses and Aaron, and he said to them:

PHARAOH:

Okay, I have sinned. God is Righteous, and I and my people are the wicked ones. If you have God stop the thunder and hail, the Jewish people can go and never return.

MOSES:

When I leave your city, I will ask God to stop the thunder and hail. Moses left Pharaoh's city, and then asked God to stop the thunder and hail, and it ceased.

[The leader and all the children stop slapping their hands on the table to make sounds of thunder.]

LEADER

[If there are more than 2 adults, the leader switches Pharaoh and Moses.]

But after God did this, Pharaoh again changed his mind, and would not let the Jewish people leave. God once again sent Moses and Aaron to Pharaoh. Moses said:

MOSES:

God has sent me to you, again, saying, "For how long will you refuse to be humbled before Me? Send out my people so they may serve Me!" If you do not listen to God and let the Jewish people leave, then there will be a locust swarm, a swarm that has never been seen in all the history of Egypt.

PHARAOH:

I am tired of your threats! I am Pharaoh, and I still do not listen to God!

LEADER

So Moses raised his staff over the land of Egypt and God sent an east wind that blew through the land, all that day and all that night. On the following morning, a locust swarm ascended over the entire land of Egypt.



CHILDREN

Look at all those locusts. They are two feet thick and covering everything.

ALL ADULTS LIKE EGYPTIANS:

What are we going to do? Those locusts ate every blade of grass and every leaf on our trees. They're inside the house, too, and ate up all our food!

LEADER

There was never a swarm like it before, and never one since. The locusts ate everything - no greenery remained. This was the 8th plague and miracle. Pharaoh sent for Moses and Aaron, and said:

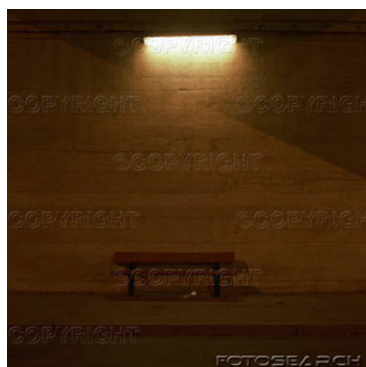
PHARAOH:

I have sinned to God and to you. Please have God stop these locusts!

LEADER

Moses left Pharaoh and asked God to stop the locusts. God sent a west wind through the land and it carried the locust swarm to the Red Sea. None remained.

After the locusts were gone, Pharaoh still refused to let the Jewish people go. So the next day, God told Moses to stretch forth his hand toward the heavens.



[Make the room dark by having an adult cover the lights.]

CHILDREN

God took away the light for three days.

ALL ADULTS LIKE EGYPTIANS:

I can't see ... what's that ... Ow! ... I bumped into a table!
Ow! I hit my knee on a chair!

LEADER

No man could leave their home for three days. This was the 9th plague and miracle. Only in Goshen was light, the homes of Jewish people.

[Make the room light again by uncovering the lights.]

Pharaoh sent for Moses and Aaron, and he said to them:

[If there are enough adults, switch Moses and Pharaoh again.]

PHARAOH:

Go Moses! Serve your God! Only your cattle, sheep, and children must remain.

MOSES:

Our children! No, we can't leave behind our children. And our cattle and sheep must come with us, so our children will learn how to serve God, and make offerings.

PHARAOH:

You just did what you should not do! You got me VERY ANGRY! Now you can not leave my land! EVER! And the next time you see my face, **YOU SHALL DIE!**



MOSES:

You have spoken the truth. I will never see your face again. But let me tell you one final thing that God told me to tell you. He is going to send one more plague, the 10th and final plague. At midnight, God is going to kill the 1st born of all of Egypt, even the 1st born of Pharaoh, and the 1st born of all the Egyptian beasts. But the Jewish people will have no 1st born harmed.

PHARAOH:

I do not care what you say, Moses. I am Pharaoh, Ruler of Egypt, and I do not listen to your God **AND I WILL NOT LET THE JEWISH PEOPLE GO!**

LEADER



Then God commanded Moses to tell each Jewish family to slaughter a lamb for their first Passover Seder, and take the blood of the lamb and place it on the doorposts and lintels of their houses. God would see the blood and pass over the houses of the Jewish people. He would go only to the houses of the Egyptians and kill their 1st born.

The Jewish people obeyed and put lamb's blood around their doors, as God commanded. **At midnight, God passed over the homes of the Jewish people,** and He went to the houses of the Egyptians, where all the 1st born of Egypt, including Pharaoh's 1st born, were killed.

CHILDREN

There was not a house in Egypt that did not have a dead body in it.

ALL ADULTS CRYING LIKE EGYPTIANS

Wake up my child ... please get up .. oh no ... my first born child is dead!

THAT IS WHY THIS HOLIDAY IS CALLED PASSOVER. GOD PASSED OVER THE JEWISH PEOPLE AND KILLED THE 1ST BORN OF EVERY EGYPTIAN FAMILY.

Pharaoh sent word to Moses and Aaron:

PHARAOH:

Go! Get out of my land! Take all of the Jewish people, your children, your sheep and cattle with you. I never want to see the lot of you again!

[Now have the adults alternate the reading of one paragraph each]



The Jewish people hurried and gathered their belongings and left. They picked up their bread dough before it was leavened and rose, and carried it with them (it came to be called matzahs.) **The Jewish people were finally free!**

When the Jewish people left Egypt, they camped by the Red Sea. Once again, Pharaoh changed his mind, and he regretted letting them go. Pharaoh harnessed his chariot, then all the chariots of Egypt, and the entire Egyptian army, followed behind Pharaoh to the Red Sea to kill the Jewish people.



The Jewish people saw the Egyptians coming and they were afraid, but God said to Moses, "Lift up your staff and stretch your arm over the sea and split it." The Red Sea then split and the Jewish people crossed over it on the river bed, as if it were dry land, with a wall of water on each side of them. **This was one of the greatest miracles the world has ever seen.**

When all of the Jewish people were on the other side of the Red Sea, Pharaoh and the Egyptian Army ran along the river bed after them. God then told Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, and the water will go back upon the Egyptians." Moses did this, and the water came back and covered the chariots and the horsemen and the entire army of Pharaoh, and they all drowned. There remained not a one of them alive except Pharaoh. God did not want Pharaoh to die so he could tell the rest of the world of the miracles that God made.



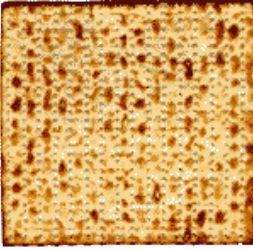
Then, fifty days from the time of the first Passover seder, God brought the Jewish people to Mt. Sinai. Moses went up to Mt. Sinai where God gave him the Ten Commandments, and our Bible, with all the other commandments.



In the Bible, God commanded the Jewish people to remember the Passover celebration for all time. He commanded us to rid our homes of all the leaven, anything that contains yeast, and for a seven day period, we only eat unleavened bread, which is called matzah. And God commanded that each family should teach their children the story of our Exodus from Egypt, like we are teaching you now.

CHILDREN

Why did God command us to eat only matzah, flat unleavened bread, when the rest of the year, we can eat regular bread?



LEADER

Because God wanted to remind us that when we had to leave Egypt, there was not enough time to wait for the bread to rise.

[The leader holds up the matzahs and says:]

Blessed are you, oh Lord, our God, King of the Universe, who brings forth bread from the earth.

Blessed are you, oh Lord, our God, King of the Universe, who has sanctified us with Your commandments, and commanded us to eat unleavened bread.

Everyone Repeats the Above

LEADER

So children, how many plagues were there?

CHILDREN

[10] WATER INTO BLOOD ... FROGS ... LICE ... BEASTS ... DESEASE ... BOILS ... HAIL ... LOCUSTS ... DARKNESS ... SLAYING OF THE 1ST BORN.

[Call on one of the children and ask the question:]

LEADER

So why is this holiday called Passover?

CHILDREN

Because God passed over the houses of the Jewish people, sparing their 1st born.

[The leader stands, raises his cup and everyone says out loud:]

ALL ADULTS and CHILDREN

And in every generation, each individual, everyone here tonight, must think of themselves as going forth from Egypt along with our people, more than 3,000 years ago. And we thank, praise, glorify, exalt and revere our God, who brought us forth from slavery to freedom, from sorrow to joy, and gave us our Book of Life, the Torah. Let us say: "Hallelujah!" "Hallelujah" "Hallelujah"

[The leader, still standing, raises his cup and says:]

LEADER

Blessed are you, oh Lord, our God, King of the Universe, who has redeemed us and our ancestors from Egypt and brought us to the enjoyment of this night, to eat matzah and bitter herbs.

Everyone Repeats the Above

[The leader finishes the 2nd cup of wine.]

[Now, the meal is served.]





[After meal, have children find the Afikomen and bargain for it. The piece of matzah set aside earlier is eaten as "desert," the last food of the meal. Different families have different traditions relating to the Afikomen. Some have the children hide it, while the parents have to either find it or ransom it back. Others have the parents hide it.]



[Fill 3rd cup of wine, then **do the Grace after meals blessing**. At the end, a blessing is said over the third cup and it is drunk.]

[The fourth cup is poured, including a cup set aside for the prophet Elijah, who one day will herald the world of the Messiah. The door is opened for a while for Elijah.]

[The leader stands, raises his cup, and says:]



Children and family and friends, we have completed the Passover Seder. Though we celebrate it this year in our home outside of Israel, we hope to celebrate Pesach in Jerusalem next year, with all our fellow Jews and the coming of the Messiah.

NEXT YEAR IN JERUSALEM !

**Hag samayach Pesach!
Happy Passover!**

[The leader finishes his cup of wine. At this point, the children may leave the table or stay. The adults may choose to discuss what Passover means to them, personally, and perhaps discuss the concepts of freedom and slavery in their everyday lives.]