

# A VERY HIDEOUS SEDER

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# סדר סדר

קדש *Kadesh*

ורחץ *Urkhatz*

ברפס *Karpas*

יחץ *Yakhatz*

מניד *Magid*

רחץ *Rakhatz*

מושיא מצה *Motzi Matzah*

מרור *Maror*

פורך *Korekh*

שולחן עורך *Shulkhan Orekh*

עורך *Orekh*

צפון *Tzafun*

ברך *Barekh*

הלל *Hallel*

נרצה *Nirtzah*

# THE SEDER PLATE

<i>Z'roa</i>	a shankbone or beet, which represents the mighty hand and outstretched arm that liberated us from Mitzrayim	זרע
<i>Maror</i>	horseradish, which represents the bitterness of slavery	מרור
<i>Chazeret</i>	collard greens, which represent the bitterness of racial injustice, oppression, and state-sanctioned violence towards and criminalization of black and brown people	חזרת
<i>Charoset</i>	a mixture of dried fruits and nuts, which represents the mortar used to lay bricks, the work done while enslaved in Mitzrayim	חרוסת
<i>Matzah</i>	unleavened bread, which represents the food our ancestors subsisted on while fleeing from Mitzrayim	מצה
<i>Beitzah</i>	an egg, which represents life, wholeness, and liberation	ביצה
<i>Karpas</i>	parsley, which represents growth, change, and life	כראפס
<i>Mei Melakh</i>	salt water, which represents our tears while enslaved, and our tenacity and chutzpah in fighting for liberation	מי מלך
<i>Tapuz</i>	an orange, which represents gender and sexual equality and justice, especially for queer & trans people	תפוז
<i>Zayit</i>	an olive, which represents solidarity with Palestinians and Palestine in the ongoing fight against occupation and apartheid	זית
<i>Elijah's Cup</i>	an empty cup waiting for the Prophet Elijah to come, a placemark for our hopes for building the world to come	כוס של אליהו
<i>Miriam's Cup</i>	a cup full of the waters of rebirth and renewal	כוס של מרים

**note:** the eggs, olives, and oranges are for noshing during the seder.

## CANDLE LIGHTING

ברוך אתה ייִהוָה רוח הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר קָדְשָׁנוּ בְמִצְוֹתָיו וַצְוָנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל יוֹם טוֹב:

*Barukh atah Adonai Eloheinu ruakh ha'olam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu l'hadlik ner shel yom tov.*

Blessed are you, God, Spirit of the universe, who has made us holy through the commandments, and has commanded us to light the candles of this holiday.

## KADESH — BLESSING THE FIRST CUP: THE WISE ONE

NO ONE MOURNS THE WICKED

What does The Wise One say? “**What are the testimonies, the laws, and the statutes** that Hashem our God commanded you.” And therefore you talk to them, according to the Halakha of Pesakh: After the Pesakh meal, there is no eating additional Afikomen (desert).

ברוך אתה ייִהוָה רוח הָעוֹלָם בּוֹרֵי פְּרִי הַגַּפֵּן:

*Barukh atah Adonai Eloheinu ruakh ha'olam, borei p'ri hagafen.*

Blessed are You, God, Spirit of the universe, creator of the fruit of the vine.

ברוך אתה ייִהוָה רוח הָעוֹלָם שְׁהַחִינָנוּ וַקִּימָנוּ וַהֲגִיעָנוּ לַזָּמֵן הַזֶּה:

*Barukh atah Adibau Eloheinu ruakh ha'olam, she'heh'khiyanu v'ki'y'manu v'higiyana lazman hazeh.*

Blessed are You, God, Spirit of the universe, who has kept us alive, sustained us, and brought us to this season.

## URCHATZ — PREPARATION

*Handwashing offers a moment of individual centering before moving forward together into the seder. The first handwashing is without saying a brakha, a blessing.*

## KARPAS — RENEWAL

### MAKE GOOD / THE WIZARD AND I

ברוך אתה ייְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ רוח הָעוֹלָם בָּוּרֵי פַּרְיִ הָאָדָמָה:

*Barukh atah Adonai Eloheinu ruakh ha'olam borei p'ri ha'adamah.*

Blessed are you God, Spirit of the universe, Creator of the fruit of the earth.

## YAKHATZ — BREAK

*Take out the middle matzah and lift it, leaving the other matzah covered. Break the middle matzah and set the larger piece aside as the Afikomen, to hide.*

## MAGIC — TELL

### SOMETHING BAD IS HAPPENING IN OZ

*Uncover the matzah. Pour the second cup to contain the story of the Exodus. Don't drink from it yet: the second cup gets even fuller through the stories we tell.*

#### Ha lakhma anya

הָא לְחַמָּא עֲנֵנָא דַי אֲכַלְיָ אַבְהָתָנָא בָּאָרֶץ דְּמִצְרָיִם:

*Ha lakhma anya anya di akhlu av'hatana b'ara d'mitzrayim.*

This is the bread of poverty that our ancestors ate in the land of Mitzrayim. Let all who are hungry come and eat! Let all who are needy come and partake of the Pesakh offering! Now, we are here: next year, may we be in freedom. Now, we are slaves: next year, may we be free.

#### Avadim Hayinu

עֲבָדִים הָיִינוּ לְפַרְעָה בְּמִצְרָיִם. וַיּוֹצִיאָנוּ ייְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מִשְׁם בִּידֵי חִזְקָה וּבִזְרוּעַ נָטוּיה.

*Avadim hayinu l'Pharaoh b'Mitzrayim. V'yotzi'einu Adonai Eloheinu mi'sham b'yad khazakha uviz'ro'a n'tu'yah.*

Our ancestors were slaves to Pharaoh in Mitzrayim. And our God brought us out from there with a strong hand and an outstretched arm.

## Ma Nishtana

*Ma nishtana ha lailah hazeh mikol haleilot?*

*Sheb'khol haleilot anu okhlin hametz u'matzah. Halailah hazeh kulo matzah.*

*Sheb'khol haleilot anu okhlin sh'ar y'rakot. Halailah hazeh maror.*

*Sheb'khol haleilot ein anu mat'bilen afilu pa'am ekhat. Halailah hazeh sh'tei p'amim*

*Sheb'khol haleilot anu okhlin bein yoshvin u'vein m'subin. Halailah hazeh kulanu m'subin.*

מה נשתנה הלילה זה מכל הלילות:

שבדל הלילות אלו אוכלים חמץ ומצה.  
הלילה זה פולו מצה:

שבדל הלילות אלו אוכלים שאר ירקות.  
הלילה זה מרור:

שבדל הלילות אין אלו מטבילים אפיקלו  
פעם אחת. הלילה זה שתי פעמים:

שבדל הלילות אלו אוכלים בין יושבין ובין  
מסבין. הלילה זה פולנו מסבין:

How is this night different from all other nights?

On all other nights, we eat both leavened bread and matzah.

On this night, we eat only matzah.

On all other nights, we eat all kinds of herbs.

On this night, we eat bitter herbs.

On all other nights, we do not dip our food even once.

On this night, we dip twice.

On all other nights, we eat either sitting or reclining.

On this night, we all recline.

## The Plagues

*We praise the escape into freedom, and we grieve the violence and the loss sustained on that path. We diminish the plenty and joy from our second cup by dipping our finger and placing a drop out onto our plates for each plague, representing our grief for the loss and harm caused with each plague, careful not to lick our fingers so that we do not gain any joy from the destruction caused by these plagues.*

<i>dam</i>	דם	blood
<i>tzfarde'a</i>	צְפָרְדֵּעַ	frogs
<i>kinim</i>	כְּנִים	lice
<i>arov</i>	עֲרוֹב	wild beasts
<i>dever</i>	דְּבָר	livestock disease
<i>sh'khin</i>	שְׁחִין	boils
<i>barad</i>	בָּרָד	hail
<i>arbeh</i>	אַרְבָּה	locusts
<i>khoshek</i>	חֹשֶׁךְ	darkness
<i>makot b'khorot</i>	מִכּוֹת בְּכָרּוֹת	death of firstborn

## Dayeinu

*Ilu hotzianu mimitzrayim dayeinu*

אֲלֹו הַוַּצְאָנוּ מִמִּצְרָיִם דָּיְנָנוּ

*Ilu natan lanu et hashabbat dayeinu*

אֲלֹו נָתָן לְנוּ אֶת הַשְׁבָּת דָּיְנָנוּ

*Ilu natan lanu et hatorah dayeinu*

אֲלֹו נָתָן לְנוּ אֶת הַתּוֹרָה דָּיְנָנוּ

If God has brought us out of Mitzrayim, it would have been enough.

If God has given us Shabbat, it would have been enough.

If God had given us Torah, it would have been enough.

## THE SECOND CUP: THE FOOL

DANCING THROUGH LIFE

What does The Fool say? **What is this?** And you say to them: With a strong hand, Hashem took us out from Egypt, from the house of slaves.

ברוך אתה ייְהוָה רוח הָעוֹלָם בָּרוּךְ פָּרִי הַגָּפָן:

*Barukh atah Adonai Eloheinu ruakh ha'olam, borei p'ri hagafen.*

Blessed are You, God, Spirit of the universe, creator of the fruit of the vine.

## ROTZAH — PREPARATION

*The second handwashing is with real water, and blessing, three pours for each hand.*

ברוך אתה ייְהוָה רוח הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר קִדְשָׁנוּ בְמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ עַל-גְּטִילַת יָדִים:

*Barukh atah Adonai Eloheinu ruakh ha'olam asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotaiv v'tzivanu al n'tilat yada'im.*

Blessed are you, God, Spirit of the universe, who sanctioned us with Your commandments and commanded us regarding hand-washing.

## MOTZI MATZAH — BRING FORTH SUSTENANCE

*Take the three matzot, holding the broken middle matzah between the whole ones.*

*Hold the matzah up while blessing:*

ברוך אתה ייְהוָה רוח הָעוֹלָם הַמּוֹצִיא לְחֵם מִן-הָאָרֶץ:

ברוך אתה ייְהוָה רוח הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר קִדְשָׁנוּ בְמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ עַל-אֲכִילַת מַצָּה:

*Baruch atah Adonai Eloheinu ruach ha'olam hamotzi lechem min ha'aretz. Baruch atah Adonai Eloheinu ruach ha'olam asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu al achilat matzah.*

Blessed are You God, Spirit of the universe, who brings bread from the earth.

Blessed are You God, Spirit of the universe, who sanctified us with Your commandments and commanded us regarding the eating of matzah.

## MAROR — BITTERNESS

*The biting horseradish opens us up, sends a jolt through us, awakens. There is sometimes, still, delight and joy found, in a sharp taste or smell, in the bite itself.*

**ברוך אתה ייִשְׁאָלָה יְהִינָּנוּ רוח הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר קִדְשָׁנוּ בְמִצְוֹתָיו וַצְוָנוּ עַל-אֲכִילַת מָרוֹר:**

*Baruch atah Adonai Eloheinu ruach ha'olam asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu al achilat maror.*

Blessed are You God, Spirit of the universe, who sanctified us with Your commandments and commanded us regarding the eating of maror.

## KOREKH — WRAPPING

**OZDUST BALLROOM**

*Tradition holds that Hillel would wrap matzah, maror, and Pesakh sacrifice into a sandwich wrap. Today we take a k'zayit (olive-size) of matza, and put on it charoset and maror to make our sandwiches. We do this in memory of our ancestors making their Pesakh seders in the past, in the Temple, or wherever they were.*

## SHULKHAN OREKH — SET TABLE, TIME TO EAT

## TZAFUN — FIND THE AFIKOMEN

## BAREKH — BLESS

**בריך רְחִמָּנוּ מַלְכָּא דְעַלְמָא, מְרִיה דְהָאֵי פִיחָא:**

*Brikh rakhmana malkhei d'alma marei d'khai pita.*

You are the source of life for all that lives and your blessing flows through us.

# THE THIRD CUP: THE ONE WHO DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO ASK

POPULAR

**The one who doesn't know what to ask—You open the conversation for them.** As it says: Tell your children on that day, saying: For the sake of all this, Hashem did this for me, in my going out from Egypt.

*Fill Elijah's cup with whatever is left in everyone's cups, then fill all cups before blessing.*

ברוך אתה ייִשְׁעָנוּ רוח הָעוֹלָם בָּרוּךְ פָּרִי הַגָּפָן:

*Barukh atah Adonai Eloheinu ruakh ha'olam, borei p'ri hagafen.*

Blessed are You, God, Spirit of the universe, creator of the fruit of the vine. Open the door for Elijah to come in

*Eliyahu haNavi, Eliyahu haTishbi*

אליהו הנביא אליהו התשבי

*Eliyahu, Eliyahu, Eliyahu haGiladi*

אליהו אליהו אליהו הגלעדי

*Bimheira veyameinu yavo eleinu*

במהירה בימינו יבוא אלינו

*Im mashiakh ben david*

עם מישיח בן דוד

Elijah the Prophet, Eliyahu the Tishbite, Eliyahu the Giladite

Soon, and in our time, come to us

With Moshiach, the son of David

*Miriam haNeviah oz v'zimrah b'yadah*

מרים הנביאה עוז זומרה בידה

*Miriam tirkod itanu l'hagdil zimrat olam*

מרים تركוד אתנו להגדיל זמרת עולם

*Miriam tirkod itanu l'takein et ha'olam*

מרים تركוד אתנו לתקן את העולם

*Bimheirah veyameinu hi t'vi'einu*

במהירה בימינו היא תביאנו

*El mei haYeshuah*

אל ימי הישועה

Miriam, the prophet, strength and song are in her hands

Miriam, dance with us, to strengthen the song of the world.

Miriam, dance with us, to heal the world

Soon, and in our time, she will bring us

To the days of redemption

## HALLEL — PRAISE

ONE SHORT DAY

## THE FOURTH CUP: THE WICKED CHILD

DEFYING GRAVITY

ברוך אתה ייְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ רוח הָעוֹלָם בָּרוּךְ פָּרִי הַגָּפָן:

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### ***The Wicked One***

What does The Evil One say? What is this service to you? To you, and not to them. And since they excluded themselves from the community, they denied a central point. And therefore, you “blunt their teeth”—you admonish them—and you say to them: For the sake of all this, Hashem did this for me, in taking me out of Mitzraim. For me, and not for them. If they were there, they would not have been saved.

## NIRTZAH — CLOSE



**NEXT YEAR, IN OZ!**