

Maror

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12. MAROR –Bitter Herbs

Bless the maror: מָרֹר

It is a mitzvah, a blessing, to partake, to taste the bitter herb.

*Boruch atah Adonai, eloheynu
melech ha-olam asher kidshanu
b'mitzvotav v'tsi-vanu al
acheelat maror*

בְּרִיךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ עַל
אֲכִילַת מָרֹר.

We eat the maror dipped in Charoset.

READER: *This Maror ! Why do we eat it?*

ALL: *To remind ourselves that the Egyptians embittered their lives with hard labour, with mortar and bricks, and with all kinds of field labour. Whatever the task, they worked them ruthlessly (Exodus 1:14).*

55. BLESSING:

We bless the spirit of the world, who made us holy with mitzvot and commanded us to eat maror.

Baruch ata ado-nye elo-haynu melech ha-olam, asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav v'tzee-vanu al a-ch'lat maror.

The *charoset* because of its colour and texture, is symbolic of the mortar we were forced to make as slaves. On the other hand, its sweetness is meant to offset the bitterness of the *maror*.