

Symbols of the seder plate

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Leader: Before we can partake of the Seder meal, we must discuss the Mitzvot, the primary symbols of Passover.

Leader: The first mitzvah is Zera, traditionally a roasted shank bone of the lamb, which reminds us of the sacrifice made by the Hebrews on the night of the tenth plague. On our seder plate, we have not a bone, but a beet, whose color reminds us of the blood, without the enslavement or suffering of animals.

Leader: The next is the Matzoh, by which remember the haste of our ancestors to get out of Egypt. For though we partake of the matzoh in memory of the slavery from which the Jews escaped, it is also a reminder that our ancestors were able to escape their bondage.

Leader: The final mitzvah is the maror, bitter herbs that recall for us the bitterness of that slavery.

Raise your cup of wine.

All: *Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu melech ha-olam, borei p'ri hagafen.*

(Blessed art thou, the LORD our God, who createth the fruit of the vine)

Drink your wine.