

## **Passover Talkback Guide**

### **The Symbols of Passover**

What is the meaning of the shank bone?

What is the meaning of the hard boiled egg?

What is the meaning of the bitter herbs?

What is the meaning of the mixture of sunflower seeds, apples and spices?

What is the meaning of the parsley on the seder plate?

What is the meaning of the unleavened bread?

Why are there three matzah's on the table?

Why is so much grape juice needed?

How might we understand "I shall take you from under your burdens"?

How might we understand "I shall rescue you"?

How might we understand "I shall redeem you"?

How might we understand "I shall take you unto myself"?

What is the meaning of the saltwater?

### **First Cup**

Q: Why do we fill each other's glasses and not our own?

*Bless you, Abba, Sovereign of all life, who births the fruit of the vine.*

## **Urchatz “Washing the Hands”**

Why did you wash your hands before continuing with the seder?

## **Karpas - Blessing of the Green Vegetable**

Why is the parsley dipped in the saltwater?

*Bless you, Abba, Sovereign of all life, who births the fruit of the earth.*

## **Yachatz - Breaking the Middle Matzah**

Why do we use three pieces of matzah at our Passover Seder?

Why is the middle matzah broken?

Why do we hide the broken matzah?

What does the word Mitzraim mean?

Can one who is a Christian be enslaved?

How are we to invite all who are hungry to share in this meal?

## **Maggid - (Telling the Story)**

*Community: “On all other nights we eat leavened bread or unleavened bread, but tonight we eat only unleavened bread.”*

*Community: To remind us of the bitterness of slavery.*

*Community: The first reminds us of the bitter taste of slavery. The second reminds us of the sweet taste of freedom.*

## **Dayyenu:**

*Leader reads each verse and the community responds with “It is enough”*

## **The Second Cup:** [*Guests fill each other's cups.*]

*Bless you, Abba, Sovereign of all life, who births the fruit of the vine.*

## **Motzi Matzah: Blessing over the Matzah**

What is the significance of matzah?

*Bless you, Abba, Sovereign of all life, through Whom the earth gives rise to bread.*

*Bless you, Abba, Sovereign of all life, who provides us with this opportunity to remind ourselves in the eating of this matzah, of the freedom we have in Christ.*

## **Maror - The Bitter Herbs**

*Bless you Abba, Sovereign of all life, Who provides us with the opportunity to taste the bitterness of slavery that we might struggle for the sweetness of freedom. May the meal we are about to share deepen our friendship with each other and You. And may this meal be one among many as we labor to reveal the Kingdom of God on earth through the sharing of food.*

## **Korech (KOH-rekh) – Hillel sandwich**

*[Make and eat a small sandwich of matzah, maror, and charoset.]*

## **Shulchan Aruch: The Meal**

## **Tzafon - Finding the Hidden**

## **Third Cup -** [*Guests fill each other's cups*]

We have finished eating. Why add another cup of juice to drink?

*Bless you, Abba, Sovereign of all life, who births the fruit of the vine.*

## **Boraych - Grace After the Meal**

## **The Fourth Cup -** [*Guests fill each other's cups*]

## **Nirtzah - Conclusion**