

Introduction

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What is a Haggadah?

A Haggadah is the book we read from at the Passover Seder. The word Haggadah means 'telling'. On Passover we tell the story of the Exodus of the Jewish people from the land of Egypt.

Passover is the English translation of the word *Pesach*, literally to pass over- in reference to the tenth plague God cursed the Egyptians with, but that was passed over the Jewish people.

What is a Seder?

A Seder is the ritual meal that we consume at Passover. The word Seder means 'order', and the order of our Seder includes the consumption of several symbolic foods that represent the journey of the people of Israel. The purpose of the symbols is so that we can experience the bitterness and the sweetness of the Exodus because we, as Jews, are supposed regard ourselves as we were personally freed from the land of Egypt.

We begin our Seder with the candlelighting.