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Obligations of the Holiday

כָּבֵן גַּמְלִיאֵל הֵיָהּ אוֹמֵר: כָּל שְׁלֹא אָמַר שְׁלֹשָׁה דְּבָרִים אֵלּוּ בַּפֶּסַח, לֹא יֵצֵא יָדָיו חֹבְתוֹ, וְאֵלּוּ הֵן

פֶּסַח, מַצָּה, וּמַרֹר.

Rabban Gamliel hayah omeir: kol shelo amar sh'loshah d'varim eilu bapesach, lo yatza y'dei chovato, v'eilu hein: Pesach, Matzah, Umaror.

Rabban Gamliel would say that whoever didn't explain the shank bone (paschal lamb?!?!?!), matzah, and marror (or bitter herbs) hasn't fulfilled their Passoverly duties.

(point to each object as we speak about it plz & tnx)

The shank bone represents the Pesach, the special lamb sacrifice made in the days of the Temple for the Passover holiday. It is called the pesach, from the Hebrew word meaning "to pass over," because God passed over the houses of our ancestors in Egypt when visiting plagues upon our oppressors.

The matzah reminds us that when our ancestors were finally free to leave Egypt, there was no time to pack or prepare. Our ancestors grabbed whatever dough was made and set out on their journey, letting their dough bake into matzah as they fled.

The bitter herbs provide a visceral reminder of the bitterness of slavery, the life of hard labor our ancestors experienced in Egypt.