

Afikomen

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Source:

After the meal, the half-matzah which had been “hidden,” set aside for the afikoman (“dessert”), is found and then eaten. Everyone should eat at least 1½ ounces of matzah, reclining, before midnight. After eating the afikoman, we do not eat or drink anything except for the two remaining cups of wine.

We read earlier in the seder about the afikomen and some of what it represents. Why do we save the afikomen for the end?

We eat the afikomen at the end of our seder because we know that our work will not be complete until all of the pieces of the world are united towards justice. As we eat the matzah that represents both our slavery and our liberation, let us bring together all the pieces of ourselves and our communities in our renewed efforts to bring freedom at last.