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הַדִּלָּקַת הַנֵּרוֹת

Lighting the Festival Candles

(One of these meditations may be used.)

Happy are those of steadfast faith Who still can bless the light of candles Shining in the darkness.... Rejoice, O Earth, in those who keep the way, For there is still song for them within you.

May the festival lights we now kindle Inspire us to use our powers
To heal and not to harm,
To help and not to hinder,
To bless and not to curse,
To serve You, O God of freedom.

(The candles are lighted as the blessing is recited or chanted.)

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יָיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלֶם אֲשֶׁר לִדְּשֶׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתִיו וְצִוְּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק גַר שֶׁל (שַבָּת וְשֶׁל) יוֹם טוֹב.

Baruh Atah Adonai Eloheinu Meleh ha-olam asher kidshanu b'mitzvo-tav v'tzivanu l'hadlik neir shel (shabbat v'shel) yom tov.

In praising God we say that all life is sacred. In kindling festive lights, we preserve life's sanctity. With every holy light we kindle, the world is brightened to a higher harmony. We praise Thee, God, majestic sovereign of all life, Who hallows our lives with commandments and bids us kindle festive holy light.

כוס קדוש

Kos Kiddush, The First Cup—the Cup of Sanctification

Leader

Our story tells that in diverse ways, with different words, God gave promises of freedom to our people. With cups of wine we recall each one of them, as now, the first:

> Group :אַרִים: אָרְיָם מִתְּחַת סִבְלֹת מִצְרִים:

I am יהוה and I will free you from the burdens of the Egyptians.

Exodus 6:6

& 2,3

Leader

We take up the Kiddush cup and proclaim the holiness of this Day of Deliverance!

(Begin here on the Sabbath.)

וַיָּהִי־עֶּרֶב וַיְהִי־בְּקֶר יוֹם הַשִּׁשִׁי:

וַיְכֶלּוּ הַשָּׁמֵיִם וְהָאָרֶץ וְכָל־צְבָּאָם: וַיְכַל אֱלֹהִים בַּיּוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי מְלַאכְתּוֹ אֲשֶׁר עָשֶׂה וַיִּשְׁבֹּת בַּיּוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי מִכְּל־מְלַאכְתּוֹ אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה: וַיְבְּרֶך אֱלֹהִים אֶת־יוֹם הַשָּׁבִיעִי וַיִּקְדֵשׁ אֹתוֹ כִּי בוֹ שָׁבַת מִכְּל־מְלַאכְתּוֹ אֲשֶׁר־בְּרָא אֱלֹהִים לַעֲשׁוֹת:

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It was evening and morning, a sixth day, when the heaven and the earth were finished and all their array. And on the seventh day God finished all the work of creation. And God made cessation on the seventh day from all the work which God had done. And God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, for upon it, God made cessation from all the work of creating.

Genesis 2:1-3

(On weekdays begin here.)

בָּרוּדְ אַתָּה יִיָ אֵלהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלֶם בּוֹרֵא פְּרִי הַגְּפֶּן:

Baruḥ Atah Adonai Eloheinu Meleḥ ha-olam borei p'ri ha-gafen. We praise Thee, O God, Sovereign of Existence, Who creates the fruit of the vine!

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יִיְ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶּךְ הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר בָּחַר־בְּנוּ מִכְּל־צְם וְרוֹמְמֶנוּ מִכְּל־ לְשׁוֹן וְקִדְשְׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתִיוּ. וַתִּתֶּן־לְנוּ יִיְ אֱלֹהֵינוּ בְּאַהֲבָה (שַׁבְּתוֹת לִמְנוּחָה וּ) מוֹעֲדִים לְשִׁמְחָה חַנִּים וּוְמַנִּים לְשְׁשׁוֹן אֶת־יוֹם (הַשֵּׁבְּת הַנָּה וְאָת־יוֹם) חַג הַמֵּצוֹת הַנֶּה וְמֵן חֵרוּתֵנוּ (בְּאַהֲבָה) מִקְרָא לְּנֶדשׁ זֶכֶר לִיצִיאַת מִצְרֵיִם. כִּי בְנוּ בְחַרְתְּ וְאוֹתְנוּ לִדְשְׁשׁוֹן הִנְחַלְתְנוּ. בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יִיְ מְלַבִּשׁ (הַשַּׁבְּת וְּ) יִשְּרָאֵל וְהַזְּמַנִים: וּבְשָּׁשׁוֹן הִנְחַלְתְנוּ. בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יִיְ מְלַבִּשׁ (הַשַּׁבְּת וְּ) יִשְׂרָאֵל וְהַזְּמַנִּים:

We praise Thee, God, Sovereign of Existence! You have called us for service from among the peoples, and have hallowed our lives with commandments. In love Thou hast given us [Sabbaths for rest,] festivals for rejoicing, seasons of celebration, this Festival of Matzot, the time of our freedom, a commemoration of the Exodus from Egypt. Praised are You, our God, Who gave us this joyful heritage and Who sanctifies [the Sabbath,] Israel, and the festivals.

(When the Seder is held on Saturday night, the following Havdalah is added.)

בּרוּך אַתָּה יָיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם בּוֹרֵא מְאוֹרֵי הָאֵשׁ.

Baruh Atah Adonai Eloheinu Meleh ha-olam borei m'orei ha-eish.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יָיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלֶם הַמַּבְדִּיל בֵּין לְּדֵשׁ לְחֹל בֵּין אוֹר לְחְשֶׁךְ בִּין יִשְׁרָאֵל לָעַמִּים, בֵּין יוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי לְשֵשֶׁת יְמֵי הַמַּצְשֶׁה. בֵּין קְדָשַׁת שַׁבָּת לִקְדָשַׁת יוֹם טוֹב הִבְדְלְתָּ, וְאֶת יוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי מִשֵּׁשֶׁת יְמֵי הַמַּצְשֶׂה קִדְשְׁתָּ; הִבְּדְלְתְּ וָקִדְשִׁת צַמְּךְ יִשְּׁרָאֵל בִּקְדְשֶׁתֶף. בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יִיָ הַמַּבְדִּיל בֵּין לְדִשׁ לִלְדְשׁ.

We praise Thee, our God, Sovereign of Existence, Who creates the lights of fire, Who teaches us to know light from darkness, sacred from profane. As we sense the holy, and sanctify the Sabbath among the days of the week, we are ourselves consecrated. We learn to endow each sacred day with its own holiness. We praise Thee, our God, Who has given us to know the holy.

(On Sabbaths and weekdays continue here.)

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יִי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלֶם שֶׁהֶחֱיְנוּ וְקִיְמְנוּ וְהִגִּיעֲנוּ לַוְמַן הַּוָּה: Baruh Atah Adonai Eloheinu Meleh ha-olam sheh-heh-heh-yanu v'ki-y'manu v'higi-anu lagman hageh.

We praise Thee, O Lord our God, Sovereign of Existence, Who has kept us in life, sustained us, and brought us to this festive season.

(All drink the first cup of wine.)

כַרַפַּס

KARPAS, REBIRTH AND RENEWAL

(In the spring of the year, the season of rebirth and renewal, on the festival of Pesah, we read from the Song of Songs. The poetry of nature and of love evokes, as well, the love between God and the people Israel, and their Covenant-betrothal.)

Leader

§ 6
Song of Songs
2:10–12

Arise my beloved, my fair one, And come away; For lo, the winter is past. Flowers appear on the earth, The time of singing is here. The song of the dove Is heard in our land.

7:13

Let us go down to the vineyards To see if the vines have budded. There will I give you my love. עָנָה דוֹדִי וְאָמַר לִי קּוֹּמִי לָךְ רַעְּיָתִי יָפָתִי וּלְכִי־לָךְ: כִּי־הָנֵה הַסְּתָו עָבָר הַגְּשֶׁם חָלַף הָלַךְ לְוֹ: הַנִּצְנִים נִרְאוּ בָאָרֶץ עֵת הַזְּמִיר הִגִּיעַ וְקוֹל הַתּוֹר נִשְׁמֵע בְּאַרְצֵנוּ:

> נַשְּכְּימָה לַכְּרָמִים נִרְאָה אִם־פְּרְחָה הַגָּפֶּן פִּתַּח הַסְּמָדֵר הַנְצוּ הָרִמּוֹנִים שָׁם אָתֵּן אֶת־דּוֹדֵי לָךְ:





(Each person takes some greens and dips them in salt water.)

Group

בַּרוּךְ אַתָּה יָיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֵלֵךְ הַעוֹלָם בּוֹרֵא פָּרִי הָאַדְמָה:

Baruḥ Atah Adonai Eloheinu Meleḥ ha-olam borei p'ri ha-adamah. Praised are You, Adonai, Sovereign of Existence, Who creates the fruit of the earth.

(Eat the greens.)

יחץ

YAHATZ, A BOND FORMED BY SHARING

Leader

Now I break the middle *matzah* and conceal one half as the *afikoman*. Later we will share it, as in days of old the Passover offering itself was shared at this service in Jerusalem. Among people everywhere, sharing of bread forms a bond of fellowship. For the sake of our redemption, we say together the ancient words which join us with our own people and with all who are in need, with the wrongly imprisoned and the beggar in the street. For our redemption is bound up with the deliverance from bondage of people everywhere.

Group

ָהָא לַחְמָא עַנְיָא דִּי אֲכֶלוּ אֲבָהָתָנָא בְּאַרְעָא דְּמִצְרֵיִם. כֶּל־דִּכְפִּין יֵיתֵי וְיֵכֶל. כָּל־דִּצְרִיךְ יֵיתֵי וְיִפְּסַח. הָשַׁתָּא הָכָא. לְשָׁנָה הַבְּאָה בְּאַרְעָא דְּיִשְּׂרָאֵל. הְשַׁתָּא עַבְבִי. לְשָׁנָה הַבָּאָה בְנֵי חוֹרִין:

This is the bread of affliction, the poor bread, which our ancestors ate in the land of Egypt. Let all who are hungry come and eat. Let all who are in want share the hope of Passover. As we celebrate here, we join with our people everywhere. This year we celebrate here. Next year in the land of Israel. Now we are all still in bonds. Next year may all be free.

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מוציא מצה מרור

MOTZI, MATZAH, MAROR

(This section and "Koreh," below, may be deferred, if desired, according to the long-standing custom, to page 60, following the second cup of wine and immediately before the meal.)

(The uppermost of the three matzot is broken and distributed among the group. Then all read together:)

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יָיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הְעוֹלָם הַמַּוֹצִיא לֶחֶם מִן הָאָרֶץ:

Baruḥ Atah Adonai Eloheinu Meleḥ ha-olam ha-motzi lehem min ha-aretz. We praise Thee, O God, Sovereign of Existence, Who brings forth bread from the earth.

בָּרוּךְ אַמָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר לִּדְּשֶׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתִיו וְצִוְּנוּ עַל אֲכִילַת מצה:

Baruḥ Atah Adonai Eloheinu Meleḥ ha-olam asher kidshanu b'mitzvo-tav v'tzivanu al uḥilat matzah.

We praise Thee, O God, Sovereign of Existence, Who hallows our lives with commandments, Who has commanded us regarding the eating of matzah. (Eat the matzah.)

(A bit of horseradish is placed on a piece of matzah and the following blessing is said.)

בָּרוּךְ אַמָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלֶם אֲשֶׁר לִדְּשֶׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתִיו וְצִוְּנוּ עַל אֲכִילַת מַרוֹר:

Baruh Atah Adonai Eloheinu Meleh ha-olam asher kidshanu b'mitzvo-tav v'tzivanu al ahilat maror.

We praise Thee, O God, Sovereign of Existence, Who hallows our lives through commandments, Who has commanded us regarding the eating of *maror*. (Eat the maror.)

כורד

KOREH, CONTINUITY WITH PAST TRADITION

Leader

זֶכֶר לְמִּקְדָּשׁ כְּּהָלֵּל: כֵּן עֲשָׂה הָלֵּל בִּוְמֵן שֶׁבֵּית הַמִּקְדָּשׁ הָיָה לַּיָם. הָיָה כּוֹבֵךְ פֶּסֵח מַצְּה וּמְרוֹר וְאוֹכֵל בְּיְחַד. לְקַיֵּם מַה שֶׁנָּאֲמֵר: עַל־מַצוֹת וּמְרוֹרִים יֹאכְלֻהוּ: Preserving a bond with the observance of our ancestors, we follow a practice of Hillel, from the time when the Temple stood. He combined the matzah and maror and ate them together, so that he might observe Numbers 9:11

the precept handed down to him, exactly as his father before him: "They shall eat the paschal lamb with matzah and maror together."

Group

Together they shall be: the *matzah* of freedom, the *maror* of slavery. For in the time of freedom, there is knowledge of servitude. And in the time of bondage, the hope of redemption.

(According to an ancient custom, maror and haroset are eaten between two pieces of matzah.)



Four Questions

Leader

ינוּ וּבְּוְלֵנוּ וּבִּךְנוּ וּבְרְנוּ וּבְרְנוּ וּבְרְנוּ וּבְרְנוּ וּבְרְנוּ וּבְרְנוּ וּבְרְנוּ וּבִּךְ כִּי חַג־יְהֹוָה לְנוּ: "We will go, young and old. We will go with our sons and our daughters... for we must observe unto God a festival."

So it was said before the first Passover observance.

To this day, our children continue to join in our observance.

A Child or Children

& 8,9

Exodus 10:0

מַה נִּשְׁתַּנָּה הַלַּיְלָה הַזֶּה מִכָּל הַלֵּילוֹת. שֶׁבְּכָל הַלֵּילוֹת אָנוּ אוֹכְלִין חָמֵץ וּמַצָּה, הַלַּיְלָה הַזֶּה כֻּלוֹ מַצְּה. שֶׁבְּכָל הַלֵּילוֹת אָנוּ אוֹכְלִין שְׁאָר יְרָקוֹת, הַלַּיְלָה הַזֶּה מְרוֹר. שֶׁבְּכָל הַלֵּילוֹת אֵנוּ אוֹכְלִין בֵּין יוֹשְׁבִין וּבֵין מְסָבִּין, הַלַּיְלָה הַזֶּה שְׁתִּי פְּעָמִים. שֶׁבְּכָל הַלֵּילוֹת אָנוּ אוֹכְלִין בֵּין יוֹשְׁבִין וּבֵין מְסָבִּין, הַלַּיְלָה הַזֶּה כָּלְנוּ מְסָבִּין.

Why is this night different from all the other nights?

On all other nights, we eat either leavened bread or matzah; on this night—only matzah.

On all other nights, we eat all kinds of herbs; on this night, we especially eat bitter herbs.

On all other nights, we do not dip herbs at all; on this night we dip them twice.

On all other nights, we eat in an ordinary manner; tonight we dine with special ceremony.



- 3. She-b'-ḥol ha-lei-lot ein a-nu mat-bi-lin a-fi-lu pa-am e-ḥat. Ha-lai-lah ha-zeh, ha-lai-lah ha-zeh sh'-tei f'a-a-mim.
- 4. She-b'-hol ha-lei-lot a-nu oḥ-lin bein yosh-vin u-vein m'-su-bin. Ha-lai-lah ha-zeh, ha-lai-lah ha-zeh ku-la-nu m'-su-bin.

אַרבַעת־הַבָּנִים

The Four Children

Leader

בָּרוּךְ הַמָּקוֹם בָּרוּךְ הוּא. בָּרוּךְ שֶׁנָּתַן תּוֹרָה לְעַמּוֹ יִשְּׂרָאֵל. בָּרוּךְ הוּא: כְּנֶגֶּד אַרְבָּעָה בָנִים דִּבְּרָה תוֹרָה. אֶחָד חָכָם. וְאֶחָד רָשְׁע. וְאֶחָד תִּם. וְאֶחָד שָׁאִינוֹ יוֹרַעַ לִשְׁאוֹל:

Four times the Torah bids us tell our children of the Exodus from Egypt. Four times the Torah repeats: "And you shall tell your child on that day...." From this, our tradition infers that there are different kinds of people. To each we respond in a different manner, according to the question, the situation, and the need.

A Participant

חָכֶם מָה הוּא אוֹמֵר, מָה הָצֵּדֹת וְהַחָּקִים וְהַמִּשְׁפְּטִים אֲשֶׁר צִּנָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ אֶתְכֶם: וָאַף אַתָּה אֵמֶר־לוֹ כְּהָלְכוֹת הַפֶּּסַח אֵין מַפְּטִירִין אַחַר הַפְּּסַח אֲפִיקוֹמָן:

The wise person asks, "What are the precepts, laws, and observances which הוה our God commanded us?" In response we should explain the observances of the Passover thoroughly, the very last one of which is: After the Passover Seder, we do not turn to other kinds of entertainment.

Group

It is the wise who want to know the service it is theirs to do.

A Participant

רָשָׁע מָה הוּא אוֹמֵר. מָה הָאֲבֹדָה הַוֹּאת לֶכֶם. לָכֶם וְלֹא לוֹ. וּלְפִי שֶׁהוֹצִיא אֶת עַצְמוֹ מִן הַכְּלָל כְּפַר בְּעָקָר. וְאַף אַתָּה הַקְהֵה אֶת־שִׁנִּיו וָאֲמוֹר לוֹ. בַּעֲבוּר זֶה עַשֶּׁה יָיַ לִי בִּצָאתִי מִמְּצְרֵים. לִי וִלֹא לָךְ. אִלּוּ הָיֵית שֶׁם, לֹא הָיֵית נִגאָל:

The wicked person says, "What is this observance to you?" Since he says "to you" and not "to us," he rejects essentials of our faith: the unity of God and the community of Israel. Thus we respond sharply: "It is because of what God did for me when I went forth from Egypt—'for me,' that is, and not 'for you'... for had you been there, you would not have known redemption."

Group

The wicked one withdraws the self from anything beyond the self; and thus, from the joy of redemption.

Deuteronomy 6:20

Exodus 12:26

A Participant

מָם מָה הוא אוֹמֵר. מַה־זֹּאת. וְאָמַרְתָּ אֵלְיו. בְּחְׂזֶק יָד הוֹצִיאָנוּ יְיָ מִמִּצְרְיִם מָבֵּית צַבָּדִים:

When the simple person asks, "What is this?" Then we say, "With a mighty arm God freed us from Egypt, from the house of bondage."

Exodus 13:14

Group

To the person of open simplicity, give a straightforward answer; for "The Torah of God makes wise the simple."

Psalm 19:7

A Participant

וְשֶׁאָינוֹ יוֹדַעַ לִשְׁאוֹל. אַתְּ פְּתַח לוֹ. שֶׁנֶאֲמֵר וְהִגַּדְתְּ לְבִנְךְּ בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא לֵאמֹר. בַּצַבוּר זֵה עָשָׂה יָיָ לִי בְּצֵאתִי מִמְּצְרֵיִם:

With the person unable to ask, you must begin yourself, as it is written: "You shall tell your child on that day, saying: 'This is because of what God did for me when I went free from Egypt.'"

Exodus 13:8

Group

With one who has no need to know, no will to serve, "You must begin yourself" to awaken the need, to give the will.

Leader

As in the pages of our histories, so too in the events of our time, in the encounters of our daily lives, these persons, the wise, the wicked, the simple, the one unable to ask, reappear in various guises. To this day, their questions must be pondered and answers sought, the story given life and meaning.

(The following readings suggest various interpretations of the Four Children. The Seder text continues on page 34.)

The Four Children

From a Wise Son to Others

The monument . . . shall serve as a reminder for us who have survived to re-

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מניד

MAGGID, THE NARRATION

Leader

There are many questions. Now we begin to answer.

מֵעַבְדוּת לְחֵרוּת מִגְּנוּת לְשֶׁבַח מִמֵּלְכוּת הָרִשִּׁעָה לְמַלְכוּת שָׁמֵיִם

Our history moves from slavery toward freedom. Our narration begins with degradation and rises to dignity. Our service opens with the rule of evil and advances toward

THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

This is our theme:

Group

עַבָּדִים הָיִינוּ לְפַּרְעֹה בְּמִצְרֵיִם. וַיּוֹצִיאֵנוּ יִי אֶלֹהִינוּ מִשְּׁם בְּיָד חֲזָקָה וּבִּזְרְוֹעַ נְטוּיָה. וְאָלוּ לֹא הוֹצִיא הַקָּדוֹשׁ בָּרוּךְ הוֹא אֶת־אֲבוֹתֵינוּ מִמִּצְרֵיִם. הֲהֵי אָנוּ וּבַנֵינוּ וּבָנֵינוּ מִשְׁעָבַּדִים הָיֵינוּ לְפַרְעֹה בִּמְצְרֵיִם.

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We were slaves to Pharaoh in Egypt, and God freed us from Egypt with a mighty hand. Had not the Holy One, praised be He, delivered our people from Egypt, then we, our children, and our children's children would still be enslaved.

Physical Servitude

Leader

וַאֲפִילוּ כָּלֶנוּ חֲכָמִים. כָּלָנוּ נְבוֹנִים. כָּלָנוּ וְבוֹנִים. כָּלָנוּ יוֹדְעִים אֶת־הַתּוֹרָה. מִצְנָה עָלֵינוּ לְסַפֵּר בִּיצִיאַת מִצְרֵים. וְכָל הַמַּרְבֶּה לְסַפֵּר בִּיצִיאַת מִצְרֵיִם הֲהֵי זֶה מְשֶׁבָּח:

Therefore, even if

all of us were wise,

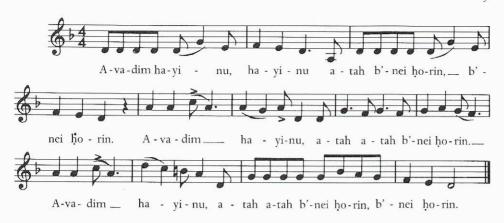
all of us people of understanding,

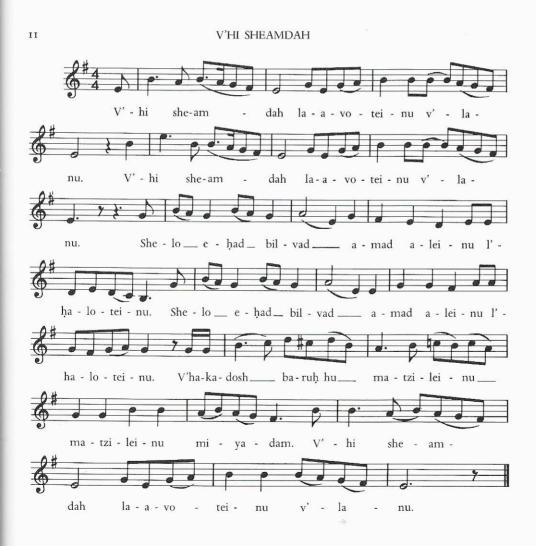
all of us learned in Torah,

it would still be our obligation to tell the story of the Exodus from Egypt. Moreover, whoever searches deeply into its meaning is considered praiseworthy.

Group

For Redemption is not yet complete.





 \dots these mortals have set up idols in their mind. \dots They are all turned away from me through their idols. Ezekiel 14:3-5

בְּשֶׁהָיָה אַבְרָהָם בֶּּן־שָׁלשׁ שָׁנִים יָצָא מִן הַמְּצָרָה, הִרְהֵּר בְּּלִבּוֹ: מִי בָרָא שְׁמַיִם וְאָרֶץ וְאוֹתִיז הִתְּפַּלֵּל כָּל הַיּוֹם כֻּלּוֹ לַשְּׁמֶשׁ. לְצֶרֶב שְׁקַע הַשָּׁמֶשׁ בְּמִצְרָב וְזְרְחָה הַלְּבֶּרָץ וְאוֹתִיז הִתְּפַּלֵל כָּל הַיִּוֹם כָּלוֹ לַשְּׁמֶשׁ. לְצֶרֶב שְׁקַע הַשָּׁמֶשׁ בְּמִוְרָח. בְּשָׁרָא אָת הַיָּרְח וְכוֹכְבִים סְבִּיב לַיְּרָח, אָמַר כָּל הַלְּיְלָה בִּתְפִּלָּה הַשְּׁמִישׁ בְּמִוְרָח. אָמַר בָּל הַלְּיְלָה בִּתְפִּלָּה לַתַּלִּרְתַ בְּמִבְרָב וְזְרַח הַשֶּׁמֶשׁ בְּמִוְרָח. אָמַר: אֵין בְּיַד אֵלוּ כְּחַ; אַדּוֹן יֵשׁ עַלִיהַם אָלָיו אָתִפַּלֵל וְאֵלִיו אֻשִּׁתַחָוֹה.

When Abraham was young, he sought to serve the Highest. When the sun sank, and the stars came forth, he said, "These are the gods!" But the dawn came, and the stars could be seen no longer, and then he said, "I will not pay worship to these, for they are no gods." Thereupon the sun came forth, and he spoke, "This is my god; him will I extol." But again the sun set, and he said, "He is no god," and beholding the moon, he called her his god to whom he would pay divine homage. Then the moon was obscured, and he cried out: "This, too, is no god! There is One who sets them all in motion." Jellinek, Bet Ha-Midrash

(On the Sabbath)

To set apart one day a week for freedom, a day on which we would not use the instruments which have been so easily turned into weapons of destruction, a day for being with ourselves, a day of detachment from the vulgar, of independence from external obligations, a day on which we stop worshipping the idols of technical civilization, . . . a day on which handling money is considered a desecration, which man avows his independence of that which is the world's chief idol.

Abraham Joshua Heschel

Leader

We have known physical bondage and spiritual servitude. We have also been subjected to *social degradation*. For in the eyes of others we were a subject people—Arameans.

Group

אָרַמִּי אֹבֵד אָבִי וַיֶּרֶד מִצְרְיְמָה וַיֵּגֶר שֶׁם בִּמְתֵי מְעָט. וַיְהִי־שָׁם לְגוֹי גָּדוֹל עָצוּם וָרָב.

My father was a fugitive Aramean. He went down to Egypt with meager numbers and sojourned there, and there became a great and populous nation.

(The Seder text continues on page 38.)

Social Degradation Deuteronomy 26:5 מְלַמֵּד שֶׁהָיוּ יִשְּׂרָאֵל מְצָיְנִים שְׁם

שֶׁלֹא שָׁנּוּ אֶת שְׁמְם וְלֹא שָׁנּוּ אֶת דְּתָם וּלְשׁוֹנָם בְּכָל הַשְּׁנִים הָרַבּוֹת אֲשֶׁר יְשְׁבּוּ שָׁם וְהָיוּ תָמִיד גּוֹי בִּפְנֵי עַצְמָם, אֻמָּה נִבְדֶּלֶת וְנִפְּרֶשֶׁת מֵהַמִּצְיִרִים וְלֹא נִתְעַרְבוּ בָהֶם, כְּמוֹ שֶׁיּקְרֶה לִשְׁאָר עַמִּים, בְּהַתְיַשְׁבָם יְחַד יִתְעַרְבוּ אֵלוּ בָאֵלוּ, אֲבָל הַם לֹא שׁנּוּ שׁמם וּלשׁוֹנָם וְדַתָם וּמַלְבּוּשִׁיהַם, וְזֵהוּ ״מִצְיַנִּים״. (מכלתא, פסחים)

"A great nation" means it was distinguished in character and tradition. Our people retained its uniqueness in Egypt. They did not alter their way of life, their convictions, their names, their heritage, their faith, their language. By virtue of this self-respect and dignity they merited redemption.

Mehilta, Pesahim: Abarbanel, Zevah Pesah

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True redemption will come to the Jew only if he bears his name and every burden imposed upon him by destiny with gleaming courage and with radiant nobleness which, whether or not they evoke the love of the world without, shall justify the Jew in his own sight and hallow him anew in the Presence of the Eternal to Whom alone he is ultimately accountable.

Rabbi Stephen S. Wise

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I am a Jew because, born of Israel and having lost her, I have felt her live again in me, more loving than myself.

I am a Jew because, born of Israel and having regained her, I wish her to live after me, more living than myself.

I am a Jew because the faith of Israel demands of me no abdication of the mind. I am a Jew because the faith of Israel requires of me all the devotion of my heart.

I am a Jew because in every place where suffering weeps, the Jew weeps.

I am a Jew because every time when despair cries out, the Jew hopes. I am a Jew because the promise of Israel is the universal promise.

I am a Jew because, for Israel, the world is not yet completed: we are completing it.

I am a Jew because for Israel, Humanity is not yet fully formed; humanity must perfect itself.

Edmond Fleg

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Leader

I took your father Abraham from across the river and I led him into the land of Canaan, and I increased his descendants; and I gave him Isaac and to Isaac I gave Jacob. When Jacob and his children went down into Egypt, Joseph was already in Egypt. Joseph had emerged with power over the land of Egypt. . . . There was famine in all lands, but in the

וְאָקַח אֶת־אֲבִיכֶם אֶת־אַבְרָהָם מֵעֵבֶּר הַנְּהָר נְאוֹלֵךְ אוֹתוֹ בְּכָל־אֶנִץ כְּנְעַּ וְאַרְבָּה אֶת־זִרְעוֹ וְאָמֵּן־לוֹ אֶת־יִצְקֹב: וַיְהִי יִצְחָק: וְאָמֵּן לְיִצְחָק אֶת־יִצְקֹב: וַיְהִי בְּלֹ־גֶפֶשׁ יִּצְאֵי יֶרֶךְ־יִעְּקֹב שִׁרְעִים עַל־אֶרֶץ מִצְרָיִם: וַיְּהִי רָעָב בְּכָל־ הָאָרָצוֹת וּבְכָל־אֶרֶץ מִצְרְיִם הָיָה הָאָרָצוֹת וּבְכָל־אֶרֶץ מִצְרְיִם הָיָה לְחֶם: וַיְּאמֶר פַּרְעֹה לְכָל־מַצְרִים הָיָה

Joshua 24:3-4

Exodus 1:5 Genesis 41:45, 54, 55, 57

land of Egypt, there was bread . . . and Pharaoh said to the Egyptians, "Go to Joseph; whatever he tells you, you shall do"... and all the world came to Joseph in Egypt. After Joseph died and all his brothers and all that generation...a new king arose over Egypt who did not know Joseph. And he said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are much too numerous for us. Let us, then, deal

אַל־יוֹסֶף אַשֶּׁר־יֹאמַר לַכָּם תַּצֵשׁוּ: וְכָל־הָאָרֵץ בָּאוּ מִצְרַיִמָה לִשְׁבֹּר אֶל־יוֹמֵף: וַיֵּמְת יוֹמֵף וִכָּל־ אָחַיו וִכֹל הַדוֹר הַהוֹא: וַיֵּקִם מֵלֵדְ־ עַל־מִצְרֵיִם אֲשֵׁר לֹא־יַדַע אָת־יוֹסָף: וַיִּאמֶר אֵל־עַמוֹ הָנֵה עַם בַּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל רַב וִעָצוּם מִמֶּנוּ: הָבָה נִתְחַכִּמָה לוֹ פֵּן־יִרבָּה וִהָיָה כִּי־ תָקֶרֶאנָה מִלְחָמָה וִנוֹסַף גַּם־הוּא עַל־ שנאינו ונלחם־בַּנוּ ועַלַה מִן־הָאָרִץ:

Exodus 1:6, 8-10

shrewdly with them, lest they increase, and in the event of war, join our enemies in fighting against us and gain ascendancy over the country."

"A New King..."

ניקם מֱלֶךְ חָדָשׁ. רַב וּשָׁמוּאֵל. חַד אָמַר חָדָשׁ מַמָּשׁ וְחַד אָמַר שֶׁנִּתְחַדְּשׁוּ גזרותיו (סוטה יא): וַאֲשֶׁר לֹא יָדַע. עֲשֶׁה עַצְמוֹ כָּאָלוּ לֹא יָדַע:

How was it possible that the "new king" did not know Joseph? Some commentators explain that he really did not know of Joseph. Others explain that he acted as if he did not know Joseph. He willfully closed his eyes to all that the Hebrews had done for Egypt. Led by Pharaoh, those who had formerly honored the Hebrews grew now to despise them.

Rashi, ad loc. (based on Talmud Bavli, Sotah 11, the difference of opinion between the great authorities, Rav and Sh'muel)

"Let Us, Then, Deal Shrewdly with Them"

We understand from this that Pharaoh had to teach the Egyptians to hate the Hebrews by shrewdly fanning the flames of fear and envy-fear of the growth of the Hebrew settlement and envy of their skill and self-respect.

Leader

So they set taskmasters over them with forced labor and they built garrison cities for Pharaoh: Pithom and Raamses. The Egyptians embittered their lives with harsh labor at mortar and brick and in all sorts of work in the fields. But the more they were oppressed, the more they increased and spread out, so that the Egyptians

וַיַּשִּׁימוּ עַלָּיו שַׂרֵי מִסִּים לִמַעַן עַבּׁתוֹ בַּסְבָלֹתַם וַיֵּבֵן עֲרֵי מִסְכִּנוֹת לְפַרִעֹה אָת־פָּתֹם וְאָת־רַעַמְסֵס: וַיִּמֶרְרוּ אָת־ חַיֵּיהֵם בַּצְבֹרָה לָשָׁה בִּחְמֵר וּבִלְבֵנִים וּבְכַל־עַבֹדָה בַּשָּׁדָה וִכַאַשִּׁר יִעַנוּ אֹתוֹ פֵן יִרְבֶּה וְכֵן יִפְרֹץ וַיָּקְצוּ מִפְּנֵי בְּנֵי יִשֶּׁרָאָל: וַיִצֵו פַּרִעֹה לְכֵל־עַמוֹ לֵאמֹר כַּל־הַבֵּן הַיִּלּוֹד הַיִּאָֹרָה תַּשִׁלִיכֵהוּ

Exodus 1:11, 14, 15

came to despise and dread the Israelites. So Pharaoh charged all his people, saying, "Every boy that is born shall be thrown in the Nile but let every girl live."

וְכָל־הַבַּת מְּחֵיּוּן: וַנִּצְעַק אֶל־יִיָ אֱלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ וַיִּשְׁמֵע יְיָ אֶת־לְלֵנוּ וַיַּרְא אֵת־עָנִינוּ וָאֶת־עֲמָלֵנוּ וְאֶת־לַחֲצֵנוּ.

Deuteronomy 26:7

the Nile, but let every girl live." We cried unto ההוה, the God of our ancestors, and God heeded our plight, our misery, and our oppression.

"The Egyptians Embittered Their Lives"

We got used to standing in line at seven o'clock in the morning, at twelve noon, and again at seven o'clock in the evening. We stood in a long queue with a plate in our hand into which they ladled a little warmed-up water with a salty or a coffee flavor. Or else they gave us a few potatoes. We got used to sleeping without a bed, to saluting every uniform, not to walk on the sidewalks, and then again to walk on the sidewalks. We got used to undeserved slaps, blows, and executions. We got accustomed to seeing piled-up coffins full of corpses, to seeing the sick amidst dirt and filth, and to seeing the helpless doctors. We got used to the fact that from time to time, one thousand unhappy souls would come here and that, from time to time, another thousand unhappy souls would go away....

From the prose of fifteen-year-old Peter Fischl, who perished in Auschwitz in 1944

"Our Misery"

The "misery" refers, commentators say, to the enforced separation of husbands and wives. Husbands and wives were not allowed to live together. Nevertheless, the women of Israel were a source of strength to their husbands, bringing them food, consoling them when they visited, giving them hope of liberation.

Torah Sh'lema, Sh'mot, ad loc.

"Our Oppression"

We are taught that the Egyptians taunted the Israelites for observing the circumcision of their sons. They mocked the Hebrews for this, since the infants were to be put to death anyway. But the Hebrews answered, "We perform our duty; whatever you do later cannot affect our practice of our faith. As our ancestors were faithful to God's covenant, so shall we be."

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Leader

Exodus 1:24-25

God heard our moaning,
And God remembered His
Covenant with Abraham, Isaac,
and Jacob,
And God looked upon the
Israelites, and God knew....

וַיִּשְׁמֵע אֱלֹהִים אֶת־נַאֲקָתָם וַיִּיְכֹּר אֱלֹהִים אֶת־בְּּרִיתוֹ אֶת־אַבְרְהָם אֶת־ יִצְחָק וְאֶת־יַעֲלְב: וַיַּרְא אֱלֹהִים אֶת־ בְּגֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וַיְּדַע אֱלֹהִים: And God said, "I will go through the land of Egypt on that night... and I will mete out justice against all the gods of Egypt. I the Eternal.

And God brought us out of Egypt by a mighty hand, by an outstretched arm and awesome power, and by signs and portents; not through a messenger, not שַׁנָּאֲמֵר: וְעְבַרְתִּי בְּאָבֶץ מִצְּרְיִם בַּלְיִלָה הַזָּה, וּבְּכָל אֱלֹהִי מִצְרְיִם אָּצֵשֶׁה שְׁפָּטִים, אֲנִי יִיְ. וַיּוֹצִאֵנוּ יְהֹוָה מִמְצְרִים בְּיָד חֲזָקָה וּבְזְרְעַ נְטוּיָה וּבְמֹרָא גָּדֹל וּבְאֹתוֹת וּבְמֹפְתִים: לא עַל יְדִי מַלְאָךְ. וְלֹא עַל יְדִי שְׂרָף. וְלֹא עַל יְדִי שֶׁלְיחַ. אָלָא הַקְדוֹשׁ בָּרוּךְ וְלֹא בַּל יְדִי שֶׁלְיחַ. אָלָא הַקְדוֹשׁ בָּרוּךְ

Exodus 12:12

Deuteronomy 26:8

through any intermediary or any supernatural being, but the Holy One, alone, in solitary glory.

(The Seder text continues on the next page.)

Which Is the Way to Redemption?

To Renounce Physical Force?

God alone executed the judgment of death directly by divine power: "For I will go through the land of Egypt in that night. I and not any intermediary." Now obviously, the Holy One, blessed be He, could have given the Children of Israel the power to avenge themselves upon the Egyptians, but God did not want to sanction the use of their fists for self-defense even at that time; for, while at that moment they might merely have defended themselves against evil-doers, by such means the way of the fist spreads through the world, and in the end defenders become aggressors. Therefore, the Holy One, blessed be He, took great pains to remove Israel completely from any participation in the vengeance upon the evil-doers, to such an extent that they were not permitted even to see the events.

The children of Israel, then, must derive this lesson from the events of that Passover eve: not to put their trust in wealth, and not to put their trust in might, but rather in the God of truth and justice, for this will serve to defend them everywhere against those who would dominate by the power of the fist.

Rabbi Aaron Samuel Tamaret of Mileitchitz

Or to Claim Our Freedom Through Our Own Power?

We are the mighty!
The last generation of slaves and the first generation of the free!
Alone our hand in its strength tore from the pride of our shoulders the yoke of bondage.
We lifted our heads to the heavens, and behold their broadness was narrow in the pride of our eyes.

״אֲנְחְנוּ גָּבּוֹרִים! דּוֹר אַחֲרוֹן לְשִׁעְבּוּד וְרִאשׁוֹן לִנְאֻלָּה אֲנֶחְנוּ! יָדְנוּ לְבַדָּה, יָדְנוּ הַחְזָקָה אֶת־כְּבֶּד הָעֹל מֵעַל נְאוֹן צַנְּארְנוּ פַּרָקָה. וַנִּזְלָף רֹאשׁנוּ שָׁמִיְמָה וַיֵּצְרוּ בְעֵינִינּוּ – So we turned to the desert, we said to the Wilderness: "Mother!" Yea, on the tops of the crags in the thickness of clouds, With the eagles of heaven we drank from her fountains of freedom.

וַנַּעְרֹק לַמְּדְבָּר וַנֹּאמֵר לַצִּיָּה ״אָמְנוּ!״ עַל־רָאשִׁי הַצּוּרִים בֵּין מִפְּלְשִׁי עָבִים שָׁתִינוּ מִמְּקוֹרוֹ הַדְּרוֹר עָם כָּל־נִשְׁרֵי שָׁמָיִם ״

Ḥayim Nachman Bialik, translated by Maurice Samuel

Leader

Exodus 12:40-42

The time the Israelites remained in Egypt was four hundred and thirty years. At the end of the four hundred and thirtieth year, to the very day, all the hosts of God departed from the land of Egypt. That same night is God's watch-night for the children of Israel throughout their generations.

וּמוֹשֵׁב בְּנֵי יִשְּׂרָאֵל אֲשֶׁר יָשְׁבוּ בְּמִצְּרְיִם שְׁלְשִׁים שְׁנָה וְאַרְבֵּע מֵאוֹת שְׁנָה: וַיְהִי מִקֵּץ שְׁלשִים שְׁנָה וְאַרְבֵּע מֵאוֹת שְׁנָה וַיְהִי בְּעֶצֶם הַיּוֹם הַזֶּה יָצְאוּ כְּלִּר צִבְאוֹת יְהֹנָה מֵאֶבֶץ מִצְרְיִם: לֵיל שְׁמֶּרִים הוּא לַיהֹנָה לְהוֹצִיאָם מֵאֶבֶץ מִצְרָיִם הוּא־הַלְּיִלָה הַנֶּה לַיהֹנָה שְׁמֶּרִים לְכָל־בְּנֵי יִשְּׁרָאֵל לְדֹרֹתָם:

(All raise their cups of wine.)

Leader

§ 11,12

We praise the God Who keeps faith with the people Israel. God's promise of Redemption in ancient days sustains us now.

בָּרוּךְ שׁוֹמֵר הַבְּטָחָתוֹ לְיִשְּׂרָאֵל. בָּרוּךְ הוּא. וְהִיא שֶׁצְמְדָה לַאֲבוֹתִינוּ וְלָנוּ

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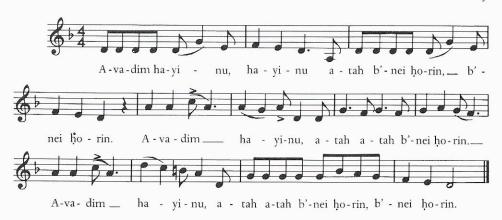
For more than one enemy has risen against us to destroy us. In every generation, in every age, some rise up to plot our annihilation. But a Divine Power sustains and delivers us. שֶׁלֹא אֶחָד בִּלְבָד עְמַד עְלֵינוּ לְכַלּוֹתֵינוּ. אֶלָּא שֶׁבְּכָל־דּוֹר נְדוֹר עוֹמָדִים עָלֵינוּ לְכַלּוֹתֵינוּ. וְהַקְּדוֹשׁ בָּרוּךְ הוּא מַצִּילֵנוּ מִיָּדָם:

(All replace their cups untasted.)

(The Seder text continues on page 48.)

"For More Than One Enemy Has Risen Against Us."

That's the difficulty in these times: ideals, dreams, and cherished hopes rise within us, only to meet the horrible truth and be shattered. It's really a wonder that I haven't dropped all my ideals, because they seem so absurd and impossible to carry out. Yet I keep them, because in spite of every-





Dam, Blood	. דָם
Tzfardeyah, Frogs	יאַפֿלַבֿאַ.
Kinim, Lice	כָּנִים.
Arov, Wild Beasts	.בּוֹב
Dever, Blight	דֶבֶּר.
Sh'hin, Boils	.שְׁחִין
Barad, Hail	בָּרֶד.
Arbeh, Locusts	אַרְבֶּה.
Hosheh, Darkness	باڜ٦.
Makat B'horot, Slaying of the First-Born	מַכַּת בְּכוֹרוֹת:

(The Seder text continues on page 52.)

Acts of Redemption

הודו לֵיהֹוָה קְּרְאוּ בִשְׁמוֹ הוֹדִיעוּ בָעַמִּים עֲלִילוֹתְיוּ: זִכְרוּ נִפְּלְאֹתִיו אֲשֶׁר־עֲשָׂה מֹפְתִים בְּאֶרֶץ חָם: שָׁלַח חְשֶׁךְ וַיִּחֲשִׁךְ מַפְתִים בְּאֶרֶץ חָם: שָׁלַח חְשֶׁךְ וַיִּחֲשִׁךְ נַיִּחֲשִׁךְ נַיִּחֲשִׁךְ נַיִּחֲשִׁךְ נִיּחֲשָׁרְ נִיּחֲשָׁרְ נִיּחֲשָׁרְ נִיּחֲשָׁרְ נִיּחֲשָׁרְ נִיּחֲשָׁרְ נִיּחְשָׁרְ נִיּחֲשָׁרְ נִיּחְשָׁרְ נִיּחְשָׁרְ נִיּחְשָׁרְ נִיּחְשָׁרְ נִיּחְשָׁרְ נִיּחְשָׁרְ נִיּחְשָׁרְ נִיּחְשִׁרְ בְּיִבְי וְיִשִּׁרְ לִיְיְבְּ נִיוֹצִיאִם בְּיָבְי וְיִבְּעִר בְּיַבְים בְּנִים מִיֵּד אוֹנֵב נַיִּכְּפוּ מִיִּד שִׁנֵּא נַבְּי נִיִּנְעָבְ בְּיִבְי בְּיִבְי בְּיִבְי בְּיִבְי שִּׁנֹא נַבְּרוֹ בִיּוֹצֵא עַמוֹ בְשְׁשׁוֹן בְּרְבָּר אָתִר בְּבָר לְנִי וְשִׁירוּ תְּהְלָתוֹ: נִיּוֹצֵא עַמוֹ בְשְׁשׁוֹן בְּרְבָּה אֶתר בְּבָר וְנִיִּעִי בְּבְרָהם עַבְּרוֹ: נִיּוֹצֵא עַמוֹ בְשְׁשׁוֹן בְּרְבָּה אֶתר בְּבָר וְיִשִׁירוּ תְּהְלָתוֹ:

Acknowledge הוה. Call out His name. Make known among the people His mighty acts. . . . Remember the wonders which He wrought, The marvels, the judgments of His mouth . . . His manifold signs and marvels in the land of Ham. He sent darkness and it became dark, For their rain He gave them hail, Flaming fire throughout their land. And He brought forth His people. . . . Among His tribes none failed. . . . For them He spread forth a cloud as a protective covering And fire to light the way for them at night. . . . And He rebuked the Red Sea, and it was dried up; And He led them through the depths, as through a wilderness. And He saved them from the hand of him that hated them, And redeemed them from the hand of the enemy. And the waters covered their adversaries; For He remembered His holy word Unto Abraham His servant; And He brought forth His people with joy, His chosen ones with singing. Then believed they His words; They sang His praise. From Psalm 105

Leader

מִי־כָמְכָה בָּאֵלִם יְהוָה. מִי כָּמְכָה נָאָדָּר בַּקְּדֶשׁ נוֹרָאֹ תְהִלֹּת עֹשֵׁה־פֶּלֶא: יְהוְה יִמִלֹדְ לִעֹלֵם וַעֵּד:

Who is like unto You, O God, among the Mighty! Who is like unto You, awesome in praises, working wonders! יהוה shall reign forever and ever!

Exodus 15:11

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כַּמָה מַצֵלוֹת טוֹבוֹת לַמְקוֹם עָלֵינוּ:

How many gifts God has bestowed upon us!

	אָלוּ הוצִיאָנוּ מִמִּצְרַיִם.
:7]5.7	וְלֹא קָרַע לָנוּ אֶת הַיָּם.
	אָלוּ קַרַע לָנוּ אֶת הַיָּם.
דַּיִּנוּ:	וְלֹא הֶעֲבִירֶנוּ בְתוֹכוֹ בֶּחֲרָבָה
	אָלּוּ הָעֵבִירֶנוּ בְתוֹכוֹ בֶּחְרָבָה.
דַּקּנוּ:	וָלֹא סִפֵּק צְרָבֵנוּ בַמִּדְבָּר אַרְבָּעִים שָׁנָה
	אָלוּ סִפֵּק צַרְבֵּנוּ בַמִּדְבָּר אַרְבָּעִים שָנָה
:175.1	וָלֹא הָאֵבִילָנוּ אֶת־הַמְּן
	אָלּוּ הָאֱכִיּלָנוּ אֶת־הַפְּן.
<u>הַבְּר</u> וּ:	וְלֹא נְתַן לְנוּ אֶת־הַשַּׁבְּת.
	אָלוּ נְתַן לֶנוּ אֶת־הַשַּׁבְּת.
<u>הַבְּרוּ:</u>	וְלֹא קַרְבָנוּ לִפְנֵי הַר סִינֵי
	אָלוּ קַרְבָנוּ לְפָנֵי הַר סִינֵי.
בַּבֶּנוּ:	וְלֹא נְתַן לֶנוּ אֶת־הַתּוֹרָה
	אָלוּ נָתַן לֶנוּ אֶת־הַתּוֹרָה.
<u> </u>	וְלֹא הַכְנִיסְנוּ לְאֶרֶץ יִשְּׂרָאֵל
	אָלוּ הָכְנִיסְנוּ לְאֶרֶץ יִשְּרָאֵל.
:17, 1	וְלֹא בָנָה לֶנוּ אֶת־בֵּית הַבְּחִירָה
	אָלוּ בָנָה לְנוּ אֶת־בֵּית הַבְּחִירָה
:1177	ָוְלֹא שֶׁלַח אֵלֵינוּ נְבִיאֵי הָאֱמֶת.
	אָלוּ שֶׁלַח אֵלֵינוּ נְבִיאֵי הָאֱמֶת.
בַּבֶּנוּ:	ָוְלֹא שֶׂמֶנוּ לְעַם כָּדוֹש.
and Cod	brought us out of Egypt and not divided the and for

Had God brought us out of Egypt and not divided the sea for us,

Dayeinu!

Had God divided the sea and not permitted us to cross on dry land, Dayeinu!

Had God permitted us to cross the sea on dry land and not sustained us for forty years in the desert,

Dayeinu!

Had God sustained us for forty years in the desert and not fed us with manna,

Dayeinu!

Had God fed us with manna and not given us the Sabbath,

Dayeinu!

Had God given us the Sabbath and not brought us to Mount Sinai,

Dayeinu!

Had God brought us to Mount Sinai and not given us the Torah,

Dayeinu!

Had God given us the Torah and not led us into the land of Israel,

Dayeinu!

Had God led us into the land of Israel and not built for us the Temple,

Dayeinu!

Had God built for us the Temple and not sent us prophets of truth,

Dayeinu!

Had God sent us prophets of truth and not made us a holy people,

Dayeinu!

עַל אַחַת כַּמָּה וְכַמָּה טוֹבָה כְפוּלָה וּמְכָפֶּלֶת לַמָּקוֹם עָלֵינוּ. שֶׁהוֹצִיאָנוּ מִמְּצְרִים.
וְּקְרֵע לְנוּ אֶת הַיָּם. וְהָצֶּבִירְנוּ בְתוֹכוֹ בֶּחְרָבְה. וְסִפֵּק צְּרְבֵּנוּ בַמִּדְבָּר אַרְבְּעִים שְׁנָה. וְהָאֱכִילְנוּ אֶת־הַמִּן, וְנָתַן לְנוּ אֶת־הַשַּבְּת. וְקַרְבְנוּ לִפְנִי הַר סִינִי. וְנָתַן לְנוּ אֶת־הַתּוֹרָה. וְהָכְנִיסְנוּ לְאָרֶץ יִשְּׂרָאֵל. וּבְנָה לְנוּ אֶת־בֵּית הַבְּחִירָה. וְשְׁלַח אֶלֵינוּ וְבִיאֵי הְאֶמֶת. וְשְּׁמְנוּ לְעַם קְדוֹשׁ לְתַקּן עוֹלָם בְּמַלְכוּת שַׁדִּי בָּאֲמֶת וֹבְּיְהָה. וֹבְצְרָקה. וֹבְצְּהָלְה.

How plentiful are the reasons for our gratitude to God for the many favors bestowed upon us! God brought us out of Egypt, divided the Red Sea for us, permitted us to cross on dry land, sustained us for forty years in the desert, fed us with manna, ordained the Sabbath, brought us to Mount Sinai, gave us the Torah, led us into the land of Israel, built for us the Temple, sent us prophets of truth, and made us a holy people to perfect the world under the kingdom of the Almighty, in truth and in righteousness.

Leader

רַבָּן גַּמְלִיאֵל הָיָה אוֹמֵר. כָּל־שֶׁלֹא אָמֵר שְׁלֹשָׁה דְבְרִים אֵלוּ בַּפֶּסַח לֹא יָצְא יָבִי חוֹבָתוֹ. וְאֵלוּ הֵן. פֶּסַח מַצְּה וּמָרוֹר:

According to the Mishnah, Rabbi Gamliel said: Whoever does not consider well the meaning of these three, *pesaḥ*, *matzah*, *maror*, has not fulfilled the purpose of the Seder.

(The leader points to the z'roah or shankbone.)

פֶּסֵח שֶׁהָיוּ אֲבוֹתֵינוּ אוֹכְלִין בִּוְמַן שֶׁבֵּית הַמִּקְדָשׁ קַיָּם. עַל שׁוּם מָה.

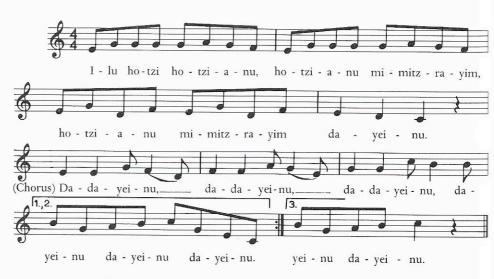
What is the meaning of this pesah?

Pesahim 10:5

Hasidic



13 DAYEINU



- 2. I-lu na-tan, na-tan la-nu, na-tan la-nu et ha-sha-bat, na-tan la-nu et ha-sha-bat, dayeinu. (Chorus).
- 3. I-lu na-tan, na-tan la-nu, na-tan la-nu et ha-to-rah, na-tan la-nu et ha-to-rah, dayeinu. (Chorus.)

A Participant

על שום שֶּׁפְּסֵח הַקְּדוֹשׁ בְּרוּךְ הוּא עֵל בְּחֵי אֲבוֹתִינוּ בְּמִצְרְיִם. בְּנְגָפּוֹ אֶת־מִצְּרְיִם. בְּנְגָפּוֹ אֶת־מִצְּרְיִם. בְּנְגָפּוֹ אֶת־מִצְּרְיִם. In family groups, our people ate the paschal lamb when the Temple was still standing. For them, the pesah was a reminder that God "passed over" (pasah) the houses of our ancestors in Egypt during the redemption.

Group

In our day, too, we invoke God as the guardian of the household of Israel, as in our dwellings we renew the family bond and strengthen our ties with the whole household of Israel.

(The leader points to the matzah.)

Leader

מַצַּה זוּ שֵׁאָנוּ אוֹכִלִים עַל שוּם מָה.

What is the meaning of this matzah?

A Participant

עַל שוּם שֶׁלֹּא הִסְפִּיק בְּצֵקָם שָׁל אֲבוֹתֵינוּ לְהַחֲמִיץ: שֻׁנָּאֶמֵר וַיְּאפּוּ אֶת־הַבְּצֵק אֲשֶׁר הוֹצִיאוּ מִמִּצְרָיִם עֻּגֹת מַצּוֹת כִּי לֹא חָמֵץ כִּי־גֹרְשׁוּ מִמִּצְרִים וְלֹא יְכְלוּ לְהִתְמַהְמֵהַ וְגַם־צֵּדָה לֹא עֲשׁוּ לָהֶם:

Exodus 12:39

Of old, *matzah* was meant to recall that the dough prepared by our people had no time to rise before the final act of Redemption. "And they baked unleavened cakes of the dough since they had been driven out of Egypt and could not delay, nor had they prepared provisions for themselves."

Group

Deuteronomy 16:3 To the driven of the earth we link ourselves today as we fulfill the *mitzvah*: "For seven days shall you eat *matzah*, that you may remember your departure from Egypt as long as you live."

(The leader points to the maror.)

Leader

מַרוֹר זֶה שָאַנוּ אוֹכִלִים עַל שום מַה.

What is the meaning of this maror?

A Participant

עַל שום שַמֵּרָרוּ הַמִּצְרָיִים אַת־חַיֵּי אַבוֹתִינוּ בִּמְצְרָיִם. שֵׁנָאַמֵּר וַיִּמְרַרוּ אַת־

חַיֵּיהֶם בַּצְבֹדָה קְשָׁה בְּחְמֶר וּבִלְבִנִים וּבְכָל־צְבֹדָה בַּשְּׂדֶה אֵת כָּל־צְבֹדְתם אֲשֶׁר־עָבְדוּ בָהֶם בְּפָּרֶךְ:

It was eaten, they said, because the Egyptians embittered the lives of our people, as it is written: "With hard labor at mortar and brick and in all sorts of work in the field, with all the tasks ruthlessly imposed upon them."

Exodus 1:14

Group

Today, as well, wherever slavery remains, Jews taste its bitterness.

("Pesah Time" may be sung at this point, should it be helpful for the amusement and interest of children present.)

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Leader

בְּכֶל דּוֹר וְדוֹר חַיָּב אָדָם לִרְאוֹת אֶת־עַצְמוֹ כְּאִלוּ הוּא יָצְא מִמִּצְרֵיִם. שֶׁנָּאֲמֵר וְהָנַּדְתָּ לְבִנְךְ בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא לֵאמֹר בַּעֲבוּר זֶה עֲשָׂה יְיָ לִי בְּצֵאתִי מִמִּצְרֵיִם:

In every generation, each of us should feel as though we ourselves had gone forth from Egypt, as it is written: "And you shall explain to your child on that day, it is because of what the Eternal did for me when I, *myself*, went forth from Egypt."

Exodus 13:8

Group

Still we remember: "It was we who were slaves, ... we who were strangers." And therefore, we recall these words as well:

Leader

You shall not oppress a stranger, for you know the feelings of the stranger,

Exodus 23:9

Group

יָגר לא תַלְחָץ וְאַתֶּם יְדַשְתֶּם אֶת־נֶפֶשׁ הַגֵּר כִּי־גֵרים הֲיִיתֶם בְּאֶרֶץ מִצְרֵיִם: having yourselves been strangers in the land of Egypt.

Leader

When strangers reside with you in your land, you shall not wrong them... You shall love them as yourself,

Leviticus 19:33-34

Group

וַאַהַבְתָּם אָת־הַגָּר כִּי־גֵרִים הַיִיתָם בָּאֵרֵץ מִצְרֵיִם:

for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.

Leader

Deuteronomy 16:11

You shall rejoice before God with your son and daughter... and the stranger, and the orphan, and the widow in your midst.

Group

וְשָּׂמַחְתָּ לִפְנֵי יְהֹוָה אֱלֹהֶיךּ אַתָּה וּבִנְּדְּ וּבִמֶּדְ וְהַגֵּר וְהַיָּתוֹם וְהָאַלְמְנָה אֲשֶׁר בִּקרבֶּד: וִזַכַרתַּ כִּי־אֲבֵד הָיֵיתַ בִּמִּצְרֵים:

Deuteronomy 16:12 Always remember that you were slaves in the land of Egypt.

Leader

You shall not subvert the rights of the stranger or the orphan.

Group

לא תַשֶּה מִשְׁפַּט גַּר יָתוֹם וְזָכַרְתָּ כִּי עֶבֶד הָיֶיתְ בְּמִצְרֵים:

Deuteronomy 24:17-18

Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt.

Leader

לא אֶת־אֲבוֹתֵינוּ בִּלְבָד נָאַל הַקְּדוֹשׁ בָּרוּךְ הוּא. אֶלְּא אַף אוֹתְנוּ נָאַל עִּמְּהֶם. שֶׁנָּאֶמֵר וְאוֹתָנוּ הוֹצִיא מִשְּׁם לְמַעַן הָבִיא אֹתְנוּ לֶתֶת לֶנוּ אֶת־הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר נִשְׁבַּע לַאֲבֹתֵינוּ:

Deuteronomy 6:23

Not only our ancestors alone did the Holy One redeem but us as well, along with them, as it is written: "And God freed us from Egypt so as to take us and give us the land sworn to our ancestors."

(The wine cups are raised.)

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לְפִיכֶךְ אֲנְחְנוּ חַיָּבִים לְהוֹדוֹת לְהַלֵּל לְשַׁבֵּחַ לְפָאֵר לְרוֹמֵם לְהַדֵּר לְבָרֵךְ לְעַלֵּה וּלְלַלְלֵּכ לְמִי שֶׁעְשָׁה לַאֲבוֹתִינוּ וְלָנוּ אֶת־כְּל־הַנִּסִים הָאֵלֶּה. הוֹצִיאָנוּ מֵעַבְדוּת לְחַרוּת. מִיֶּגוֹן לְשִׂמְחָה. מֵאֲבֶל לְיוֹם טוֹב. וּמִאֲפֵלָה לְאוֹר נְּדוֹל. וּמְשִּׁעְבּוּד לִנְאֻלָּה. וְנֹאמֵר לְפָנָיו שִׁירָה חֲדָשָׁה: הַלַּלוּיָה.

Therefore, let us rejoice
At the wonder of our deliverance
From bondage to freedom,
From agony to joy,
From mourning to festivity,
From darkness to light,
From servitude to redemption.
Before God let us ever sing a new song.

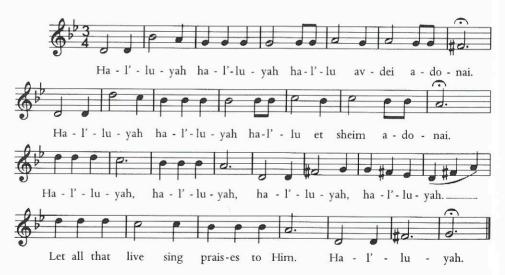
(The wine cups are set down. Read one or both of the following psalms.)



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HAL'LUYAH

Psalm 113



הַלְלוּיָה הַלְלוּיָה הַלְלוּ עַבְּדֵי יְיָ. הַלְלוּ אֶת־שֵׁם יְיָ: יְהִי שֵׁם יְיָ מְבֹרֶךְ מֵעַתָּה וְעַד עוֹלָם: מָמּזְרַח־שֶׁמֶשׁ עַד־מְבוֹאוֹ מְהָלֶּל שֵׁם יְיָ: מִי כֵּיִי אֱלֹהֵינוּ הַמַּגְבְּיהִי לְשֶׁבֶת: הַמַּשְׁפִּילִי לִרְאוֹת בַּשְׁמֵים וּבָאָרֶץ: מְקִימִי מִעְפָּר דְּל מֵאַשְׁפּוֹת יְרִים אָבְיוֹן: לְהוֹשִׁיבִי עִם־נְּדִיבִים עִם נְדִיבֵי עַמּוֹ:

Psalm 113

מוֹשִׁיבִי עֲקֶבֶת הַבַּיִת אָם־הַבָּנִים שְּׂמֵחָה הַלְלוּיָה: Halleluyah. Praise, O servants of יהוה, Praise the name of יהוה! God's name is praised in every place From where the sun rises to where it sets. God is exalted above all nations. His glory is beyond all heavens. Who is like יהוה our God, Whose throne is set on High But lowers His gaze to heaven and earth, Raising the poor from the dust, Lifting the destitute from the squalor, Seating them among nobility With the princely of their people, Changing the barren woman To a joyful mother of children . . . Halleluyah.

& 18,19

בְּצֵאת יִשְׂרָאֵל מִמִּצְרָיִם בֵּית יַצְּקֹב מֵעַם לֹעֵז: הְיְתָה יְהוּדָה לְקִדְשׁוֹ יִשְׁרָאֵל מַמְשְׁלוֹתִיו: הַיָּם רָאָה וַיָּנֹס הַיַּרְדֵּן יִסֹּב לְאָחוֹר: הַהְרִים רָקְדוּ כְאֵילִים גְּבְעוֹת כִּבְנֵי־צֹאן: הָהְרִים תִּרְקְדוּ כְאִילִים גְּבְעוֹת כִּבְנֵי־צֹאן: מִלְפְנֵי אָדוֹן חְוּלִי אָנֶם־מֶיִם חַלְמִישׁ לְמַעְיְנוֹ־מָיִם: הַהְפְּכִי הַצוּר אֲנַם־מָיִם חַלְמִישׁ לְמַעְיְנוֹ־מָיִם:

Psalm 114

When Israel went forth from Egypt, Jacob's house from the alien nation,

Then Judah became His holy place, Israel His dominion...
Tremble, O earth,
At the presence of the Lord,
At the presence of the God of Jacob,
Who turns the rocks into pools,
The flint into fountains.

כוס נאולה

Kos G'ulah, the Second Cup—the Cup of Redemption

Leader

With the second cup of wine we recall the second promise of liberation:

Group

שֶׁנָּאֶמֶר וְהִצַּלְתִּי אֶתְכֶם מֵעְבֹדְתָם.

As it is written: "I will deliver you from their bondage. . . ."

Exodus 6:6

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר גְאָלֵנוּ וְגָאַל אֶת אֲבוֹתֵינוּ מִמְּצְרֵים,
וְהֹנִיעֲנוּ לַלַּיְלָה הַנָּה, לָאֱכָל־בּוֹ מַצְּה וּמְרוֹר. בֵּן, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ וֵאלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ,
יַנִּיעֵנוּ לְמוֹעֲדִים וְלִרְגָלִים אֲחֵרִים, הַבְּאִים לְקְרָאתֵנוּ לְשָׁלוֹם, שְׁמֵחִים בְּבִנְיַן
עירך, וששים בַּעֲבוֹדַתֵּךָ. בַּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יִיָ, נַאַל יִשֹּׁרָאֵל.

Remembering with gratitude the redemption of our ancestors from Egypt,

rejoicing in the fruits of our struggle for freedom, we look now with hope to the celebration of a future redemption, the building of the City of Peace in which all will rejoice in the service of God, singing together a new song.

We praise Thee, O God, Redeemer of Israel!

בּרוּך אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם בּוֹרֵא פְּרִי הַגְּפֶּן:

Baruḥ Atah Adonai Eloheinu Meleḥ ha-olam borei p'ri ha-gafen.

We praise Thee, O God, Sovereign of all existence, Who creates the fruit of the vine^c

(All drink the second cup of wine.)

(Those who deferred the reading of the "Motzi" and "Koreh" sections on page 28 should read them here.)

שָׁלְחָן עוֹרֵךְּ

SHULHAN OREIH, THE MEAL IS SERVED

It is customary to begin the meal with hard-boiled eggs flavored with salt water. This was the practice in Roman times. The egg has come to be symbolic of new growth, of new life, of hope. The roasted egg on the Seder plate has come to represent the ancient Temple service in Jerusalem, the holy city.

REIT

TZAFUN, THE SEARCH FOR THE HIDDEN

Toward the end of the meal, the children look for the afikoman, which the leader has hidden. Since neither the meal nor the Seder can be concluded before some of the group has eaten a piece of it, whoever finds the afikoman may demand a reward. Nothing is eaten after the afikoman, so that the matzah may be the last food tasted.

The afikoman replaces the "after-dinner entertainment" (epikomios), an aspect of the ancient Roman feast that the rabbis eliminated from the Seder so that the entire evening might be devoted only to the observance of Passover. Yet song and festivity remain a part of the Seder feast, including some planned merriment for the children, appropriate to the service.

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BAREIH, THANKS FOR DIVINE SUSTENANCE

(After the afikoman is shared, the service resumes with the Birkat Hamazon. A complete Hebrew text is found on pages 65–67.)

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שִׁיר הַמַּשְּלוֹת בְּשׁוּב יְהֹּוָה אֶת־שִׁיבַת צִיּוֹן הָיְינוּ כְּחֹלְמִים: אָז יִמְּלֵא שְׂחוֹק פִּינוּ וּלְשׁוֹנֵנוּ רָנְה אָז יֹאמְרוּ בַגּוֹיִם הִגְּדִּיל יְהֹוָה לַעֲשׁוֹת עִם־אֵלֶּה: הִגְּדִּיל יְהֹוָה לֵעֲשׁוֹת עִמְנוּ כַּאֲפִיקִים בַּנָגֶב: הַזֹּרְעִים לַעֲשׁוֹת עִמְּנוּ כַּאֲפִיקִים בַּנָגֶב: הַזֹּרְעִים בְּנָגֶב: הַזֹּרְעִים בְּנָגֶב: הַזֹּרְעִים בְּנָגֶב: הַזֹּרְעִים בְּנָגֶב: הַזֹּרְעִים בְּנָגֶב: הַזֹּרְעִים בַּנְגֶב: הַזֹּרְעִים בְּנָגֶב: הַזֹּרְעִים בַּנְגֶב: הַזֹּרְעִים בַּנְגֶב: הַזֹּרְעִים בְּנִגְב: הַזֹּרְעִים בִּנְגָב: הַזֹּרְעִים בַּנְגָב: הַזֹּרְעִים בִּנְגָב: הַזֹּרְעִים בְּנִבְּה בְּרְנָּה יִקְצְּרוּ: הָלוֹךְ יֵלֵךְ יִבְּרֹה נְשֵׂא מֶשֶׁךְ־הַזְּרֵע בֹּא־יְבוֹא בְרְנָּה נִשְׂא אַלְמֹּתֵיו:

Psalm 126

A Song of Ascent:

When God restores the exiled of Zion, We shall be as those who dream. Our mouths will be full of laughter then, Our tongues with song.

Then will they say among the nations: "God has done great things for them." God has done great things for us, And so we now rejoice.

Restore us once again, O God,
Like sudden floodstreams in the desert.
Then those who sow in tears,
Will reap in joy.
Those who go forth weeping
Bearing the seed for sowing
Will return bearing the sheaves,
With song and with laughter.

Leader

בבותי וברד

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Friends, let us say Grace.

Group

יָהִי שֵׁם יְיָ מְבֹרֶךְ מֵעַתָּה וְעַד־עוֹלָם:

The name of the Eternal be blessed from now unto eternity.

Leader

בִּרְשׁוּת מָרָנָן וְרַבָּנָן וְרַבּוֹתֵי נְבָרֵךְ אֱלֹהֵינוּ שֶׁאָכַלְנוּ מִשֶּׁלוֹ:

Let us praise God of Whose bounty we have partaken.

Group

בָּרוּךְ אֱלֹהֵינוּ שֶׁאָכַלְנוּ מִשֶּׁלוֹ וּבְטוּבוֹ חָיְינוּ:

Let us praise our God of Whose bounty we have partaken and by Whose goodness we live.

בָּרוּךְ הוּא וּבְרוּךְ שְׁמוֹ:

בָּרוּךְ אַפָּה יְיָ אֲלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלֶם, הַזְּן אֶת־הָעוֹלֶם כֻּלּוֹ בְּטוּבוֹ בְּחֵן בְּחֶטֶּר וּבְּרַרְּתְּמִים הוּא נוֹתֵן לֶחֶם לְכָל־בְּשֶׁר כִּי לְעוֹלֶם חַסְדּוֹ: וּבְטוּבוֹ הַגְּדוֹל תְּמִיד לֹא חָסֵר־לָגוּ וְאֵל יֶחְסַר־לָגוּ מְזוֹן לְעוֹלֶם וָעֶד בַּצְעבוּר שְׁמוֹ הַגְּדוֹל: כִּי הוּא אֵל זְן וּמְפַרְנֵס לַכֹּל וּמֵטִיב לַכֹּל וּמֵכִין מְזוֹן לְכָל־בְּרִיּוֹתִיו אֲשֶׁר בְּרָא. בְּרוּךְ אַתְּה יְיָ, הַלֵּל אַת־הַכֹּל:

Through God's kindness, mercy, and compassion, all existence is eternally sustained.
God is forever faithful.
Surpassing goodness fills all time and space.

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Sustenance there is for all.

None need ever lack,

no being ever want for food.

We praise our God, the One, sustaining all.

וּבְנֵה יְרוּשְׁלַיִם עִיר הַּלְּדֶשׁ בִּמְהַרָה בְיָמֵינוּ. בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יִיָּ בּוֹנֶה בְרַחֲמְיוּ יִרוּשָׁלַיִם. אָמֵן:

And build Jerusalem, O God, speedily in our days. We praise our God Whose compassion ever builds Jerusalem.

Leader

בּיוֹם חַג הַפַּצוֹת הַזָּה זָכְרֵנוּ יִיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ בּוֹ לְטוֹבָה.

On this Festival of Matzot, inspire us to goodness.

Group

וּפָּקְדָנוּ בוֹ לִבְרָכָה.

On this Day of Liberation, make us a blessing.

Leader

וְהוֹשִׁיצְנוּ בוֹ לְחַיִּים.

On this Festival of Pesah, preserve us in life.

Group

ּהָרַחֲמָן. הוּא יִמְלוֹךְ עָלֵינוּ לְעוֹלָם וְעֵד:

All Merciful, rule over us forever.

Leader

קָרַחֲמָן. הוּא יְפַרְנְמֵנוּ בְּכְבוֹד:

Sustain us with honorable work.

Leader

(On the Sabbath include the following:)

הָרַחֲמָן. הוּא יַנְחִילֵנוּ יוֹם שֶׁכֻּלוֹ שַׁבָּת וּמְנוּחָה לְחַיֵּי הָעּוֹלְמִים:

All Merciful, may we inherit a Sabbath of eternal peace.

(On weekdays continue here:)

הָרַחֲמָן. הוּא יְזַבֶּנוּ לִימוֹת הַפְּשִׁיחַ וּלְחַיֵּי הָעוֹלָם הַבָּא:

Make us worthy of the Messianic promise of a world that is yet to be.

Group

הָרַחַמָן. הוּא יִשִׁלַח בָּרֶכָה מִרֶבָּה בַּבַּיִת הַזָּה וְעֵל שֻׁלְחָן זֵה שֵׁאָכֵלְנוּ עַלַיוּ: הָרַחַמָן. הוּא יִבָרַךְ אוֹתָנוּ וָאֵת כָּל־אַשֵּׁר לָנוּ, כִּמוֹ שֵׁנִתְבָּרָכוּ אֲבוֹתֵינוּ אַבְרָהָם יִצְחָק וַיַצַקֹב בַּכֹּל מִכֹּל כֹּל, כֵּן יִבָרֶךְ אוֹתָנוּ כָּלֻנוּ יַחַד בִּבָרָכָה שָׁלֵמָה. וָנֹאמֵר אַמֶן: May the One Who blessed Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, May the One Who blessed our Mothers, bless this house, this table, and all assembled here; and so may all our loved ones share our blessing.

Leader

May the One Who brings harmony into the spheres on high bring peace to earth for all humanity.

עֹשֵׂה שָׁלוֹם בָּמְרוֹמָיו הוּא יַצַשָּׁה שָׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ וִעַל כָּל־יִשְׂרָאֵל. וִאָמְרוּ אָמֵן:

בַשַּלום:

Group

God will give strength unto our יָרָ עֹז לְעַמּוֹ יִתָּן, יְיָ יְבָרֵךְ אָת־עַמּוֹ people.

God will bless all people with peace.

(The Seder text continues on page 67.)

בַּוֹרוּי

הָנְנִי מוּכָן וּמְזָמָן לְקַיֵּם מִצְוַת צֲשֵׂה שֶׁל בִּרְכַּת הַמָּזוֹן. שֶׁנָאֱמֵר: וְאָכַלְתָּ וְשָּׁבָעְתָּ וֹבַרַכְתָּ אֶת־יָיָ אֱלֹהֶיךּ, עַל־הָאָרֵץ הַטּוֹבָה אַשֵּׁר נָתַן־לָּךְ: לִשֵּׁם יְחוּד קוּדְשָׁא בְּרִיךְ־הוּא וּשְׁכִינְתֵּיה בְּשֵׁם כָּל־יִשְּׂרָאֵל.

הַקְּוַמֵן אוֹמֵר: רַבּוֹתֵי נִבָּרֵךְ.

הַמְסָבִּים עוֹנִים: יִהִי שֵׁם יִיָ מִבֹרָךְ מֵעַתָּה וְעֵד עוֹלָם. הַמְזַמֵּן: בִּרְשׁוּת מָרָנָן וְרַבּוֹתַי, וִבְרֵך אֵלהֵינוּ שֵׁאָכֵלְנוּ מִשֵּׁלוֹ. הַמְסָבִּים: בָּרוּך אֱלֹהֵינוּ שֵׁאָכַלְנוּ מְשֵׁלוֹ וּבְטוּבוֹ חָיֵינוּ. הַמְוַמֵּן: בָּרוּך אֱלֹהֵינוּ שֵׁאָכַלְנוּ מִשֵּׁלוֹ וּבְטוּבוֹ חָיֵינוּ.

בָּרוּךְ הוּא וּבָרוּךְ שָׁמוֹ.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יָיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֵךְ הָעוֹלָם הַזָּן אַת הָעוֹלָם כָּלוֹ בִּטוּבוֹ בִּחֵן בְּחֵסֶר וּבְרַחֲמִים הוּא נוֹתֵן לֶחֶם לִכָל־בָּשֶּׁר כִּי לִעוֹלֶם חַסְדוֹ: וֹבְטוֹבוֹ הַגַּדוֹל תַּמִיד לֹא קָפַר לָנוּ וְאַל יֶחְפַר לָנוּ מָזוֹן לְעוֹלָם וָעֵד: בַּעֵבוּר שִׁמוֹ הַגָּדוֹל כִּי הוֹא אֵל זַן וּמְפַרְגַס לַכֹּל וּמִטִיב לַכֹּל וּמֵכִין מְזוֹן לְכָל בְּרִיּוֹתְיו אֲשֶׁר בְּרָא. בְּרוּף אַתְּה יְיָ הַנָּן אָת־הַכֹּל:

נוֹבֶה לְךּ יָיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ עַל שֶׁהִנְחַלְתָּ לַאֲבוֹתֵינוּ אֶבֶץ חֶמְדָה טוֹבָה וּרְחָבָה וְעַל

וָיָתָפַּאַר בָּנוּ לַעַד וּלְגַצַח נָצָחִים וִיִּתְהַדֵּר בָנוּ לַעַד וּלְעוֹלְמִי עוֹלַמִים: הַרַחַמַן, הוא יפַרנִסֵנוּ בִּכָבוֹד: הַרַחַמַן הוא יִשְׁבּוֹר עָלֵנוּ מֵעַל צַנָּארֵנוּ, וְהוּא יוֹלִיכֵנוּ קוֹמְמִיוּת לָאַרְצֵנוּ: הָרַחַמָן, הוּא יִשִׁלַח לֶנוּ, בְּרָכָה מִרְבָּה בַּבַּיִת הַזָּה: וְעֵל שְׁלְחָן זה שאכלנו עליו: הרחמן הוא ישלח לנו את־אליהו הַנַּבִיא זַכוּר לַטוֹב, ויבַשֶּר־לַנוּ בָּשוֹרוֹת טוֹבוֹת יִשוּעוֹת וְנָחָמוֹת: הַרַחַמֶן הוֹא יָבָרֶךְ (אם יש לו אב ואם יאמר) אֶת־אָבִי מוֹרִי בְּעֵל הַבְּיִת הַזֶּה, וְאֶת־אִמִי מוֹרָתִי, בַּעַלַת הַבִּיִת הַזָּה. אוֹתָם וָאָת־בֶּיתַם, וָאָת־זַרָעָם וָאָת־כַּל־אַשֵׁר לָהָם. (ואם הוא נשוי יאמר) אוֹתִי וָאָת אָשֶׁתִּי וָאָת זַרָעִי וָכָל הַמִּסְבִּים כָּאן אוֹתָנוּ וָאֵת־כָּל־אֲשֵׁר לֵנוּ, כִּמוֹ שַּנַתבַּרָכוּ אֲבוֹתֵינוּ אַבְרָהָם יִצְחָק וַיַעֵקֹב. בַּכֹּל מִכֹּל כֹּל. כֵּן יִבָרֶךְ אוֹתָנוּ, כַלָּנוּ יַחַד בֹרֶכָה בַּמַרוֹם מֵאַת יִיַ, וּ הַרַחַמָן ה הָרַחַמָן, ז קַרַחַמָן, ד עשה מגדול יע שלום במ לא־ יראו את־ ושביע יַחְסָרוּ כֵי תי גם לכל-חי יָבֶרֶךְ וַקנתי ולז אַת־עַמוֹ ו

כּוֹס בְּרְכָה Kos B'raḥa, the Third Cup—the Cup of Blessing

Together we take up the cup of wine, now recalling the third divine promise:

Leader

שָׁנָּאֱמֵר וְנָאַלְחָי אֶתְכֶם בִּזְרוֹעַ נְטוּיָה:

Group

As it is written: "I will redeem you with an outstretched arm."

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יָיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם בּוֹרֵא פְּרִי הַגְּפֶּן:

Baruḥ Atah Adonai Eloheinu Meleḥ ha-olam borei p'ri ha-gafen. We praise Thee, our God, Sovereign of the universe, Who has created the fruit of the vine.

(All drink the third cup of wine.)

כוֹס אֵלְיֶהוּ

Kos Eliyahu, the Cup of Elijah

(Elijah, the prophet from the village of Tishbi in Gilead, challenged the injustice of the king and overthrew the worship of Baal. He healed the humble sick and helped the widowed. As to the end of his days on earth, his disciple Elisha had a vision of Elijah being carried to the skies in a chariot of fire. Legend has it that Elijah returns to earth, from time to time, to befriend the helpless.

This man of mystery became associated with the End of Days, with the Messianic hopes of our people. The prophet Malachi promised that Elijah would come to turn the hearts of parents to children, and the hearts of children to parents, and to announce the coming of the Messiah when all mankind would celebrate freedom.

Hence, he has a place in every Seder. We open the door that he may enter, and set a cup of wine to represent the final Messianic promise for us and for all peoples: "I will bring you into the Land.")

Leader

How many images this moment brings to mind, how many thoughts the memory of Elijah stirs in us! The times when we were objects of distrust, when our doors were open to surveillance, when ignorant and hostile men forced our doors with terror!

Group

בּי־אָכַל אֶת־יַעֲקֹב וְאֶת־נָוְהוּ הַשְּׁמוּ:

They devoured Jacob, laid waste his habitation.

Psalm 79:7

Leader

The injustice of this world still brings to mind Elijah who in defense of justice, challenged power. In many tales from Jewish lore, he reappears to help the weak. Our people always prayed:





Group

הָרַחֲמָן. הוא יִשְׁלַח לֶנוּ אֶת־אֵלִיֶּהוּ הַנְּבִיא זְכוּר לַטוֹב וִיבַשֶּׂר־לֶנוּ בְּשׁוֹרוֹת טוֹבוֹת יִשׁוּעוֹת וְנָחַמוֹת:

May the All Merciful send us Elijah the Prophet to comfort us with tidings of deliverance.

The Siddur

Leader

For every undecided question, then, of pain and sorrow, of unrewarded worth and unrequited evil, Elijah would someday provide the answer.

Group

תִשָּבִי יִתָרִץ קוּשִׁיוֹת וּבְעֵיוֹת.

There are links between heaven and earth which promise an answer and resolution to life's perplexities.

Leader

Elijah opens up for us the realm of mystery and wonder.

Let us now open the door for Elijah!

(A child or children are sent to open a door to the outside. As the door is opened:)

Group

הָנָּה אָנֹכִי שֹׁלֵחַ לָכֶם אֵת אֵלִיָּה הַנָּבִיא לִפְנֵי בּוֹא יוֹם יְהֹנָה הַנְּדוֹל וְהַנּוֹרָא: וְהַשִּׁיב לֵב־אָבוֹת עַל־בָּנִים וְלֵב בָּנִים עַל־אֲבוֹתָם פֶּן־אָבוֹא וְהִכֵּיתִי אֶת־ הָאָרֵץ חֵרֵם:

Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet, and he will turn the hearts of the parents to the children and the hearts of the children to the parents before the coming of the great and awesome Day of God!

Malachi 3:23-24

Leader

From Beyond, Elijah's spirit enters in these walls And tastes again with us the wine of endless promise:

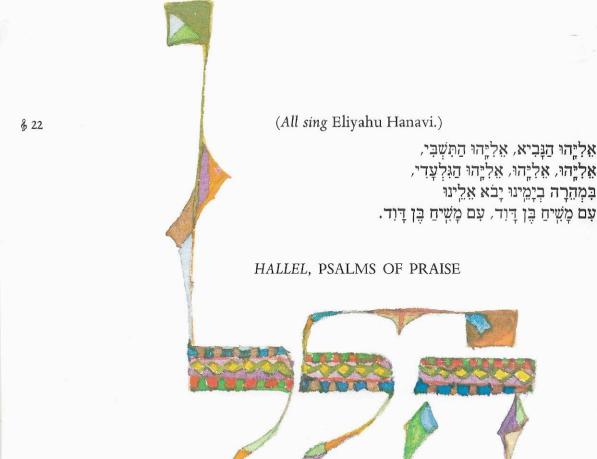
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יָהָבָאתִי אֶתְכֶם אֶל־הָאָרֶץ אֲנִי יְהֹוָה:

I will bring you into the land . . . I, הוה.

(Door is closed.)

Exodus 6:8



Leader

Halleluyah. We praise. Our song is one with the chants of the Levites in the days of the Temple's glory. On this very festival, they sang their psalms of praise, the Hallel.

Our song is one with all the hymns of flesh and blood which sing of the triumph of people together over the powers of destruction.

Group

And will be one with the praise songs of all peoples: Praise, for the earth restored to its goodness; Praise, for people restored to themselves; Praise, for life fulfilled in sacred celebration:

(Read or sing any of the following selections from Psalms 115 through 118.)

Praise God, all ye nations!

הַלַלוּ אֶת־יִי כְּל־גּוֹיִם.

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Hands that cannot reach nor touch; Deaf they are to others' words; Inert, without the vivid breath of life. Those who make them will be as they are, Their worshipers become like them, Yes, all who put their trust in them! שַצַבֵּיהֶם כֶּסֶף וְזְהְב. מַצְשֵׁה יְדֵי אָדְם: פֶּה לְהֶם וְלֹא יְדַבֵּרוּ. אַוְגִים לְהֶם וְלֹא יִהְאוּ: אַף לְהֶם וְלֹא יִהְמְעוּ. יְדֵיהֶם וְלֹא יְמִישׁוּן רַגְלֵיהֶם וְלֹא יְמִישׁוּן לֹא־יֶהְגּוּ בִּגְרוֹנָם: כְּמוֹהֶם יִהְיוּ עֹשֵׁיהֶם. כֹּל אַשֶּׁר־בַּטֵחַ בַּהָם:

Leader

כּוֹס־יְשׁוּעוֹת אֶשְׂא. וּבְשֵׁם יְיָ אֶקְרָא:

I lift up the cup of deliverance and call upon the Name of God.

Group

וַאֲנְחְנוּ נְבָרֵךְ יָה מֵעַתָּה וְעַד־עוֹלָם הַלְלוּיָה:

We will praise our God forever.

Leader

מְן־הַמֵּצַר קָרָאתִי יָה. עָנֵנִי בַמֶּרְחָב יָה:

Out of the depths, I called upon God!

Who answered me with great deliverance.

Group

לא־אָמוּת כִּי־אֶחְיֶה. וַאֲסַפֵּר מַעֲשֵׂה־יָה:

We will not die, but live.

Leader

לא־הַמֶּתִים יָהַלְלוּ־יָה. וְלֹא כֶּל־יֹרְדֵי דְוּמָה:

The dead praise not הוה, nor any that go down into silence.

Group

וַאֲנַחְנוּ נְבָרֵךְ יָה מֵעַתָּה וְעַד־עוֹלָם הַלְלוּיָה:

But we will praise יהוה forever.

Leader

אָתַהַלֶּךְ לִפְנֵי יִיַ. בָאַרְצוֹת הַחַיִּים:

I shall walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

Group

לא־אָמוּת כִּי־אָחָיֵה. וַאַסַפֵּר מַעַשֶּה־יָה:

We will not die, but live.

Leader

בְּוִּי וְזִמְרָת יָה. וַיְהִי־לִי לִישׁוּעָה:

God is my strength and my song, and God has become my triumph.

ּ נַאֲנַחְנוּ נְבָרֵךְ יָה מֵעַתָּה וְעַד־עוֹלָם הַלְלוּיָה:

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And we will praise our God forever.

אֶבֶן מָאֲסוּ הַבּוֹנִים. הָיְתָה לְרֹאשׁ פִּנְּה:

The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone.

Group

Leader

לא־אָמוּת כִּי־אֶחְיֶה. וַאֲסַפֵּר מַעֲשֵׂה־יָה: וַאֲנַחְנוּ נְבָרֵךְ יָה מֵעַתָּה וִעַד־עוֹלָם הַלְלוּיָה:

We will not die, but live, Live to declare the works of God, And we will praise יהוה forever.

נְשָׁמַת

נִשְׁמַת כָּל־חַי תְּבָרֵךְ אֶת־שִׁמְךּ יָיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ. וְרְוּחַ כָּל־בָּשָׂר תִּפָּאֵר וּתִרוֹמֵם וֹכְרְךּ מַלְבֵנוּ תָּמִיד. מִן־הָעוֹלָם וְעַד־הָעוֹלָם אַתָּה אֵל וּמִבּּלְעָדֵיךּ אֵין לָנוּ מֶלֶךְ גּוֹאֵל וּמוֹשִׁיעַ פּוֹדָה וּמַצִּיל וּמִפַּרְגַס וּמָרַחֵם בִּכָּל־עֵת צָרָה וִצוּקָה אֵין־לֶנוּ מֶלֶךְ אַלָּא אָתָה: אֵלֹהֵי הָרָאשׁוֹנִים וָהָאַחַרוֹנִים. אֱלוֹהַ כַּל־בָּרְיּוֹת אֲדוֹן כַּל־ תּוֹלָדוֹת. הַמְּהָלֶּל בְּרֹב הַתִּשְׁבָּחוֹת. הַמְנֵהֵג עוֹלָמוֹ בְּחֶסֶד וּבְרִיּוֹתְיו בְּרַחֲמִים. נַיָּי לֹא־יָנוּם וְלֹא־יִישָׁן: הַמְּעוֹרֵר יְשֵׁנִים וְהַמֵּקִיץ נִרְדָּמִים וְהַמֵּשִיחַ אִּלְּמִים וָהַמַּתִּיר אַסוּרִים וִהַסּוֹמֶךְ נוֹפִּלִים וְהַזּוֹקֵףְ כְּפוּפִים. לְדְּ לְבַדְּדְ אֲנֵחְנוּ מוֹדִים: אָלוּ פִינוּ מָלֵא שִׁירָה כַּיָּם וּלְשׁוֹנֵנוּ רָנָה כַּהְמוֹן גַּלָיו וְשִּׁפְתוֹתִינוּ שֶׁבַח כְּמֶרְחֲבֵי רָקִיעַ וְעֵינֵינוּ מְאִירוֹת כַּשֶּׁבֶשׁ וְכַיָּרֶחַ וְיָדֵינוּ פָרוּשׁוֹת כִּנְשָׁרִי שָׁמָיִם וְרַגְלֵינוּ קַלּוֹת בְּאַיָּלוֹת. אֵין אֲנְחְנוּ מַסְפִּיקִים לְהוֹדוֹת לְךּ יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ וַאלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ וּלְבָרֵך אֶת־שְּמֶך עַל־אַחַת מֵאָלֵף אֶלֵף אַלִפי אַלָפִים וַרְבֵּי רְבָבוֹת פִּעָמִים הַטוֹבוֹת שָׁצִשִּׁיתָ עִם־אָבוֹתִינוּ וְעִמָּנוּ: מִמִּצְרִיִם נְּאַלְתָּנוּ יִיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ וּמִבֵּית עֲבָדִים פְּדִיתָנוּ. בְּרָעָב זַנְּמָנוּ וּבְשָּׂבָע כִּלְכַלְמָנוּ. מֵחֶרֶב הָצַלְמָנוּ וּמְדֶּבֶּר מִלַּטְמָנוּ. וּמֵחֲלָיִם רָעִים וְנָאֱמֶנִים דִּלִּיתָנוּ: עַד־הַנָּה עֲזֶרוּנוּ רַחַמֵיךּ. וִלֹא־עַזַבְוּנוּ חַסַבִידְ. וָאַל־ תִּטְשֵׁנוּ יָרָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ לָגֶצַח: עַל־כֵּן אַבָרים שֵׁפָּלַגִתְ בָּנוּ וִרְוּחַ וּנְשָׁמָה שֵׁנָפַחתַ בִּאַפֵּינוּ וָלָשוֹן אֲשֶׁר שַׂמְתָּ בְּפִינוּ. הֵן הַם יוֹדוּ וִיבָרַכוּ וִישַׁבְּחוּ וִיפָּאֲרוּ וִירוֹמֵמוּ וְיִצַרְיצוּ וְיַקְדִישׁוּ וְיַמְלִיכוּ אָת־שִׁמִּךּ מַלְבֵּנוּ: כִּי כָל־פָּה לְדְּ יוֹדֵה. וְכַל־לַשׁוֹן לְדְּ תִשַּבַע. ּוְכָל־בֶָּּרֶךְ לְךְּ תִכְרַע. וְכָל־קוֹמָה לְפָנֵיךְּ תִשְׁתַּחֲנֶה. וְכָל־לְבָבוֹת יִירָאִוּךְ. וְכָל־קֶנֶב וּכְלָיוֹת יְזַמְּרוּ לִשְׁמֶךְּ. כַּדְּבָר שֶׁכָּתוּב. כָּל־עַצְמוֹתֵי תֹאמַרְנָה יְיָ מִי בָּמְוֹךּ. מַצִּיל עָנִי מָחָזָק מִמֶּנוּ וְעָנִי וְאֶבְיוֹן מִגּוֹזְלוֹ: מִי יִדְמֶה־לָּךְ וּמִי יִשְׁנֶה־לָּךְ וּמִי יַעַרָדְ־לָדְ. הָאֵל הַגָּדוֹל הַגִּבּוֹר וְהַנּוֹרָא אֵל עֵלִיוֹן לְנֵה שָׁמַיִם וָאָרֵץ: נְהַלֵּלְדְּ וּנְשַׁבַּחֲדְ וּנְפָאֶרְדְּ וּנְבָרֵדְ אָת־שֵׁם קַדְשֵׁדְּ. כַּאָמוּר לְדָוִד בַּרְכִי נַפִּשִׁי אָת־יִי וָכָל־קָרָבַי אָת־שֵׁם קַדְשׁוֹ:

Leader

From the holy mountain we see anew The mystery and glory of our past. In the new light which rises over Zion, And throughout all our habitations, Before us still we dimly glimpse our greatest tasks, our finest work, our most worthy hours:

בַּהַר הַלּּדֶדֶשׁ שׁוּב נִרְאֶה אַת הוֹד פֶּלֶא תּוֹלְדוֹת עַמֵּנוּ. יִבְאוֹר חָדָשׁ עַל צִיּוֹן מֵאִיר תוֹךְ אַפְּלוּלִית, שׁוּב נִרְאֶה בֶּעָתִיד עוֹד לָבוֹא בֹּדֶל תַפְּקִידֵנוּ הַשֶּבַח עֲבוֹדָתֵנוּ הִדְמִי יָמֵינוּ!

וַמַנִחָה:

Group

To plant, to build, and to bless, Wherever the people of Israel lives! הַקָּהָל: לִבְנוֹת וְלִנְטוֹעַ, וּלְבָרֵךּ, כֵּל מָקוֹם בַּאֲשֶׁר עַם יִשִּׂרָאֵל חֵי!

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֻלֶּךְ הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר קִדְשְׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתִיו וְצְוֵנוּ לְחַדִּשׁ אֶת תקות הגָאוּלַה:

We praise Thee, O God, Sovereign of Existence, Who has sanctified us with Thy commandment And commanded us to renew the hope of Redemption!

(The cup is set down untasted.)

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Am Yisra-eil chai,

Ad beli dai, (The Seder text continues on p. 91.) Od avinu chai!

עַם יִשְׂרָאֵל חַיּ, עַד בְּלִי דֵי, עוֹד אָבִינוּ חַי!

Leader

With merriment and song and poem we celebrate the Feast of Freedom.

אָחָד מִי יוֹדַעַ?

Who Knows One?

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אֶחָד מִי יוֹדְעַ, אֶחָד אֲנִי יוֹדְעַ: אֶחָד אֱלֹהִינוּ שֶׁבַּשְׁמִים וּבְאָרֶץ. שְׁנִים מִי יוֹדְעַ, שְׁנִים אֲנִי יוֹדְעַ: שְׁנֵי לָחוֹת הַבְּרִית, אֶחָד אֱלֹהִינוּ שֶׁבַּשְׁמִיִם וּבָאָרֶץ. שְׁלשָׁה מִי יוֹדְעַ, שְׁלשָׁה אֲנִי יוֹדְעַ: שְׁלשָׁה אָבוֹת, שְׁנֵי לֻחוֹת הַבְּרִית, אָחָד אֱלֹהֵינוּ שֶׁבַּשְׁמַיִם וּבָאָרֶץ.

אַרְבַּע מִי יוֹדְעַ, אַרְבַּע אֲנִי יוֹדְעַ: אַרְבַּע אִמְהוֹת, שְׁלֹשָׁה אָבוֹת, שְׁנֵי לֶחוֹת הַבְּרִית, אָחָד אֱלֹהֵינוּ שֶׁבַּשָּׁמִיִם וּבָאָרֵץ.

> חֲמִשֶּׁה מִי יוֹדְעַ, חֲמִשָּׁה אֲנִי יוֹדְעַ: חֲמִשֶּׁה חֻמְשֵׁי תוֹרָה, אַרְבַּע אִּמְּהוֹת, שְׁלשָׁה אָבוֹת, שְׁנֵי לְחוֹת הַבְּרִית, אָחָד אֱלֹהֵינוּ שֶׁבַּשְּׁמַיִם וּבָאָרֶץ.

שִׁשָּׁה מִי יוֹדְעַ, שִׁשָּׁה אֲנִי יוֹדְעַ: שִׁשָּׁה סִדְרֵי מִשְׁנָה, חֲמִשְׁה חָמְשֵׁי תוֹרָה, אַרְבַּע אִפָּהוֹת, שְׁלשָׁה אָבוֹת, שְׁנֵי לְחוֹת הַבְּרִית, אָחָד אֱלֹהֵינוּ שֶׁבַּשְּׁמִיִם וּבָאָרֵץ.

> שָׁבְעָה מִי יוֹדַעַ, שִׁבְעָה אֲנִי יוֹדַעַ: שִׁבְעָה יְמִי שַׁבַּתָּא, שִׁשָּׁה סִדְרֵי מִשְׁנָה, חֲמִשָּׁה חֻמְשֵׁי תוֹרָה, אַרְבַּע אִמְהוֹת, שְׁלשָׁה אָבוֹת, שְׁנֵי לֻחוֹת הַבְּרִית, אֶחָד אֱלֹהֵינוּ שֶׁבַּשְׁמֵיִם וּבָאָרֶץ.

שְׁמֹנָה מִי יוֹדֶעַ, שְׁמֹנָה אֲנִי יוֹדֶעַ: שְׁמֹנָה יְמֵי מִילָה, שִׁבְעָה יְמֵי שֵׁבַּתָּא, שִׁשָּׁה סִדְרֵי מִשְׁנָה, חֲמִשָּׁה חֻמְשֵׁי תוֹרָה, אַרְבַּע אִמְהוֹת, שְׁלֹשָׁה אָבוֹת, שְׁנֵי לֻחוֹת הַבְּרִית, אָחָד אֱלֹהֵינוּ שֶׁבַשְּׁמֵיִם וּבָאָרֵץ.

> תִּשְׁעָה מִי יוֹדֵעַ, תִּשְׁעָה אֲנִי יוֹדַעַ: תִּשְׁעָה יַרְחֵי לֵדָה, שְׁמֹנָה יְמֵי מִילָה, שִׁבְעָה יְמֵי שַׁבַּתָּא, שִׁשָּׁה סִדְרֵי מִשְׁנָה, חֲמִשָּׁה חָמְשֵׁי תוֹרָה, אַרְבַּע אִמָּהוֹת, שְׁלשָׁה אָבוֹת, שְׁנֵי לֻחוֹת הַבְּרִית, אָחָד אֱלֹהֵינוּ שֶׁבַּשְׁמִים וּבָאָרֶץ.

צַשְּׂרָה מִי יוֹדַעַ, צַשְּׂרָה אֲנִי יוֹדַעַ: עַשְּׂרָה דִבְּרַיָּא, תִּשְׁעָה יַרְחֵי לֵדָה, שְׁמֹנָה יְמֵי מִילָה, שִׁבְּעָה יְמֵי שַׁבַּתָּא,

ששה סדרי משנה, חמשה חמשי תורה, ארבע אמהות, שלשה אבות, שני לחות הברית, אחד אַלהינוּ שׁבַשַּׁמיִם וּבַאַרץ. אחד עשר מי יודע, אחד עשר אני יודע: אחד עשר כוכביא, עשרה דבריא, תשעה ירחי לדה, שמנה ימי מילה, שבעה ימי שבתא, ששה סדרי משנה, חמשה חמשי תורה, אַרבע אַמַהוֹת, שלשה אבות, שני לחות הברית, אחד אלהינו שבשמים ובארץ. שנים עשר מי יודע, שנים עשר אַני יודע: שנים עשר שבטיא, אַחַד עשר כּוֹכְבַיָּא, עשַׂרה דַבַּרַיַּא, מִשְׁעַה יַרְחָי לֶדַה, שמנה ימי מילה, שבעה ימי שבתא, שַשַׁה סְדָרֵי מִשְׁנַה, חַמְשַׁה חִמְשֵׁי תוֹרָה, אַרְבַּע אָמָהוֹת, שָׁלשָה אָבוֹת, שָנֵי לְחוֹת הַבְּרִית, אָחָד אֵלֹהֵינוּ שַׁבַּשְּׁמֵיִם וּבָאָרִץ. שלשה עשר מי יודע, שלשה עשר אַנִי יוֹדע: שָׁלשָׁה עַשַּׂר מְדַיַא, שָׁנִים עַשַּׂר שִׁבְטַיַא, אַחַד עַשַּׂר כּוֹכְבַיָּא, עַשַּׂרָה דִבְּרַיָּא, תַשַּׁעַה יַרְחֵי לֶדַה, שַׁמֹנַה יָמֵי מִילַה,

יְּיִי דְּיִּי דִּיִּיא, שְׁנִים עְּשֶׁר שִׁרְטַיָּא, שְׁנִים עְשֶׁר שִׁרְטַיָּא, אַחַד עָשָׂר כִּוֹכְבַיָּא, עֲשֶׂרָה דִבְּרַיָּא, תִּשְׁעָה יַרְחֵי לֵּדָה, שְׁמֹנָה יְמֵי מִילָה, שִׁבְעָה יְמֵי שַׁבַּתָּא, שִׁשֶׁה סִדְרֵי מִשְׁנָה, חֲמִשְׁה חֻמְשֵׁי תוֹרָה, אַרְבַּע אִמְּהוֹת׳ שְׁלשָׁה אָבוֹת, שְׁנִי לָחוֹת הַבְּרִית, אֶחָד אֱלֹהֵינוּ שֵׁבַּשְׁמֵיִם וּבָאָרֶץ.

Who knows one? I know one. One is our God, in heaven and on earth.

Who knows two? I know two. Two are the tables of the commandments; One is our God, in heaven and on earth.

Who knows three? I know three. Three is the number of the patriarchs; Two are the tables of the commandments; One is our God, in heaven and on earth.

Who knows four? I know four. Four is the number of the matriarchs; Three, the number of patriarchs; Two are the tables of the commandments; One is our God, in heaven and on earth.

Who knows five? I know five. Five books there are in the Torah; Four is the number of the matriarchs; Three, the number of the patriarchs; Two are the tables of the commandments; One is our God, in heaven and on earth.

Who knows six? I know six.
Six sections the Mishnah has;
Five books there are in the Torah;
Four is the number of matriarchs;
Three, the number of the patriarchs;
Two are the tables of the commandments;
One is our God, in heaven and on earth.

Who knows seven? I know seven.
Seven days there are in a week;
Six sections the Mishnah has;
Five books there are in the Torah;
Four is the number of matriarchs;
Three, the number of patriarchs;
Two are the tables of the commandments;
One is our God, in heaven and on earth.

Who knows eight? I know eight.
Eight are the days to the service of the covenant;
Seven days there are in the week;
Six sections the Mishnah has;
Five books there are in the Torah;
Four is the number of the matriarchs;
Three, the number of the patriarchs;
Two are the tables of the commandments;
One is our God, in heaven and on earth.

Who knows nine? I know nine.

Nine is the number of the holidays;

Eight are the days to the service of the covenant;

Seven days there are in a week;

Six sections in the Mishnah;

Five books there are in the Torah;

Four is the number of the matriarchs;

Three, the number of the patriarchs; Two are the tables of the commandments; One is our God, in heaven and on earth.

Who knows ten? I know ten.

Ten commandments were given on Sinai;

Nine is the number of the holidays;

Eight are the days to the service of the covenant;

Seven days there are in a week;

Six sections the Mishnah has;

Five books there are in the Torah;

Four is the number of the matriarchs;

Three, the number of the patriarchs;

Two are the tables of the commandments;

One is our God, in heaven and on earth.

Who knows eleven? I know eleven.
Eleven were the stars in Joseph's dream;
Ten commandments were given on Sinai;
Nine is the number of the holidays;
Eight are the days to the service of the covenant;
Seven days there are in a week;
Six sections the Mishnah has;
Five books there are in the Torah;
Four is the number of matriarchs;
Three, the number of the patriarchs;
Two are the tables of the commandments;
One is our God, in heaven and on earth.

Who knows twelve? I know twelve.
Twelve are the tribes of Israel;
Eleven were the stars in Joseph's dream;
Ten commandments were given on Sinai;
Nine is the number of the holidays;
Eight are the days to the service of the covenant;
Seven days there are in a week;
Six sections the Mishnah has;
Five books there are in the Torah;
Four is the number of the matriarchs;
Three, the number of the patriarchs;
Two are the tables of the commandments;
One is our God, in heaven and on earth.

Who knows thirteen? I know thirteen. Thirteen are the attributes of God; Twelve are the tribes of Israel; Eleven were the stars in Joseph's dream;

Ten commandments were given on Sinai;
Nine is the number of the holidays;
Eight are the days to the service of the covenant;
Seven days are there in a week;
Six sections the Mishnah has;
Five books there are in the Torah;
Four is the number of the matriarchs;
Three, the number of the patriarchs;
Two are the tables of the commandments;
One is our God, in heaven and on earth.

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(All sing Adir Bimluḥa)

אַדִּיר בִּמְלוּכָה. בָּחוּר בַּהֲלֶכָה. נְדוּדִיו יְאמְרוּ לוֹ. לְדּ וּלְדּ. לְדּ כִּי לְדּ. לְדּ אַף לְדּ. לְדּ יִי הַמַּמְלָכָה. כִּי לוֹ נָאָה. כִּי לוֹ יָאָה:

(The Seder text continues on page 86.)

The Kid of the Haggadah

There in the market place, bleating among the billy goats and nannies, Wagging his thin little tail—as thin as my finger—
Stood the Kid—downcast, outcast, the leavings of a poor man's house,
Put up for sale without a bell, without even a ribbon, for just a couple of cents.

Not a single soul in the market paid him any attention, For no one knew—not even the goldsmith, the sheep-shearer— That this lonesome little Kid would enter the Haggadah And his tale of woe become a mighty song.

But Daddy's face lit up, He walked over to pat the Kid's forehead—and bought him. And so began one of those songs That people will sing for all history.

The Kid licked Daddy's hand, Nuzzled him with his wet little nose; And this, my brother, will make the first verse of the song: "One only Kid, one only Kid, that my father bought for two zuzim."

It was a spring day, and the breezes danced; Young girls winked and giggled, flashed their eyes; While Daddy and the Kid walked into the Haggadah To stand there together—small nose in large hand, large hand on small nose. דְּנְשַׁךְ לְשׁוּנְרָא, דְּאָכַל לְגַדְיָא, דּוְבַן אַבָּא בִּתְרֵי זוּזֵי; חַד גַּדְיָא, חַד גַּדְיָא.

וְאָתָא תוֹרָא וְשֶׁתָּא לְמֵיָּא, דְּכָבָה לְנוּרָא, דְשָׁרַף לְחוּטְרָא, דְּהָכָּה לְכַלְבָּא, דְּנָשֵׁךְ לְשׁוּנְרָא, דְאָכַל לְנַדְיָא, דִּזְבַן אַבָּא בִּתְרֵי זוּזֵי; תַד גַּדְיָא, תַד גַּדְיָא.

וְאָתָא הַשׁוֹחֵט וְשָׁחַט לְתוֹרָא, דְשָׁתָה לְמַיָּא, דְּכָבָה לְנוּרָא, דְשָׁרֵּף לְחוּטְרָא, דְּהִכָּה לְנַלְבָּא, דְנַשֵׁךְ לְשוּנְרָא, דְאָכַל לְגַדְיָא, תַד גַּדְיָא, חַד גַּדְיָא.

וְאָתָא מַלְאַךְ הַמְּוֶת, וְשָׁחַט לַשׁוֹחָט, דְשָׁחַט לְתוֹרָא, דְשָׁתָה לְמַיָּא, דְּכָבָה לְנוּרָא, דְשָׁרַף לְחוּטְרָא, דְהַכָּה לְנוּרָא, דְּנְשַׁךְ לְשוּנְרָא, דְאָכַל לְנַדְיָא, דִּוְבַן אַבָּא בִּתְרֵי זוּוֵי; חַד גַּדִיָּא, חַד גַּדִיָּא.

וְאָתָא הַקּדוֹשׁ בָּרוּדְ הוּא, וְשְׁחֵט לְמַלְאַדְ הַמְּנֶת, דְשְׁחֵט לַשׁוֹחֵט, דְשְׁחֵט לְתוֹרָא, דְשְׁתָה לְמַיָּא, דְּכָבָה לְנוּרָא, דְשְׁרַף לְחוּטְרָא, דְּהִכָּה לְכַלְבָּא, דְּזָבֵן אַבָּא בִּתְרֵי זוּזֵי; הַזְבַן אַבָּא בִּתְרֵי זוּזֵי; חַד גַּדְיָא, חַד גַּדְיָא.

An only kid, an only kid.

Chorus: My father bought for two zuzim had gadya.

1 Then came the cat And ate the kid *Chorus* 2 Then came the dog And bit the cat That ate the kid Chorus

- 3 Then came the stick And beat the dog That bit the cat That ate the kid Chorus
- 4 Then came the fire
 And burned the stick
 That beat the dog
 That bit the cat
 That ate the kid
 Chorus
- 5 Then came the water
 And quenched the fire
 That burned the stick
 That beat the dog
 That bit the cat
 That ate the kid
 Chorus
- 6 Then came the ox
 And drank the water
 That quenched the fire
 That burned the stick
 That beat the dog
 That bit the cat
 That ate the kid
 Chorus
- 7 Then came the butcher And killed the ox

That drank the water
That quenched the fire
That burned the stick
That beat the dog
That bit the cat
That ate the kid
Chorus

- 8 Then came the angel of death And slew the butcher That killed the ox That drank the water That quenched the fire That burned the stick That beat the dog That bit the cat That ate the kid Chorus
- 9 Then came the Holy One, blessed be He, And destroyed the angel of death That slew the butcher
 That killed the ox
 That drank the water
 That quenched the fire
 That burned the stick
 That beat the dog
 That bit the cat
 That ate the kid
 Chorus

וַיְהִי בַּחֲצִי הַלַּיְלָה

And It Came to Pass at Midnight

אָז רוֹב נִפִּים הִפְּלֵאתָ בַלַּיְלָה, בְּרֹאשׁ אַשְׁמוּרוֹת זֶה הַלַּיְלָה, גֵּר צֶדֶק נִצֵּחְתּוֹ נַיְהִי בַּחֲצִי הַלַּיְלָה:

ֶקְרֵב יוֹם אֲשֶׁר הוּא לֹא יוֹם וְלֹא לֵיְלָה, רָם הוֹדַע כִּי לְּךְּ הַיּוֹם אַף לְךְּ הַלֵּיְלָה, שְׁנִּרִים הַפְּקִד לְעִירְךְּ כָּל הַיּוֹם וְכָל הַלַּיְלָה, תְּאִיר כְּאוֹר יוֹם חֶשְׁכַּת לַיְלָה, שׁוֹמְרִים הַפְּקִד לְעִירְךְּ כָּל הַיּוֹם וְכָל הַלַּיְלָה. וַיְהִי בַּחֲצִי הַלַּיְלָה:

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(All read the indented lines in unison.)

Unto God let praise be brought
For the wonders He has wrought
At the solemn hour of midnight.
All the earth was sunk in night

When God said, "Let there be light!"

Thus the day was formed from midnight.

To the Patriarch, God revealed A true faith, so long concealed

By the darkness of the midnight.

But this truth was long obscured

By the slavery endured

In the black Egyptian midnight. Then the people God had freed Pledged themselves His law to heed,

And this came to pass at midnight.

O You, Guardian of the Right,

Lead us onward to the light

From the darkness of the midnight.

When no longer shall the foe

From oppressed wring cries of woe

In the darkness of the midnight.

A day will come, a day draws nigh

That is neither day nor night.

Make known the truth, God, from on high-

To You belong both day and night.

A day will come, a day draws nigh

THAT IS NEITHER DAY NOR NIGHT.

Make known the truth, God, from on high—

To You belong both day and night.

Translation from Hebrew of Jannai, by Henry Berkowitz

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Laugh at all my dreams, my dearest, Laugh and I repeat anew That I still believe in man As I still believe in you; That I still believe in man As I still believe in you.

By the passion of our spirit
Shall our ancient bonds be shed.
Let the soul be given freedom,
Let the body have its bread!
Let the soul be given freedom,
Let the body have its bread!

For my soul is not yet sold
To the golden calf of scorn;
For I still believe in man,
And the spirit in him born.
For I still believe in man,
And the spirit in him born.

Life and love and strength and action
In our heart and blood shall beat,
And our hopes shall be both heaven
And the earth beneath our feet.
And our hopes shall be both heaven
And the earth beneath our feet.

Translation from Hebrew of Saul Chernichovsky, by Maurice Samuel

שַּׂחֲקִי, שַּׁחֲקִי עַל הַחֲלוֹמוֹת, זוּ אֲנִי הַחוֹלֵם שָׁח, שַּׂחֲקִי כִּי בָאָדָם אַאָמִין, כִּי עוֹדֶנִי מַאֲמִין בָּךְּ.

כִּי עוֹד נַפְּשִׁי דְּרוֹר שׁוֹאֶפֶּת – לֹא מְכַרְתִּיהָ לְעֵגֶל פָּז, כִּי עוֹד אַאֲמִין נֵם בָּאָדָם, נֵם בְּרוּחוֹ, רוּחַ עָז.

אַאָמִינָה גַם בֶּעָתִיד, אַף אָם יִרְחַק זֶה הַיּוֹם, אַך בֹּא יָבוֹא – יִשְׂאוּ שֶׁלוֹם אָז וּבְרָכָה לְאֹם מִלְאֹם.

נְרְצָּה NIRTZAH, CONCLUSION

כּוֹס הַרִצְאָה

Kos Hartza-ah, the Fourth Cup—the Cup of Acceptance

Leader

As our Seder draws to an end, we take up our cups of wine. The Redemption is not yet complete. The fourth cup recalls us to our covenant with the Eternal One, to the tasks that still await us as a people called to the

service of God, to a great purpose for which the people of Israel lives: The preservation and affirmation of hope.

שַּׁנֵאֵמֵר וְלָקַחָתִּי אָתְכֶם לִי לְעָם:

Group

Exodus 6:7

As it is written: "And I will take you to be my people."

בָּרוּדְ אַתָּה יָיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶדְ הָעוֹלֶם בּוֹרֵא פְּרִי הַגְּפֶּן:

Baruḥ Atah Adonai Eloheinu Meleḥ ha-olam borei p'ri ha-gafen.

We praise Thee, our God, Sovereign of all Existence, Who has created the fruit of the vine.

(All drink the fourth cup of wine.)

Leader

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THE SEDER SERVICE NOW CONCLUDES: ITS RITES OBSERVED IN FULL, ITS PURPOSES REVEALED.

Group

This privilege we share will ever be renewed. Until God's plan is known in full, God's highest blessing sealed:

חֲסֵל סִדּוּר פֶּסַח כְּהִלְּכָתוֹ, כְּכָל מִשְׁפָּטוֹ וְחֻקָּתוֹ. כֵּן נִוְכֶּה לַצְשׁוֹתוֹ. זְךְ שׁוֹכֵן מְעוֹנָה, קוֹמֵם קְהַל צֲדַת מִי מָנָה. בְּקְרוֹב נַהֵל נִטְעֵי כַנָּה, פִּדִיִּם לָצִיוֹן בִּרְנַה.

Leader

PEACE!

Group

PEACE FOR US! FOR EVERYONE!

Leader

FOR ALL PEOPLE, THIS, OUR HOPE:

Group

Next year in Jerusalem! Next year, may all be free!

(Next year in Jerusalem is ever the hope of our people. Still we affirm that all people will rejoice together in the Zion of love and peace.)

L'SHANAH HABA-AH BIRUSHALA-YIM!

לְשָׁנָה הַבָּאָה בִּירוּשְׁלְיִם:

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God of Might, God of Right, We would bow before Thee, Sing Thy praise in these days, Celebrate Thy glory, As we hear, year by year, Freedom's wondrous story. Now as erst, when Thou first Mad'st the proclamation, Warning loud ev'ry proud, Ev'ry tyrant nation, We Thy fame still proclaim,

Be with all who in thrall To their task are driven; In Thy power speed the hour When their chains are riven; Earth around will resound Joyful hymns to heaven.

Bend in adoration.

אַדִּיר הוּא. אַדִּיר הוּא. יִבְנֶה בֵיתוֹ בְּקְרוֹב. בִּמְהֵרָה. בִּמְהַרָה. בְּיָמֵינוּ בְּקָרוֹב. אֵל בְּנֵה. אֵל בְּנֵה. בְּנִה בֵיתִדְּ בִּקָרוֹב:

בָּחוּר הוּא. נְדוֹל הוּא. דְּגוּל הוּא. יִבְנֶה בֵיתוֹ בְּקְרוֹב. בִּמְהֵרָה. בִּמְהֵרָה. בְּיָמֵינוּ בְּקְרוֹב. אֵל בְּנֵה. אֵל בְּנֵה. בְּנֵה בֵיתְךְּ בְּקְרוֹב:

נָאוֹר הוּא. סַגְּיב הוּא. עִזּוּז הוּא. יִבְנָה בֵיתוֹ בְּקְרוֹב. בִּמְהַרָה. בִּמְהַרָה. בְּיָמֵינוּ בְּקְרוֹב. אֵל בְּנֵה. אֵל בְּנֵה. בְּנֵה בֵיתְדְּ בְּקְרוֹב:

פּוֹדֶה הוּא. צַדִּיק הוּא. קְדוֹשׁ הוּא. יִבְנֶה בֵיתוֹ בְּקְרוֹב. בִּמְהֵרָה. בִּמְהֵרָה. בְּיָמֵינוּ בְּקְרוֹב. אֵל בְּנֵה. אֵל בְּנֵה. בְּנֵה בֵיתִּךְּ בְּקָרוֹב:

(An alternative English text will be found on page 122.)

