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Ga Lakhma Anya

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Ha Lakhma Anya is essentially the "Story of the Matza." Told in Aramaic, once the everyday language of Talmudic Jews, this story has three parts: a memory, an action, and a hope. First we point out the Matza, the bread of poverty that we ate in Egypt. Then, remembering our poverty in the past, we invite all needy persons to join our table tonight. Finally, we express we express the hope that while this year human beings are still enslaved in many ways, often lacking a home for themselves, next year we will all be free people - in our own personal and national home.