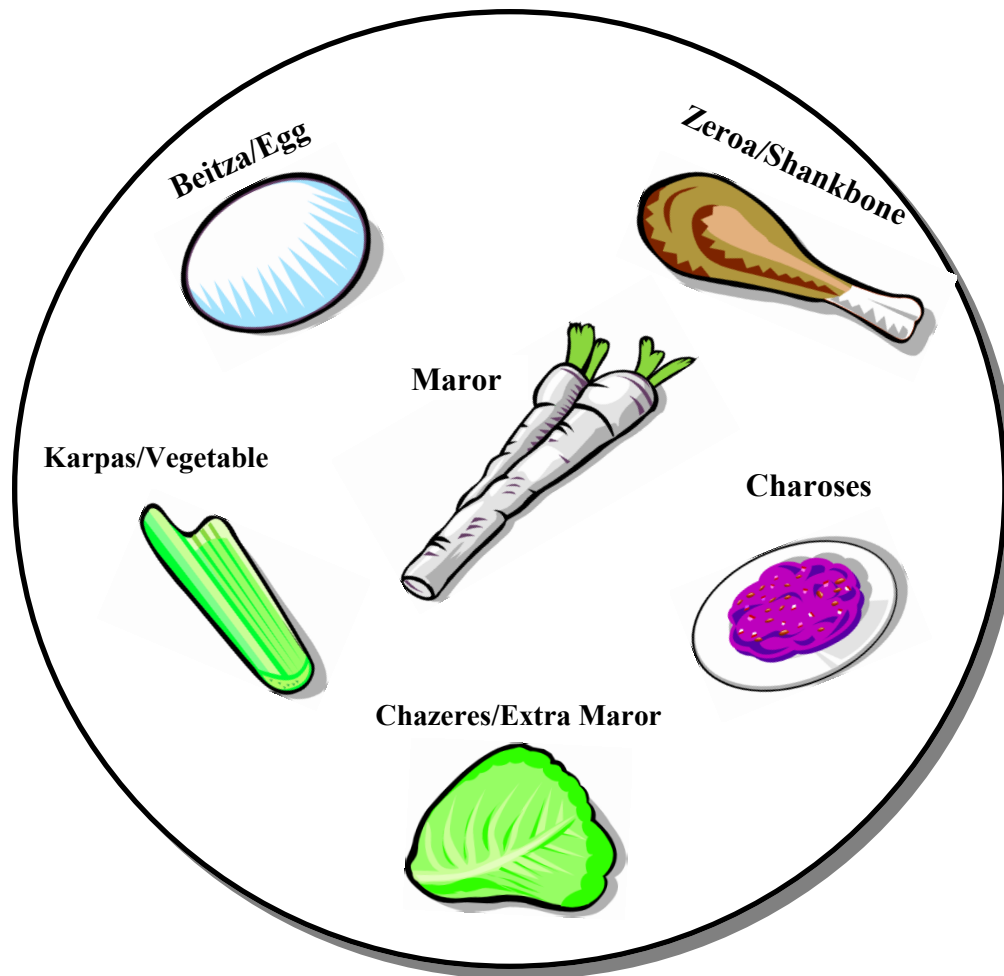


THE SEDER PLATE



1. **Z'ro'a** - A Roasted Bone (roasted chicken wing or shank bone) to remind us of the *Pesach* offerings that would be brought in the *Bait Hamikdash* (Holy Temple) in *Yerushalayim* (Jerusalem).
2. **Beitzah** - A Hardboiled Egg to remind us of the *Korban Chagigah* that was offered in the *Bait Hamikdash*.
3. **Maror** - Bitter herbs (grated horseradish or romaine lettuce) which we dip into *Charoset* before eating.
4. **Chazeret** - More of the bitter herbs - this is used for the *Koreich* sandwich .
5. **Charoset** - A mixture of ground apples, nuts, ginger, cinnamon, and red sweet wine. The look and feel of mortar symbolizes the bricks and mortar which we were forced to use when we were slaves in Egypt.
6. **Karpas** - A vegetable, other than *marror*, (most use boiled potato, onion, celery or parsley), which is dipped into salt water and eaten. The salt water reminds us of the tears we shed as slaves.

THE SEDER

1. **KADAISH** We make kiddush (1st of the four cups of wine).
We drink the wine leaning to the left.
2. **URCHATZ** We wash our hands with a cup three times on each hand (We don't make a brocho.)
3. **KARPAS** We take a vegetable and dip it in salt water, make the brocho "Boray pri hoadomo," and eat it. (The salt water reminds us of the tears the Jews cried in Egypt.)
4. **YACHATZ** We break the middle matzo into two uneven pieces. We take the large piece, wrap it in a towel or napkin and hide it away for the Afikomen. (We fill the second cup.)
5. **MAGID** We read the Haggadah telling the story of our exodus from Egypt. Included in the Haggadah reading is:
 - a. The Ma-Nishtana (The Four Questions)
 - b. The Ten Plagues
 - c. DayainuIt is customary to spill a little wine from your cup as you mention each of the ten plagues. Remember it is a big mitzvah to discuss the story of Yetzias Mitrayim (Exodus from Egypt). (We say "Borai Pri Hagofen and drink the second cup of wine leaning to the left.)
6. **RACHTZA** We wash our hands with a cup three times on each hand. This time we say the brocho of "Al Netilat yadayim."
7. **MOTZIE MATZOH** We say the brocho "Hamotzei lechem min haoretz" and then a second brocho "Al achilas matzo" and we eat the matzo (leaning to the left). We should eat more than just a little piece of matzoh. The actual requirement is to eat a "kazayis," which is about the size of half of a round handmade matzoh or a whole square machine made matzoh.

8. **MAROR** We eat the bitter herbs (horseradish or lettuce). We first dip the maror into Charoses (a mixture of apples, nuts and wine), make the brocho “Al achilas maror,” and then we eat it (not leaning). Once again, it is best to eat the amount of a kazayis.
9. **KORECH** (The maror sandwich) We take a piece of maror (preferably a kazayis), dip it into charoses (some people have a custom to shake off the charoses), and put it between two pieces of matzo. (The two pieces of matzo should equal a kazayis). We pick up this sandwich and then recite the paragraph of “Kein Asah Hillel” and then we eat it (leaning to the left).
10. **SHULCHAN ORECH** We eat the meal. It is customary not to eat anything roasted. Some have the custom to eat the egg from the seder plate dipped in salt water.
11. **TZAFUN** We now take out the broken matzo that we hid away earlier and we eat it for dessert. It is called the Afikomen and we eat it leaning. It is best not to eat anything after the afikomen.
12. **BERACH** (Fill the 3rd cup) We “bentch” (say the Grace After Meals). Immediately after bentching, we say the brocho “boray pri hagofen” and drink the 3rd cup leaning to the left. (Fill the 4th cup). We also fill the cup of Eliyahu. One person then goes to the door to open it for Eliyahu. The paragraph of “Shefoch” is said with the door open.
13. **HALLEL** We say Hallel (paragraphs of praise to Hashem). When we finish, we say the “boray pri hagofen” and drink the 4th cup leaning to the left. We then say the after blessing for drinking wine.
14. **NIRTZAH** We say “Leshana habah beYerushalyim” (Next year in Jerusalem) and we sing the songs at the end of the Hagada.

THE FOUR QUESTIONS

WHY IS THIS NIGHT DIFFERENT FROM ALL OTHER NIGHTS?

1. CHOMETZ OR MATZO

On all other nights we eat Chometz or Matzoh but on this night we eat only Matzo

2. VEGETABLES OR MAROR

On all other nights we eat all kinds of vegetables but on this night we eat maror

3. DIPPING

On all other nights we don't dip even once but on this night we dip twice

4. LEANING

On all other nights we eat sitting or leaning but on this night we all lean

THE TEN PLAGUES

1. DAM (blood)

2. TZFARDAYAH (frogs)

3. KINIM (lice)

4. AROV (wild animals)

5. DEVER (cattle disease)

6. SH'CHIN (boils)

7. BARAD (hail)

8. ARBEH (grasshoppers)

9. CHOSHECH (darkness)

10. MAKAS B'CHOROS (the death of first born child of each family)

PESACH, MATZAH, UMAROR

PESACH - Why did our ancestors eat an offering called Pesach when the Bait Hamikdash still stood? Because Pesach means, literally "to pass over." In Egypt, Hashem passed over the homes of the Jews when He killed the Egyptian firstborn.

MATZAH - Why do we eat this *Matzah*? (pointing to the *matzah*) Because it reminds us that when the Jews left the slavery of Egypt they had no time to bake their bread. They took the raw dough on their journey and baked it in the hot desert sun into *matzah*.

MAROR - Last and not least, Why do we eat *Marror*? Because *Marror* reminds us of the bitter and cruel way the Egyptians treated the Jewish people when they were sla