

# A Guide to Seder Songs and Blessings

- Sing “Kadesh, urchatz” as a way to remember the order of the seder.

## **KADESH**

### **The First Cup of Wine**

Lift the cup of wine and recite Kiddush.

## **URCHATZ**

Wash your hands without reciting the customary blessing

## **KARPAS**

Dip a vegetable in salt water and recite the blessing

*Baruch atah.....borei p'ri ha'adama*

## **YACHATZ**

Take the middle matzah and break it in two. Wrap the larger piece in a napkin and set it aside as the afikomen, to be eaten at the conclusion of the meal. Replace the smaller piece between the other two matzot. It is customary to hide the afikomen, and in some families the children hold it for ransom.

## **MAGGID**

Uncover the maztot

- Sing “**Ha Lachma Anya**” acknowledging the matzah as the bread of affliction

Cover the matzot and fill the second cup.

- Sing “**Mah Nishtana**” It is customary for the youngest child to ask the Four Questions.

Uncover the matzot.

- Sing “**Avadim Hayinu**”

Read about the four types of children.

- Sing “**Ballad of the Four Sons**”

Raise the cup of wine in thanksgiving.

- Sing “**V’hi Sheamdah**”

Continue with various readings through biblical verses.

**Ten Plagues-** at the mention of each plague, remove a drop of wine from your cup.

- Sing “**10 Plagues in Egypt Land**” (use plague cards)
- Sing “**Frog Song**”
- Sing “**Let my people Go**”

Dayenu- We express our thankfulness for every beneficent act, and we delight in the Godly design that plotted our path- via Sinai- to the Promised Land.

- Sing “**Dayenu**”

We remember the Passover offering and we read about *Pesach, Matzah and Maror*.

**Halleluyah!** Lift the cup of wine and recite:

Therefore, we must revere, exalt, extol, acclaim, adore and glorify God who performed all these miracles for our ancestors and for us. He took us from slavery to freedom, from despair to joy, from mourning to celebration, from darkness to light and from enslavement to redemption

- Sing “**V’nomar L’fanav**”

Put down the cup of wine

- Sing “**B’tzeit Yisrael**”

## **The Second Cup of Wine**

Recite the blessing: *Baruch atah...borei p'ri hagafen*

Drink the wine while reclining

## **ROCHTZA**

Wash your hand and recite the blessing:

*Baruch atah....asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu al nitilat yadayim*

## **MOTZI MATZAH**

Lift the three matzot and recite:

Baruch atah...hamotzi lechem min ha'aretz

*Baruch atah....asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu al achilat matzah*

- **Sing "Lotsa, Lotsa Matzah"**

## **MAROR**

Dip some maror in charoset and recite:

*Baruch atah....asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanun al achilat maror*

## **KORECH**

Sandwich some maror between two pieces of the bottom matzah and recite:

*While the Temple was in existence, Hillel would make a sandwich of the Pesach offering, which matzah and maror, and eat all three together, in fulfillment of the verse, "with matzot and maror they shall eat it."*

## **SHULCHAN ORECH**

The meal is served

## **TZAFUN**

At the conclusion of the meal, eat the afikomen while reclining.

## **BARECH**

### **The Third Cup Of Wine**

Recite Birkat Hamazon

Recite the blessing over the third cup of wine. Drink the wine while reclining.

Fill Elijah cup and the fourth Cup of wine

We open the door for Elijah

- **Sing "Eliyahu Hanavi"**

## **HALLEL**

- **Sing psalms from Hallel**
- **Sing "Adir Hu"**
- **Sing "Chad Gadya"** (fun with animal sounds)
- **Sing "Who Knows One (Echad Mi Yodea)"**

## **NIRTZA**

### **The Fourth Cup of Wine**

Recite the blessing while reclining

- **Sing "L'shana Haba-ah"**